

Inquiries of the Ministry

the negotiators had been made aware of the saving in cost to both Czechoslovakia and to western farmers by agreeing to the shipment of a considerable amount of the grain through the port of Churchill.

When I was in the west yesterday I had the opportunity of having a long conversation with the chairman of the Canadian wheat board, who assured me he had brought the advantages of the port of Churchill very definitely before the negotiators of both Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette) asked about the rate of interest paid on the credits extended to Czechoslovakia. As the house knows, the Export Credits Insurance Corporation insures the payment, and the financing is done through the chartered banks at commercial rates of interest, plus a charge of one half of 1 per cent for the contract of insurance issued by the Export Credits Insurance Corporation.

UNITED KINGDOM—PROTEST RESPECTING ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamingue): I trust my question will be in order. I wish to address it to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Can the minister state whether changes in the anti-dumping and customs practices which have hampered normal trade relations between the United Kingdom and Canada as requested by the British board of trade are now being held up by the Canadian government for at least a year?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): The position with respect to this matter has been stated by the Minister of Finance and by myself and I think it was touched upon by the Prime Minister when he was in London. There will be no unnecessary delay in dealing with this matter. It has been made clear, however, that we will deal with it in the context of our negotiations during the Kennedy round.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

OKA, QUE.—REQUEST FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Vincent Drouin (Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Has the minister re-

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ceived a request from the municipal authorities of Oka parish, in connection with repairs to be made to the roads known as "Du Milieu" and "Gabriel" which go through Indian lands in Oka?

Does he intend to take action on these requests?

[*Text*]

Mr. Speaker: This is really a question for the order paper.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Drouin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Each time a member from this side of the house asks a question, he is declared out of order.

[*Text*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Drouin: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the question be transferred for debate at ten o'clock.

[*Text*]

TRANSPORT

SASKATCHEWAN—REPORTED SHORTAGE OF BOX CARS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence Watson (Assiniboia): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I was glad to hear he was in Winnipeg yesterday. I wonder whether he can inform the house what the box car situation is in the west. Does he have any assurance from the railways that they will be able to supply enough cars to move the 10 bushel supplementary quota before July 31?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I cannot give the hon. member the specific assurance for which he asks. I did have the opportunity of discussing the box car situation with members of the Canadian wheat board and they have informed me that everyone concerned is working to attain the objective he has in mind. However, I would hesitate to say that it can be attained at every point. One of the problems which has been encountered year after year, regardless of the government in power, is that farmers wait in many cases until they see what the new crop is like before declaring the full extent of their holdings. I know the hon. member understands that along the Sault line with which he is most concerned large quantities of grain have appeared which were not reported earlier because farmers