

SASKATCHEWAN—RESTRICTION ON FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION UNDER MEDICARE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare which is in a sense supplementary to one asked a few minutes ago. Can he state whether money to be sent to Saskatchewan under the medicare program beginning July 1 will be designated for use for medicare only, in order in this way to help alleviate the catastrophic deterrent fees soon to be introduced in Saskatchewan in respect of the medical and hospital care plan?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest to the hon. member that his question cannot be asked at this time. If there is some immediate urgency he may wish to discuss the matter on the adjournment motion.

[Translation]

HARBOURS

MONTREAL—INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hellyer).

In view of the urgent need to settle the serious situation now prevailing in the port of Montreal, does the Minister of Transport intend to appoint, after consultation with the local authorities, a special administrator whose authority and jurisdiction would be all-encompassing over the port of Montreal?

[English]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated earlier this question of the management and control of port facilities is being studied by the government. I would not wish to prejudge the results of that study, because no comprehensive look has been taken at this question for many years. I hope it will not take too long to have the inquiry completed. In the meantime we have problems at the port of Montreal, and I am sure my colleague the Minister of Labour is doing everything possible to see that the labour situation there is ameliorated.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a further question to the hon. minister.

In view of the fact that he is not too sure when the investigations concerning the port of Montreal will be completed, and since

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there are not only labour relations problems in the port of Montreal, could the minister inform the house whether, pending completion of these studies, he could not, together with the authorities of the city of Montreal, appoint a special manager who would at least deal temporarily with the problems of the port of Montreal?

AGRICULTURE

MILK—REQUEST FOR INCREASED MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, as a result of the minister's reply to the hon. member for Lapointe I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Does he expect to introduce a new dairy policy providing for \$5 per hundredweight of manufactured milk and, if so, when does he expect to implement it?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):

Mr. Speaker, the dairy policy for next year is now being considered by the officials of the Department of Agriculture. It will be announced as soon as possible in the house, if it is still sitting, or notice will be given in the press.

[English]

TRADE

DURUM WHEAT—PROSPECTS FOR EXPORT SALES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. D. McLelland (Rosetown-Biggart): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether, before he leaves his present portfolio, he will issue a statement as to what are government views in respect of future sales of Durum wheat on the export market. Is there any indication of an increased demand in the immediate future? The answer to this question would be of assistance to farmers in western Canada when making their plans for spring seeding operations.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It appears to me the hon. member is asking for a statement. If he is only asking whether a statement will be made, the question would be in order.

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Perhaps I could reply, Mr. Speaker, by saying that I can make some remarks on the subject when my supplementary estimates are being considered.