

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—POLICY RESPECTING GRANTS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

As it is recognized in high places that the producers of industrial milk are in no way responsible for inflation, could the minister tell us if he will reconsider his decision and recommend that the budget of the Canadian Dairy Commission, which was to be cut by \$10 million, as announced by him, be left unchanged?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker.

LABOUR RELATIONS

VANCOUVER—ACCEPTANCE OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT BY LONGSHOREMEN

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might put a question related to one asked earlier. In view of economic conditions on the prairies and the long drawn-out longshoremen's strike in British Columbia and the trouble it has caused, has the Prime Minister anything to report to the House on whether the strike is over and what position the government is taking?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do have a report which the Minister of Labour will be able to complete when he is back in the House; he is now in Vancouver. I am told that agreement was reached between the negotiating teams and that the union membership will vote again—I think for the fourth time, on this agreement. There is no change—

Mr. Woolliams: Could I ask a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. The Prime Minister was interrupted by somebody. Could the Prime Minister advise us if the men are going to remain off work while that second or third vote is being taken?

Some hon. Members: Fourth.

Mr. Woolliams: Fourth.

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. In view of conflicting reports, will the minister advise the

[Mr. Hees.]

House whether or not grain is continuing to move through the west coast terminals and, if not, will he use his great influence in order to put those ports back into operation immediately?

Mr. McCleave: Explain.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Somebody has asked me to explain. I will do the very best I can on both counts, Mr. Speaker.

POLLUTIONCLOSING OF ARCTIC WATERS TO TANKERS
PENDING MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD
ECOLOGY

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and relates to the very serious concern over the grounding and subsequent break-up of the Liberian tanker *Arrow* off the coast of Nova Scotia. Since the anti-pollution measures in Chedabucto Bay seem wholly inadequate, will the government consider closing the Canadian Arctic to tankers until adequate measures and safeguards for the delicate ecology of the Arctic can be developed?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Very soon, Mr. Speaker, there will be legislation tabled in the House which will deal with this general subject.

CHEDABUCTO BAY—PROCESSING OF CLAIMS
FOR DAMAGES

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): A supplementary question. How will the Canada Water Act or the new proposed legislation effectively cope with situations such as this?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Central Nova): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the great concern in the area and having just come from there today, can the Prime Minister advise where the people in the area of Chedabucto Bay, including the town of Canso, should direct their claims for any damages resulting from this pollution?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacEwan: What is the answer?