

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

tax against all resident members of the H.M.C.S. *Cornwallis* naval base, threatening collection, with all the rigours of the law, if not paid by July 1.

The question is, has the county of Annapolis the right to impose such a tax on members of a crew temporarily stationed in the port?

**Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for sending me notice of his question. No provincial, municipal or county property taxes can be collected on property of the crown in the right of Canada. In so far as poll taxes are concerned, members of the service resident in a given area are subject to this tax if such a tax is approved by the province. Any such individual, however, has a right to appeal to the qualified courts if he considers himself not to be a resident and therefore not subject to this tax.

NORAD—STATEMENT AS TO U.S. LAW RESPECTING  
COMMAND OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence):** Yesterday the Leader of the Opposition asked a question regarding the authority and control over United States aircraft which might be exercised by the deputy commander of NORAD. I have been in contact by telephone today with General Partridge, and I can inform the house that United States authorities have concurred in the interim arrangements for the appointment of Air Marshal Slemon as a deputy commander of NORAD, and no limitations or restrictions of any nature have been placed on the exercise of operational control by Air Marshal Slemon in the absence of General Partridge. Therefore Air Marshal Slemon exercises the same operational control over the forces assigned to NORAD as that of General Partridge.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

SASKATCHEWAN—INQUIRY AS TO SHARING OF  
TAX REVENUES

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the Prime Minister whether he has received any communication from the premier of Saskatchewan since March 31 regarding the federal-provincial tax-sharing arrangements and, if there is any such correspondence, if it could be tabled?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will look into the question and if there is correspondence it will be tabled.

[Mr. Caron.]

INQUIRY AS TO PAYMENT OF FIRST  
INSTALMENT TO PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet may I ask the Minister of Finance if he is now in a position to answer the question which I interrupted him to ask when he was speaking the other day, about the first instalment under the tax-sharing arrangements paid at the end of the month of April to the various provinces, which information he said he would be willing to give.

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Eglinton):** I will be glad to do that, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Speaker, I have the information asked for by the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate a moment ago. The payments made to the provinces pursuant to the Federal-Provincial Tax-Sharing Arrangements Act for April and May are as follows: Newfoundland, \$2,027,000; Prince Edward Island, \$554,000; Nova Scotia, \$2,936,000; New Brunswick, \$2,484,000; Quebec, \$4,102,000; Ontario, \$7,655,000; Manitoba, \$2,831,000; Saskatchewan, \$2,894,000; Alberta, \$3,818,000; British Columbia, \$5,267,000.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I did not quite catch what these figures were for.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** For each month; these amounts were paid for the month of April and the same amounts were paid for the month of May.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Did they include payments under the Atlantic provinces grants or merely the tax-sharing?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** My assumption is that they are included. I thought the question of my hon. friend, which this table was designed to answer, was broad enough to include that but I will check on that point.

AIR TRANSPORT

T.C.A.—STATEMENT ON APPLICATION FOR FIFTH  
FREEDOM RIGHTS IN U.S.

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport):** Yesterday the hon. member for Laurier asked if an application had been made for fifth freedom rights on behalf of Trans-Canada Air Lines at United States airports, and whether renegotiation of the air agreement between Canada and the United States is contemplated this year.