

Inquiries of the Ministry

number of representations received and in view of the fact that there is about \$5 million involved.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, a method of making such refunds has not yet been found by my department. I think this does not indicate any laxity on our part, because in the United States they have been looking for 20 years for a method of making such refunds.

[*Translation*]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**WINDSOR—PROSPECTIVE LAY-OFF OF FORD WORKERS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the hon. member for Waterloo South (Mr. Saltsman) put a question to me concerning lay-offs in Windsor.

I wish to inform him that two representatives of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and the Department of Industry are in Windsor at present. They were to meet both parties today; as a matter of fact, I believe they were to meet the officers of the company this morning and those of the union this afternoon. Those two representatives will submit a report without delay.

[*English*]

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo South): Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the minister for his reply to the question I asked yesterday but I would ask him whether he can assure the house that no lay-offs will take place while negotiations are proceeding.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Marchand: Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to give such an assurance to the house, because I have no authority to do so.

[*English*]

SHIPBUILDING**BRITISH COLUMBIA—REQUEST FOR FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING SUBSIDIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the right hon. the Prime Minister arising out of his tabling the other day of a letter which he wrote to the Premier of British Columbia concerning the shipbuilding subsidies on vessels constructed for the province's ferry services. In view of a reported suggestion of the Premier of British Columbia that

[Mr. Hales.]

his reply to the Prime Minister's letter should be tabled in the house, will the Prime Minister agree to do this and if he has written a reply to the reply would he also table that?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be very glad to do that.

SHIPPING**ST. LAWRENCE RIVER—ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING RESPECTING SAFETY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Minister of Transport relating to the intended meeting regarding safety measures on the St. Lawrence river. Could I ask the minister whether arrangements definitely have been made for such a meeting, and whether the minister is going to attend?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, what is proposed is a series of meetings on various topics. The minister's attendance will depend on all the circumstances involved. Consultations are now going on with all interested parties, I am informed, in respect of the matter.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question. Am I to understand that the minister has not decided not to attend and that it is still an open question so far as he is concerned?

Mr. Pickersgill: Yes, it is an open question. I doubt that the minister would be likely to attend all meetings.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**ACCEPTANCE OF MAIL BEARING RHODESIAN STAMPS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Can the minister tell the house whether the Canadian postal services are accepting mail bearing the stamps of the provisional or *de facto* government in Rhodesia?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, they are not.

[*Translation*]

AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF DAIRY POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Clément Vincent (Nicolet-Yamaska): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the