

Canada Medal

elevators. These overages are purchased at the initial payment price for the grain concerned.

2. As a sales policy the Canadian Wheat Board allows members of the grain trade who are agents of the board to enter into firm sales commitments for wheat at seaboard ports for immediate shipment or for shipment within authorized contract periods in the future. At the present time the board has not entered into any such sales commitments for shipment beyond July 31, 1966. In some cases the agents of the board may purchase this wheat for any destination of their choice. In other cases such sales are confined to destinations which cannot be changed without permission of the board. Since August 3, 1965 the board has confined sales by its agents to named destinations. The wheat recently purchased by the Canadian government from agents of the board for shipment to India was made possible by the board agreeing to change to India the destinations previously agreed.

3. Currently most of the board's open sales commitments to its agents are for named destinations. Prior to export shipment, the board has no way of ascertaining to what extent its agents have finalized sales to the ultimate buyers in the declared destinations.

• (3:20 p.m.)

[Translation]

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PROVISION FOR AWARD DURING CENTENNIAL YEAR

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Laurier) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 122, an act concerning the Canada medal.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Leblanc: The Canada medal was created by virtue of order in council No. 7964 of October 14, 1943, as a recognition for extraordinary and meritorious services rendered by Canadians and non-Canadians. Now, it would seem that the various governments which have successively governed our country have forgotten the order and have shelved it.

Under my bill, the Canada medal would be awarded for the first time on July 1, 1967, on the occasion of the centennial celebrations. Afterwards, it would be awarded each year, on the same date, during appropriate ceremonies.

Contrary to the order in council, this bill provides for a bilingual medal. In addition, the decoration should proudly bear the symbol—

[Mr. Chrétien.]

Mr. Speaker: I wish to remind the hon. member that he is entitled to give a brief explanation but he may now be exceeding the limits set down by standing orders.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[English]

POWER

INQUIRY AS TO FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN MANITOBA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister made a statement today regarding the development of power in Manitoba following the undertaking entered into on February 18, 1963 to carry out a survey of the Nelson River area. I would ask the Prime Minister whether it is the government's intention to apply a similar policy to the development of Hamilton Falls in Labrador; and have any discussions been held with the premier of Newfoundland within recent days or weeks with regard to federal co-operation or assistance in the Brinco developments.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. The situation with regard to Hamilton Falls, as my right hon. friend knows, is different from that which I announced this afternoon in that two provinces are collaborating in the development of this power with a private corporation. They have not asked for the kind of assistance which we have worked out with the government of Manitoba.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Has there been any discussion whatever with the Premier of Newfoundland about the assumption by the federal government of any portion of the expense in connection with the development of this project?

Mr. Pearson: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker, but I should like to check back because this has been going on for two or three years and I want to make sure that no request was made in the early days of which I have no knowledge.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question which I will direct to the new minister of resources and energy in his new capacity. He has probably found out by now that I have been trying for three years to get a copy of the interim report on the national transmission grid which was promised to me—