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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND; DONATION OF POWDERED MILK

4. *The Honourable Mr. Mackinnon*, as *Acting Minister of Agriculture*, referred to the decision of Cabinet on May 18th in favour of contribution to the International Children's Emergency Fund of dry skim milk powder purchased by the Agricultural Prices Support Board; the contribution to be made following authorization by Parliament.

An item of \$1,075,000 had been included in the Further Supplementary Estimates of the Department of External Affairs to cover this donation. The milk powder was being held in storage at considerable expense and it was possible that navigation out of Montreal might be closed before the Further Supplementary Estimates were passed. If shipment had to be made from Halifax, Saint John or New York, additional freight charges might amount to \$100,000. It was recommended that the Agricultural Prices Support Board be authorized to deliver the milk at once to the Fund; reimbursement to be made by the Department of External Affairs after the vote had been passed.

(Memorandum, Deputy Minister of Agriculture to Minister of Agriculture, Oct. 17, 1949).†

5. *The Minister of Finance* said that it was proposed to ask for further interim supply on October 26th and in doing so he intended to ask for approval of 11/12 of the item to cover the donation. Approval by the Senate and Royal Assent could be expected later in the week.

6. *The Cabinet*, after discussion, noted the reports of the Acting Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Finance and agreed that the Agricultural Prices Support Board be authorized to proceed with arrangements for delivery of dry skim milk powder to the International Children's Emergency Fund, as previously approved by Cabinet, after a portion of the item in the Further Supplementary Estimates relating to the contribution had been approved by the House of Commons in dealing with interim supply.