

Inquiries of the Ministry

to move it onto the markets. Perhaps the minister will have an announcement on this matter at a later time.

to take advantage of the final payments, the present announcement means that the prices for barley now being received are lower than they were a few years ago.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

NATIONAL DESIGN

WINTER WORKS—EXTENSION OF PROGRAM IN PICNIC AREAS

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the government has extended to May 31 the winter works program for the construction of picnic areas and camp grounds in the provinces. The program was originally scheduled to terminate on April 30. All participating provinces have been advised by telegram of this decision.

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-85, for the establishment of a national design council.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CUBA—GOVERNMENT POLICY RESPECTING MAINTENANCE OF RELATIONS

The program, which has resulted in an expenditure of \$10½ million over the past four years and has provided 517,000 man days of employment, has been welcomed by all participating provinces as an outstanding contribution to our growing tourist industry.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask a question of the Prime Minister. In view of the latest developments in Cuba and yesterday's statement on the subject by the right hon. gentleman, is it the policy of the government to continue to maintain what the Secretary of State for External Affairs described on Wednesday in New York as normal relations with the Castro government in Cuba?

GRAIN

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): As the hon. gentleman knows, throughout the years, no matter what our disagreements may be with other nations as far as their philosophy is concerned, we have endeavoured to conduct normal relations.

BARLEY—ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL PAYMENT

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture): Hon. members will recall that on February 13 last I announced the final payment on the 1959-60 oat account. I am now pleased to be in a position to announce final payments on the 1959-60 barley account.

The 1959-60 barley pool was closed as at March 30, 1961. Producers delivered 94.9 million bushels of barley to the pool and the surplus for distribution to producers is \$2,022,170.66. The final payments for distribution to producers on the principal grades of barley are as follows:

OTTAWA—SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT DIPLOMATIC OFFICES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question arising out of a reported statement made yesterday by the right hon. Prime Minister of India in the parliament at New Delhi, a statement which amounts to an implied criticism of what the Prime Minister of India calls inadequate security arrangements made with regard to offices such as those in which the unfortunate incident took place in Ottawa yesterday. Does the Secretary of State for External Affairs not feel that he should make a statement in reply to the reported statement of the Prime Minister of India?

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The final barley payment will commence immediately.

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): About this time of the year we expect an announcement about the final payments on various grains. The payment which has been announced now is very tiny, almost insignificant, and this demonstrates that in the selling of barley the wheat board, as far as making a final payment is concerned, was operating on a very narrow margin. While producers will always be prepared

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in the first place I should like to express the deepest distress which I know is felt throughout this house over the wanton murder of the Indian first secretary yesterday in Ottawa, and our great regret that a frightful crime of this kind