

glad to take that portion of my hon. friend's question as notice.

Mr. Hales: Will this butter be sold at stabilized Canadian prices?

Mr. Greene: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister whether he can give us an indication of how much more butter will be imported this year.

Mr. Greene: At the present time this is the only plan for immediate importation. If more is needed in order to protect the stability of prices and supply of the product quality for the benefit of both the consumers and the farmers, more will be imported later. To the best of my knowledge, however, this is the only plan for importation at the present time.

FISHERIES

ATLANTIC PROVINCES—PAYMENT OF SUBSIDY ON BOAT CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Kings): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries. Would the minister inform us how soon we may expect the government to honour its commitment and pay to the fishermen of the Atlantic provinces the subsidy promised for the construction of boats in the 35 to 45 foot class?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, all applications for subsidies in respect of either the 35 or 45 foot class are being looked into and are being paid as soon as it is determined that they meet the requirements for the subsidy payment.

LABOUR RELATIONS

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF TASK FORCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question has to do with the urgent matter of strikes under federal jurisdiction. I should like to ask the Minister of Labour whether the task force set up to make recommendations in respect of improving government-management-labour relations legislation has been given a specific date by which it is to report its findings.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the task force was set up by the Prime Minister, but I think I can answer the

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question. No specific date has been set for the task force to report. The urgency of the matters referred to them has been drawn to their attention, however, with the request that they report as quickly as possible. As I said previously, I doubt whether we will have a comprehensive report for at least a year, but it may be, and I would so hope, that we will have an interim report in the meantime.

TRADE

COMMUNIST CHINA—ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT FOR WHEAT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the political unrest in China at the present time has the government received a satisfactory assurance which guarantees payment for the wheat being sold to that country.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend will remember that this question was asked on Monday last. I do not think there is anything I can add to it.

THE MINISTRY

INQUIRY AS TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement he made on Monday may I ask whether he is ready to indicate to the house the duties which are to be assigned to the new Minister without Portfolio? In particular, can he say whether the new minister will have any responsibility relating to consumer affairs?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I am not in a position to add anything to what I said last Monday, which I believe was nothing.

PUBLIC WORKS

PORT CREDIT, ONT.—EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES INTO LAKE ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ralph Cowan (York-Humber): Mr. Speaker, I have a question which I should like to address to the Minister of Transport. Inasmuch as the Ontario Municipal Board has ruled that the town of Port Credit can extend