

*Inquiries of the Ministry***INCOME TAX****REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
FILING DEADLINE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the fact that the deadline for filing income tax returns this year falls on a Saturday, April 30, which is not a civil service working day and neither is the following day, Sunday, would the minister consider extending the deadline to midnight, Monday, May 2?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, although I would be willing to consider this matter, I should point out that anyone filing a personal income tax return is provided with an envelope and we will certainly accept any return mailed before midnight on Saturday.

**GERDA MUNSINGER—DEDUCTION OF
TAX ON PAYMENTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Can the minister assure the house that income tax was deducted at source by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and other organizations or persons in Canada who paid a fee to Mrs. Gerda Munsinger for services rendered?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question should be on the order paper.

FARM MACHINERY**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT RESPECTING
INVESTIGATION REQUEST**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture a question in view of the discussion today on the motion to adjourn the house. Would he be prepared in the very near future to make a statement on what is the policy of the government with reference to an investigation into the high cost of farm machinery? The minister mentioned the date of January 18.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I shall be making an announcement with regard to this question in the very near future.

Mr. Woolliams: I am not cross-examining the minister, but by "the very near future" does he mean within a few days?

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am afraid the hon. member, out of force of habit, is cross-examining the minister.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**ASSISTANCE TO NORTHWESTERN QUEBEC
FARMERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, may I put a supplementary question to the Minister of Agriculture?

The Quebec Minister of Agriculture advises the farmers of the northwestern part of the province that his department is forwarding the amount required or appropriated for their crop failures in 1964 and he tells them at the same time that the federal government will pay them a similar amount.

The month of May is almost here and the farmers have not received anything. Is the minister aware of this situation and does he intend to satisfy the claims of the farmers in that part of the country?

[English]

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. gentleman knows, the federal government participated in a program of emergency agricultural relief in the province of Quebec to which I believe we contributed some \$12 million. The program is administered by the province of Quebec with a federal contribution. To the best of my knowledge the administration in Quebec has been a satisfactory one, although I have no knowledge whether all claims have yet been satisfied.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister mean that the \$12 million were actually paid to the province of Quebec? Have the \$12 million been paid to the province of Quebec?

[English]

Mr. Greene: Mr. Speaker, the claims are paid as they come in. I am not aware whether all of the \$12 million has yet been paid. I wonder if I might take that part of the hon. member's question as notice. As I say, I do not believe it has all been paid because the claims are processed as they come in.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a final supplementary question? Is the minister aware that the Quebec Department of Agriculture is advising the farmers that the