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**AGRICULTURE**

**CHEESE—INQUIRY AS TO APPLICATION OF SUBSIDY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Alcide Simard (Lac-Saint-Jean):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

Can he tell the house whether it is correct that only the Ontario cheese producers are granted by his department, a subsidy as an incentive to exports?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** No, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**HARBOURS**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA—DEVELOPMENT OF PORT AT ROBERTS BANK**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Following the review by the attorney general's department in British Columbia of the relative legal positions of the federal and provincial governments with regard to jurisdiction over Roberts Bank—which review, incidentally, indicates the strength of the provincial position—may we expect the federal government to submit its case to the Supreme Court?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** I have not seen the legal review my hon. friend is referring to. We hope to get ahead with construction of the port, and hope that no unnecessary legal obstacles will interfere with completing it on time.

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister inform the house whether the federal government is accepting from the provincial government some part of the funds necessary for the building of this port?

**Mr. Hellyer:** That is really not necessary. We have volunteered to co-operate with the provincial government with the development of what we call industrial estates associated with the port, the reclaiming of land which would be used by industries associated with the port's development. This has already been suggested, and I am waiting to hear from the premier to see whether he wants to discuss this matter further.

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** In view of conflicting reports and information gaps regarding this project may I ask the minister, when the estimates of his department are before the house or when interim supply is being considered, to make a full statement regarding this development, as there is much confusion about the federal government's position in this matter.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I shall be glad to give that suggestion consideration, Mr. Speaker, though I do not think there is much confusion about the federal government's position. Our position is that we should like to see port facilities ready by the end of March, 1970, and we intend to go ahead and build them so they will be ready.

**Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the provincial government of British Columbia made a substantial offer, in the neighborhood of \$15 million, to entice the federal government to come forward with its plans?

**Mr. Hellyer:** I think that suggestion may add confusion to the matter instead of clarifying the issue. The provincial government has offered to share in a joint crown corporation for the development of the port. As I indicated, our over-all study of port facilities in the country and the best method of management and administration is just commencing. It will be some months before we know what additional local participation might be advisable in the national interest.

In the meantime, particularly in view of representations made by the three prairie provinces, which have considerable reservations about the suggestion put forward by the premier of British Columbia, we decided that the best course of action would be to build the port, continue with our study, and at the same time keep an open mind about further discussion with the province at a later date as to the possibility of additional local representation.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

**PRAIRIE PROVINCES—ACTION TO DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. George Hees (Northumberland):** I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister. In view of a report issued yesterday by the department of manpower indicating that unemployment in the three prairie provinces is now 14 per cent higher than it was a