

officials of the government of Quebec as well as with representatives of the dairy industry there in the hope of getting a better understanding of the reasons for the changes which were made and seeing that the financial burdens of the surpluses are shared more equitably among those who have produced them.

REPORTED IMPORTATION OF NEW ZEALAND MILK—FORM OF PRODUCT

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Is the milk which is reportedly being flown into Canada from New Zealand entering this country in fluid form or in reconstituted form?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I shall have to take note of that question and look into it.

[Translation]

DAIRY POLICY—MEETINGS BETWEEN FEDERAL OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MILK PRODUCERS

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question.

Could the Minister of Agriculture tell the House whether, since the new dairy policy has been announced, formal meetings have taken place between leading officials of his department, representatives of the Canadian Dairy Commission, members of the milk producers' unions and of the CFU of the province of Quebec concerning the problems created in Quebec by this policy?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I am not sure there have been any formal meetings since April 1 when the amendments to the policy went into effect, but certainly prior to that date there were many meetings and the policy which is now in effect was discussed on several occasions.

[Later:]

[Translation]

DAIRY POLICY—MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND QUEBEC EASTERN TOWNSHIPS MILK PRODUCERS

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister, which follows the one I put earlier to the Minister of Agriculture.

After the huge demonstration that 3,000 people held in Sherbrooke on Friday, April 17, the Eastern Townships' dairy producers decided unanimously to invite the Prime

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Minister to come and explain the dairy policy to them. Could the Prime Minister tell the House whether he has received such an invitation and, if so, did he answer it?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I received an invitation, but I will inquire. If I did, I shall give it serious consideration.

[English]

FINANCE

UPWARD REVALUATION OF CANADIAN DOLLAR

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether he proposes to make any statement in the near future with regard to speculative opinion that the upward limit on the Canadian dollar in relation to the United States dollar might be increased?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): I am very pleased at the strength of the Canadian dollar. However, I should like to remove any speculative opinion with regard to the government considering revaluation of the Canadian dollar.

POST OFFICE

MOVEMENT OF MAIL—HIRING OF DRIVERS IN MONTREAL

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I should like to address a question to the Postmaster General, whose return to our midst brings joy unbounded.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Macquarrie: Can he advise the House whether the mail is moving normally or, should I say, with reasonable expedition, today in Vancouver, Montreal and Quebec City? Further, can he tell us how many drivers have been hired in Montreal and, of this group, how many are former employees of G. Lapalme?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): We shall be hiring approximately 250 drivers in Montreal to carry out all the work which was formerly performed by 457. So far we have hired about 210; there are about another 40 openings in Montreal. Mail is moving satisfactorily in Montreal at the present time. Yesterday we were able to lift the embargo on