

Mr. ST. LAURENT: Yes; that was the language my hon. friend used, and it is the language used in his written notice. That is why I say even Homer nods, because legislation to amend the charter of the united nations would not be competent to this parliament or to the parliament of any member of the British commonwealth.

Mr. GRAYDON: It was a typographical error.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: There is on the order paper a bill entitled "An act respecting article forty-one of the charter of the united nations," and I take it my hon. friend's question has to do with legislation of the character contained in the bill thus entitled.

Mr. GRAYDON: I thought "Bill No. 132" would be sufficient to identify it to the minister.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I will have inquiry made in order to give my hon. friend not only the names of the units of the commonwealth where such legislation has been introduced, but also the dates and reference to the action of their respective governments and parliaments.

Mr. GRAYDON: Could that be done by tomorrow?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: As soon as I received notice of my hon. friend's question I communicated with the legal adviser and asked him to get the answer ready just as soon as possible. He told me he could not have it for three o'clock today, but that he would use the utmost dispatch to get the material together.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

INQUIRY AS TO FIXING OF FLOOR PRICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. E. DROPE (Northumberland, Ont.): Following the announcement yesterday of increases in the price ceilings of dairy products, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether consideration has been given to setting floor prices for dairy products.

Right Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture): Most of the prices announced yesterday were floor prices. The only exception, I think, was butter.

SUGAR BEETS

REFERENCE TO DIFFICULTY OF FACTORIES IN SECURING NECESSARY SUPPLIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance or the Minister of Justice. Have [Mr. Graydon.]

they been informed that the Canada and Dominion Sugar Company is having serious difficulty in signing beet contracts, and that on April 28 it had less than 25,000 acres signed up, hardly enough to supply one of the company's two sugar factories in 1947? If this is found to be the case, will the minister tell the house whether or not he is contemplating any action to meet the situation?

Hon. DOUGLAS ABBOTT (Minister of Finance): I had not been informed of the facts mentioned by my hon. friend, but I do not think the government is contemplating any particular action in the field to which he refers.

Mr. BLACKMORE: May I ask if it would be the intention of the government to permit one of these sugar factories to remain idle this year because of a shortage of sugar beets?

RADIO BROADCASTING

INQUIRY AS TO CALLING OF SELECT COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. DONALD M. FLEMING (Eglinton): On April 2 the house appointed a select committee to review radio broadcasting and the reports of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. When is it the intention to call this committee together? It was appointed a month ago.

Hon. J. J. McCANN (Minister of National Revenue): The motion setting up the committee was passed prior to the Easter recess. Until today there has been no request by anyone to have the committee sit, but it is ready to be set up at any time.

CHEESE

SHIPMENTS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. J. TUSTIN (Prince Edward-Lennox): A moment ago the Minister of Agriculture announced that most of the dairy product prices mentioned yesterday were floor prices. Is it the intention of the government to requisition all the cheese made in Ontario and Quebec from April 1 until late this fall in order to fulfil our agreement with the United Kingdom? If so, is it the intention to take the cheese at the floor price instead of the ceiling price?

Right Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I do not anticipate that all the cheese of Ontario and Quebec will be taken to be sent to the British market. I assume the amount sent will be the surplus, which is usually about seventy per cent of the cheese produced in Canada. Any cheese