

Gillis), who I understand would want to ask a similar question had he been in the house, may I say that the proposed basis of settlement reached by the negotiating committee of the union and the company, which is subject to approval by the miners themselves, is as follows:

(a) For continued operation of the mines until the end of the contract year, January 31, 1948;

(b) An immediate wage rate increase of \$1 per shift;

(c) Cooperation by the union and the employees in every way possible to increase the tonnage production, equal at least to the pre-war rate of production by reducing absenteeism and increasing efficiency. In this connection, it is understood, of course, that to bring about this result there will have to be very close cooperation between the employer and the employees;

(d) For a review of production at the end of a six months' period, at which time, if production has been increased to the stipulated level of the agreement, an additional forty cents per shift will be made to the employees;

(e) For the settlement of other matters of a minor nature which were in dispute.

I sincerely hope that the miners themselves will vote in favour of acceptance of the terms of the settlement.

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, I do not think I am out of place in thanking the minister on behalf of all Nova Scotia for his efforts in settling this dispute.

IMMIGRATION—WORKERS FOR QUEBEC TEXTILE INDUSTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggar): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour of which I have not given him notice. Has his attention been drawn to an article in *Time* under today's date dealing with the immigration into Canada of workers for the textile industry in Quebec? If so, is it correct that the wages to be paid are twenty cents per hour and that \$6 per week is to be deducted for board, leaving these people \$3.60 per week for everything else that they will need?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): I can take care only of my own jurisdiction. The enforcement of the minimum wage laws of the province of Quebec comes under the provincial government. When I replied to a question the other day I said that the prevailing rate of wages would be

paid. Frankly I do not know what are the prevailing rates in that area.

Mr. COLDWELL: We should know that before admitting people into the country.

Mr. MITCHELL: I am trying to look after my own jurisdiction. My hon. friend is very jealous about the province from which he comes and I take it that the kind people in Quebec are in the same category with respect to the administration of the various laws of that province. The order in council laid down quite clearly that the prevailing rate of wages in the district to which these people go should be paid.

NEUROLOGICAL RESEARCH

QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO MONTREAL NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. STANLEY KNOWLES (Winnipeg North Centre): I should like to direct a question either to the Prime Minister or to the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin). In view of the financial crisis facing the Montreal neurological institute, and in view of the service being rendered by this institute, both to Canada and the entire world, particularly in the field of research, will the government say whether sympathetic consideration is being given to a federal grant to meet the situation outlined by Doctor Penfield on Friday last?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I may say to my hon. friend that the government considered this matter some little time ago and has considered it favourably. When the supplementary estimates are brought down, or at some other appropriate time, an announcement will be made as to the manner in which government assistance will be forthcoming.

OLYMPIC GAMES

RELATION OF CANADA TO OLYMPICS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): On Thursday last the hon. member for Lake Centre (Mr. Diefenbaker) asked two questions with regard to the Canadian Olympic association, which he agreed to have stand as notice. The first question was as to whether the people of Canada contribute to that committee. The answer is that while the major part of the revenues of the Canadian Olympic association are raised by voluntary contributions from individuals and com-