

Minister of Agriculture concerning the new dairy policy. As the new dairy year is starting in a few days, is the minister in a position to tell us where we stand in the count-down before the launching or the placing into orbit of the new dairy policy which is intended to guarantee Canadian milk producers a minimum price of \$4 per hundredweight for industrial milk.

[English]

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. H. E. Gray (Essex West) moved that the first report of the standing committee on finance, trade and economic affairs presented to the house on Tuesday, February 22, 1966, be now concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt this motion?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Gray: Mr. Speaker, I should like to suggest to the house that this report be dealt with in a way that would make it apply only to today's sitting of the committee.

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): That would be agreeable, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Gray: It is for the purpose of hearing witnesses who have come from some distance.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that the hon. member shall have leave to amend the motion to apply to one day's sitting only?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion as amended?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Batten in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Administration—

1. Departmental administration including administration of the Guaranteed Loans Acts, the salaries and expenses of the inspector general of banks' office, and grants as detailed in the estimates, \$3,862,800.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Chairman, I do not intend to make any statement of substance at this time, but I thought as a means of expediting the work of the committee I should point out

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what is well known, I think, to most members and that is that I am the minister responsible for the Department of Finance and also the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. I suggest to the committee, in order to proceed in an orderly fashion, that perhaps we could deal with the items in the Department of Finance and then proceed with say the statutory item related to the temporary wheat reserves and there discuss the administration of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Mr. Starr: No, Mr. Chairman. I think we should proceed as we always do on these estimates, that is, take the first item and then proceed consecutively until we complete the department.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Chairman, perhaps the hon. member did not understand that under the finance estimates there is nothing dealing with the Canadian Wheat Board and I am suggesting I am quite ready, after dealing with the finance estimates, to proceed with some item which would enable us to discuss the operations of the Canadian Wheat Board. In the 1966-67 estimates there will be transferred to my administration certain statutory items which appear now under the Department of Trade and Commerce. I thought this might be an orderly way of dealing with the discussion. This was my only suggestion.

Mr. Nasserden: I think it would be desirable if we were allowed to discuss the Canadian Wheat Board on the first item of the Department of Finance as well because this is the minister who is responsible.

● (3:40 p.m.)

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Chairman, the difficulty is that this item is included in another department. This suggestion was made to the committee in an attempt to overcome this difficulty.

Mr. Nasserden: I suggest there is no use quibbling about it because we are going to discuss that aspect in any event. The responsible minister is here in the house so surely we should be given the opportunity to discuss the wheat board under the first item.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Chairman, I made the suggestion only to be helpful to the hon. member for Rosthern, because the item before the committee does not relate to the subject at all. My suggestion would provide a formula which would give hon. members an opportunity to discuss the wheat board in this committee. That is what was being suggested.

The Chairman: Shall vote No. 1 carry?