

summer months as in the winter months. To ask anyone to continue the winter subsidy into the summer months would be asking something illogical if we are to base the decision on production costs.

There may be some reason for saying that we should have a flat subsidy throughout the year. In that event we would have to take into consideration winter costs of production as well as summer costs and average the two to arrive at the proper figure for a subsidy for the whole twelve months. In giving consideration to this matter, which I have already said the government intends to do, it will not be a question of returning in the summer months to the winter subsidy, but it will be the question whether we should have a flat rate throughout the year and in determining that question consideration would have to be given to both winter and summer production costs to arrive at an average figure.

Mr. GRAYDON: The minister spoke of the costs of production in the summer months as compared with the winter months, but is it not a fact that the production costs this summer to the farmer will be higher than they have been in other summers?

Mr. GARDINER: That is a question that would have to be considered in arriving at a figure. There are two different groups of producers of whole milk. One is part of the group living close to cities, and this group place emphasis on the importance of winter production. They breed their stock and conduct their whole business with the idea of supplying milk at a time when the costs are high. I understand that this group will not be satisfied with a flat rate throughout the whole year, so there has to be a discussion with both groups—those who want a higher winter rate and those who want a flat rate throughout the year. I have some doubt whether any decision would satisfy both groups.

Mr. GRAYDON: You could increase both rates.

TIMBER CONTROL

SHORT SUPPLY OF LUMBER IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. W. BURTON (Humboldt): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Reconstruction, notice of which has been sent to his office. Is he aware that the timber controller has offered further inducements to the saw mills operating in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia to ship lumber beyond the prairie provinces? Secondly, what reason has the timber controller to justify the further depletion—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. member knows that the rules do not permit him, in asking a question on the orders of the day, to make a statement. If he wishes to put a question, it must be brief and to the point.

Mr. BURTON: I would ask the minister what justification there is for further depleting the present short supply of lumber in the prairie provinces.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would ask the hon. member to put his question on the order paper.

Mr. BURTON: Is all of my question ruled out, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. SPEAKER: I have asked the hon. member to put his question on the order paper.

HOUSING

APPLICATION OF ACT TO FARMERS AND RESIDENTS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. A. ROSS (Souris): I would like to ask the Minister of Reconstruction a question. Will he indicate to the house the arrangements which have been made to enable farmers and residents of towns and villages to take advantage of part 3 of the National Housing Act? The question was asked by the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Nicholson) of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Ilsley) when he was responsible for national housing. Since then the Prime Minister has tabled P.C. 1513, of April 16, vesting in the Minister of Reconstruction (Mr. Howe) the responsibility for housing.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction): I shall be glad to accept the question as a notice and give a reply to-morrow or Monday.

WHEAT

BONUS FOR SHIPMENTS OVERSEAS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ROBERT FAIR (Battle River): May I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether he has yet had an opportunity to discuss with his colleagues the question of paying to the farmers a bonus of 30 cents a bushel on wheat for immediate delivery so that it may be shipped overseas, and if so, what the decision is in this regard?

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, when there is a statement to be made on the point raised by my hon. friend it will be made in this house.