

Inquiries of the Ministry

that at the end of April this year the fund was in a deficit position in the amount of approximately \$23 million. That situation has been met by loans for the month of April authorized by warrant in the amount of \$25 million.

(Translation):

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

In view of the savings of \$6 million effected by the Minister of Agriculture as a result of the cancellation of subsidies on milk, can the Minister of Finance tell us which taxes he intends to abolish in order that Canadians may benefit from those \$6 million savings?

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry, but that question is out of order.

(Text):

FINANCE**PAYMENT OF FAMILY ALLOWANCES TO AGE 18**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation to extend the payment of family allowances to those up to and including 18 years of age if still attending school, which according to reports the minister promised at the time of her appointment?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, may I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question, but I am sure he will realize that his query relates to government policy which, in accordance with the usual practice, will be announced at such time as the Prime Minister decides.

Mr. Patterson: A supplementary question. I wonder whether the minister would recommend that this action be taken.

IMMIGRATION**VANCOUVER, B.C.—ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH CHINESE IMMIGRANTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. I wonder whether the minister could tell the house whether his department has received complaints from Chinese groups in Vancouver relative to government surveillance of, or

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interference with, alleged illegal Chinese immigrants? Further, could the minister give a brief outline of his department's policy in the matter of Chinese immigration?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. gentleman for having given me notice of his intention to put this question. As to the first part of his question, I must say that I have not personally been made aware of any such complaints which are alleged to have been filed with my department. I shall inquire and endeavour to answer the first part of this question.

AIR TRANSPORT**ALLEGED REFUSAL OF LICENCE TO B.C. AIRLINES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. I wonder whether the minister could tell the house why the air transport board has refused a licence to B.C. Airlines to operate a charter plane from Vancouver to Sullivan Bay in order to transport loggers on behalf of the international woodworkers? Is this being done to protect Pacific Western Airlines, whose employees are on strike at the present time?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, with great deference I think that question is quite out of order. It is an assertion of something which the air transport board is reputed to have done. If the hon. member wants to find out what the air transport board has done in this particular connection, and why, I would be very glad to provide the fullest possible information. But I think in the form the question is put it cannot be answered, because it will be seen at once that any answer given would involve admissions which would not be in accordance with the facts.

Mr. Douglas: Since the hon. minister has now taken a hand in conducting the business of the house and in deciding what questions are in order, may I ask him this supplementary question. Has the air transport board refused a licence to B.C. Airlines to operate a charter plane from Vancouver to Sullivan Bay?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for putting the question in a form in which it can be answered. I will get the information for him and give him the answer.