

Inquiries of the Ministry

of this sum of money was made a day or two ago. Arrangements are now being made for this money to be transferred to the government of British Columbia. Negotiations are still going on with respect to the interest on that money.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Can the minister inform the house of the date on which that sum of money was paid, and what was the rate of exchange?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that his question is not in order.

AGRICULTURE**MILK—ALLEGED HARDSHIP THROUGH
MINIMUM QUOTAS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Has the minister received representations from milk producers pointing out the fact that the government's dairy policy with regard to minimum quotas in creating grave economic hardship, especially among the smaller producers?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It is not sufficient to ask whether certain representations have been received by the minister, to make the question urgent.

Mr. Alkenbrack: Mr. Speaker, I wish to discuss this matter at the next ten o'clock adjournment.

SHIPPING**MONTREAL—LOSSES TO AGRICULTURE FROM
LABOUR DISPUTE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture and ask him whether he could give the house any information with regard to the cost to agriculture generally, of the delay in shipments as a result of the labour problem in Montreal, either the direct costs such as surcharges for prolonged refrigeration of perishable goods or costs in terms of lost contracts.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): To the best of my knowledge, there is no loss by reason of lost contracts as yet although, as

I indicated earlier, if the strike continues for any length of time this would be a very grave danger and one which could do long term injury to the primary producers of this country. With regard to direct costs, such as added storage charges and additional transportation costs, etc., I do not have this information at present and I think it would be pretty hard to calculate the costs until the termination of the dispute.

Mr. MacLean (Queens): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister make some effort to at least get an estimate of the amount of perishable goods that are now in transit, and the delivery of which is being delayed on account of the strike?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that this question was considered by the minister earlier today.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**CYPRUS—POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF
CANADIAN TROOPS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a very important and urgent question which I had intended to put to the Acting Prime Minister, but perhaps the Minister of Industry and Defence Production might answer it. It relates to the status of the Canadian forces in Cyprus. Is it the view of the government that this force can be required to withdraw on the request of either Turkey or Greece?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Defence Production): Mr. Speaker, I do not know of any specific provision for the withdrawal of the force on the request of either country. The hon. member will recall that this Canadian contingent forms part of the UN forces, and therefore withdrawal will be conditional on arrangements between Turkey, Greece and the United Nations.

Mr. Aiken: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is our force in Cyprus in the same or in a different position from that of our force in the Middle East, which was recently asked by Egypt to withdraw?

Mr. Drury: I think the conditions are somewhat different.