

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Well, of course, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to give consideration to that proposal.

[*Translation*]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. C. Lachance (Lafontaine): Could the Minister of Transport inform the house if the hon. member for Lapointe, since his return from a holiday in Martinique, has requested the assistance of federal government icebreakers for those winter trips between his constituency of Lapointe and the port of Montreal by way of the St. Lawrence river aboard his \$15,000 luxury yacht purchased last summer in Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Lachance: I wish to discuss the matter at ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**ITALY—PURCHASE OF DAIRY CATTLE FOR FLOOD RELIEF**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, may I address my question to the Minister of Agriculture. The question pertains to an announcement made the other day by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the effect that Canada was going to spend \$400,000 to buy dairy cattle to help the flood stricken people in Italy. I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture if it is a fact that only Holstein cattle are to be purchased for shipment to Italy. If so, can he explain why the taxpayers' money is not being used to purchase other breeds of dairy cattle as well?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am rather astonished to find my hon. friend is prejudiced against Holsteins. I should like to instruct him that the choice of cattle purchased lies with Italy. We provide the funds, but they choose the cattle they wish.

Mr. Hales: Mr. Speaker, I would not want the minister to get away with the statement that I am prejudiced against Holstein cattle. I am not, but I am interested in the sale of all breeds of dairy cattle purchased with the taxpayers' money.

[**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria).**]

POWER**COLUMBIA RIVER—PROPOSED FURTHER DEVELOPMENT BY U.S.**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources which is of national importance. Has the minister's attention been drawn to press dispatches from Washington to the effect that the United States has taken advantage of the Columbia River treaty agreement to raise the existing Grand Coulee dam capacity from 2 million kilowatts to 9.2 million kilowatts, and that they are frankly curious as to how Canada's remaining hydro resources will be developed? Will the minister make inquiries as to the reason for this jubilation on the part of the United States?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question may be of great importance, but I doubt whether it is acceptable in the way it is now asked. I understand that the hon. member would like to have a statement on the part of the minister. Perhaps the minister will do this on another occasion.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question which is supplementary to the question you have ruled out of order?

Mr. Speaker: I will allow the hon. member to ask another question.

Mr. Herridge: I wish to direct this question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of these unexpected and recent developments with regard to increasing power production on the Columbia in the United States, did the minister anticipate these developments when he was assuring the standing committee on external affairs, when it was studying the Columbia River treaty, that half of the power production on the Columbia in the United States would be returned to Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have the impression that this supplementary or second question is of the same nature as the first one, and therefore cannot be accepted.

[*Translation*]

BANKRUPTCY**POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOLLOWING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question