

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply):** I will take the question as notice.

patronage dividends are deductible from corporation income before arriving at whatever income may be liable to tax.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

REPORTED DISTURBANCE ABOARD H.M.C.S.  
"CRESCENT"

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. R. Pearkes (Nanaimo):** Has the Minister of National Defence any more information to give the house with regard to the H.M.C.S. *Crescent*? In my opinion the disturbance in that case was different from that which occurred on H.M.C.S. *Athabaskan*.

**Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence):** I have no further information.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

ESQUIMALT DOCKYARDS—REPLACEMENT BY  
OTHER PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice):** On March 21 the hon. member for Nanaimo (Mr. Pearkes) asked the following question, without notice, as reported on page 1683 of *Hansard*:

Have any instructions been issued to the R.C.M.P. guards at the dockyards at Esquimalt to be relieved of their duties as from March 31? If so, what other personnel will replace the R.C.M.P. there?

The answer is no. The matter has been under consideration, but no decision has been reached and no instructions have been issued.

**TAXATION**

CORPORATIONS—QUESTION AS TO PATRONAGE  
DIVIDENDS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. R. Argue (Wood Mountain):** I should like to ask the Minister of Finance a question arising out of the announcement that certain tax changes would be made to reduce the double taxation that shareholders of corporations have to pay. Will members of co-operatives now paying corporation tax be given the same tax concessions on patronage dividends as those given to shareholders of corporations in respect to corporate dividends?

**Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance):** The answer to the question is no, because patronage dividends are not subject to double taxation. As the house will appreciate,

[Mr. Fraser.]

**DOMINION COAL BOARD**

STATEMENT AS TO SITTINGS IN NOVA SCOTIA

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** On March 14, on the orders of the day, the hon. member for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis) asked a question as to the possibility of the dominion coal board holding sittings in the coal areas of Nova Scotia. I am glad to say that this matter has been considered by the board, and it is planned to hold a series of meetings in the maritime provinces, beginning on August 22 and continuing to the end of the month. The exact schedule has not yet been fixed, but all interested parties will be advised by the board as soon as definite dates are confirmed.

**TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY**

QUESTION AS TO CHOICE OF ROUTE

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply):** On Tuesday, March 22, the hon. member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton) asked whether an over-all agreement had yet been reached as to the route of the trans-Canada highway. The answer is no.

**BUTTER**

OFFERINGS BELOW FLOOR PRICE OF 58 CENTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. E. Drope (Northumberland, Ont.):** I should like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture, arising out of his recent announcement of a floor price of 58 cents for butter. I have today's issue of the *Globe and Mail*, and it states—

**Mr. Speaker:** I would ask the hon. member to put his question.

**Mr. Drope:** My question arises out of the announcement of the Minister of Agriculture, and the fact that in the *Globe and Mail* it is stated that butter was offered at 57½ cents. Will the minister tell us what the policy is, inasmuch as he says that the floor price is 58 cents? Has any butter yet been taken by the dairy products board? If not, when will they start taking it?