

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

as to the Canadians who have been sent to the Congo, including these men from UNEF, and also men from the R.C.A.F., as well as to the supplies that have been furnished. Yesterday I made a statement about the possibility of sending additional men from Canada.

In so far as the second part of the question is concerned, which dealt with the prime minister of the Congo, we have had no official word yet that he is coming to Canada or wishes to come. However, in view of the press reports, I have this morning instructed our permanent representative at the United Nations to communicate with the prime minister to ascertain what he has in mind.

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier):** May I ask a supplementary question. Has it been decided as a matter of government policy how many men and officers will be sent on this mission to the Congo, and of these how many will be bilingual?

**Mr. Green:** No, Mr. Speaker. I dealt with that the other day.

**Mr. Chevrier:** The minister dealt with a question from the Leader of the Opposition, but he did not deal with the decision of the government as to the number of troops that were going to be sent. He dealt with the question of whether or not the statement was true that 800 troops would be sent. The question I put to him now is whether, at this time, there has been a determination of the number that will be sent.

**Mr. Green:** No, I am not in a position to give any further details this morning.

**LIVESTOCK**

**WELLINGTON COUNTY, ONT.—INQUIRY AS TO COMMENCEMENT OF BRUCELLOSIS TESTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister advise me when the brucellosis test will commence in Wellington county and approximately how long it will take? Will the minister also comment on the general position of the brucellosis control area testing program on a national basis?

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, with respect to Wellington county, a request for the gazetting of the county was received from the Ontario department of agriculture on January 15, 1960. The county was accepted for test and gazetted through ministerial order on February 10, 1960.

The department has arranged to commence the brucellosis testing of the cattle in Wellington county in September, this fall, with the expectation that the work will be completed prior to the cattle going to pasture in the spring of 1961.

With respect to the national position of the brucellosis control area program, since the commencement of the program in 1957 some 452 areas across Canada, with approximately 6,401,000 cattle have been accepted for test. One hundred and eighty of these areas, with 2,342,650 cattle have been completed. Of the 180 areas completed, 138 have been declared brucellosis certified. Testing is under way in an additional 144 areas. There are now approximately 3,720,000 cattle in Canada being dealt with under the brucellosis control area program. This represents 28 per cent of the total cattle population.

**INDUSTRY**

**AUTOMOBILES—INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF ROYAL COMMISSION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister, and realizing that the Minister of Labour is acquainted with this matter, can the Minister of Labour say whether the government has reached a decision on the request of the united automobile workers for a royal commission to be established to look into the automobile industry in Canada?

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** This matter is under active consideration at the moment.

**Mr. Argue:** Can the minister give some indication when this royal commission may be appointed?

**Mr. Starr:** As soon as a decision is reached by the government a royal commission will be established, if that is the decision.

[Later:]

**Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour a question. In view of the reply given by the Prime Minister to my query last Thursday, as to when a royal commission to inquire into the automobile industry will be announced, can the Minister of Labour say whether the government has given consideration to any other form of inquiry into the industry?

**Mr. Starr:** The government always gives consideration to all forms of inquiry which may better whatever part of our country is concerned.