

Inquiries of the Ministry

those from outside of Canada, will be acknowledged promptly if not acted upon immediately?

GRAIN**REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN PRICE UNDER INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture but in his absence I will address it to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the announcement today by the Minister of Transport of the increase in tolls on the St. Lawrence seaway, a step which will reflect on the cost of delivery of grain from western Canada, will the minister advise this house what steps have been taken by the Canadian government to increase the price of wheat under the international wheat agreement?

Mr. Bruce S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): I will be pleased to bring this question to the attention of the minister, Mr. Speaker.

TRADE**SALE IN CANADA OF GOODS CONFISCATED IN CUBA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Does the government intend taking any action to outlaw the entry into Canada of goods confiscated in Cuba and sold at auction in Montreal?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I shall have to take that as notice, Mr. Speaker.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**INQUIRY AS TO U.S. PERMISSION TO DELAY UNIFICATION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence a question. Has the minister communicated with Washington to ask his mentor, Mr. McNamara, if the proposed unification of the Canadian forces may be postponed?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am sure my hon. friend is not putting this question forward

[Mr. Aiken.]

with too much seriousness; therefore I hesitate to reply. I am also sure that the United States appreciates the wonderful co-operation which has existed between our two countries over the past years, and anticipates that nothing will detract from that co-operation in the years ahead.

FINANCE**U.S. ORDER RESPECTING INSPECTION OF BANKS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a further question of the Acting Prime Minister. Has the Canadian government received any reply from the government of the United States to the protest regarding the ruling by the federal reserve board that that board can inspect banks operating in other countries, including Canada?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): Not as yet, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Is this one of the subjects that will be discussed during the Prime Minister's social visit to Washington later this month?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): A reply will be given in the normal course of events, Mr. Speaker.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO CANADA-U.S. MINISTERIAL MEETING**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Ou'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Acting Prime Minister. I should like to know whether any plans have been consummated for the holding of the meeting of Canadian ministers and secretaries of the United States which is customary at this time of year.

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, the government has been in touch with the government of the United States and it has been proposed that the next Canada-United States ministerial meeting be held in June on Expo territory. Both governments have accepted this in principle and we are now trying to work out a date. I hope the meeting will be some time toward the middle of June.

Mr. Hamilton: A supplementary question having to do with the agenda of this meeting. I wonder whether the Acting Prime Minister