

Supply—Items Passed

brought into this country free of duty, though our own oil must pay duties or tariffs if exported to those countries. This is a disgrace.

I have taken my present stand on many occasions and when I presented by brief to the Tariff Board exactly four years ago I thought some steps would be taken to correct this injustice. However, nothing has been done, and nothing is in the process of being done in connection with this matter.

I should like the Minister of Finance to look into this question and explain why the Tariff Board has not taken any steps to remedy this deplorable situation as far as Canadian edible oils are concerned. I should also like the Minister of Finance to take this matter into consideration when he prepares his budget.

Not long ago—last December, in fact—a symposium was held sponsored by the Department of Industry. I must congratulate the rapeseed industry, in particular, on the success of this symposium. Dr. Weinberg who was instrumental in arranging this gathering, as well as Dr. Rupert of the Department of Industry, have done wonderful work. The professors and scientists from all the universities of the prairies—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—took part in these discussions to promote the rapeseed industry and the edible oil industry in Canada.

• (10:20 p.m.)

Mr. Jean Chrétien (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that I will bring to the attention of the minister the very

interesting case he put before the house tonight, but I am glad to inform him that the Canadian tariff does provide free entry for rapeseed oil. For most uses rapeseed oil is subject to a duty into the United States.

The tariff board in its report on reference No. 131—oil seeds, vegetable oils and related products—proposed a rate of 10 per cent most favoured nation on crude rapeseed oil and 17.5 per cent most favoured nation on refined rapeseed oil. The board's recommendations are being given consideration.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.23 p.m.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply this day]:

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

1. Departmental administration, including grants to military associations, institutes and other organizations as detailed in the estimates and authority, notwithstanding section 30 of the Financial Administration Act, and subject to allotment by the treasury board, for total commitments of \$2,560,546,715 for the purposes of votes 1, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 of this department regardless of the year in which such commitments will come in course of payment (of which it is estimated that \$1,044,262,000 will come due for payment in future years) and authority to make recoverable advances under any of the said votes and, notwithstanding the Financial Administration Act, to spend revenue received during the year in respect of assistance rendered to the United Nations, any party of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or any provincial or municipal government, \$5,204,855.

Inspection services—

5. Operation and maintenance and construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment, \$7,395,860.