

Inquiries of the Ministry

wheat. Its Canadian cash value is approximately \$3 million. It is to be expected that this flour will be sold by the government of Ceylon, and the proceeds of the sale will be used by that government to finance rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Mr. H. R. Argue (Assiniboia): May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Members in all parts of the house will welcome this important announcement. Can the minister say whether, in the opinion of the Canadian government, this will meet the situation so far as Canada is concerned, or is this perhaps a first instalment and may further assistance along the same line be forthcoming later on?

Mr. Smith (Hastings-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, from the information we have at the present time this is as much as we contemplate doing.

Mr. A. M. Nicholson (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question. Has the Secretary of State for External Affairs been able to consider my suggestion that the former high commissioner to Ceylon, who is so familiar with the work of the Colombo plan, be given the opportunity to make available to the Canadian people some of his information before he takes on his new post?

Mr. Smith (Hastings-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the question by the hon. member I wrote him today and said we would do everything possible to further that end. There is some detail which I set forth in my letter and which he will appreciate, but I hope we shall be able to do something.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

LORD'S DAY ACT—APPEAL OF DECISION OF SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, on Saturday last I asked a question of the Minister of National Revenue and he gave me an answer. Unfortunately, through some slip-up in the debates office, I understand because of a mechanical error, neither the question nor the answer appeared on the record. I understand the best way to clear it up is for me to ask the question again. Can the minister, as the ministerial voice of the C.B.C., tell us whether an appeal is planned of the Ontario Supreme Court decision regarding the application of the Lord's Day Act to the commission?

Hon. G. C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, when the hon. member asked the question the other day

I think the answer was that I would take the matter under consideration and supply an answer at a later date. I did not realize that it did not appear in *Hansard*.

I made inquiries, and I am now in a position to state that I am instructed by the officers of the C.B.C. that they have consulted with the law officers of the crown. They were advised that it would be advisable if not necessary to carry an appeal to a higher court so the very important matters involved in this case may be clarified, if not entirely settled. Therefore instructions have been issued for an appeal to be entered, and that has been done at this time.

SHIPPING

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER—PILOTAGE IN INTERNATIONAL SECTION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport, of which I gave him notice yesterday. I believe this is also one that would come under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Have negotiations been completed between the Canadian and the United States entities building the St. Lawrence seaway with reference to pilotage in the international section of the St. Lawrence river? Will the pilotage here be voluntary or compulsory; and in view of the fact that the channel is in boundary waters, does the minister believe that compulsory pilotage in that area could be implemented without legislation?

Hon. Sidney E. Smith (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice. If my department cannot help me in answering it I shall refer it to the Department of Transport, but I take it as notice.

ATOMIC ENERGY

REQUEST BY SCIENTISTS FOR CESSATION OF NUCLEAR BOMB TESTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Is the minister aware of the press report in this morning's *Globe and Mail* to the effect that Nobel prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling has submitted to the United Nations a petition signed by 9,235 scientists, including 36 Nobel prize winners, calling for an international agreement to stop nuclear bomb tests now? Will the government give consideration to supporting this constructive and important proposal?