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vehicle which could be located at local dealers to meet the delivery date for site work during winter months.

3. No. (a), (b), (c) and (d) not applicable.

UIC-SUSPENSION OF SUPERVISORS AT TORONTO

Question No. 2,272-Mr. Schumacher:

1. Were any supervisors at the Toronto Unemployment Insurance Commission suspended for any reason during the period January 1, 1974 to date and, if so (a) by month, how many were suspended (b) for what reason in each case?

2. In each case, what was the length of the suspension and was it (a) with pay (b) without pay?

3. In each case, by month, what was the amount of salary paid to those suspended?

4. (a) At the conclusion of the suspension and in each case, were the individuals (i) returned to previous positions (ii) returned to other positions (iii) transferred from Toronto offices (iv) fired (b) did any of them receive a (i) demotion (ii) salary reduction and, if so, what was the nature of such demotion and the amount of salary reduction?

5. Did UIC refuse to disclose information concerning such suspensions to any Member of the Provincial Legislature and, if so (a) what was the name and position of the individual refusing the information (b) by what authority was it refused?

6. By each UIC office in Canada for the same period, were any other supervisory personnel suspended for any reasons and, if so, where were such individuals working at the time of suspension and in what capacity?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. No supervisors from the Toronto area of the Unemployment Insurance Commission were suspended for any reason during the period January 1, 1974 to date.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

4. Not applicable.

5. Not applicable.

6. Vancouver Centre Office suspended 2 Supervisory Personnel working as service unit supervisors.

PUBLIC SERVICE—HIRING CRITERIA

Question No. 2,283-Mr. Lachance:

In the light of judicial decisions concerning hiring criteria in the Public Service, is there a research division in the PSC responsible for the submission of changes required in the Public Service Staff Relations Act?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: The Planning and Evaluation Directorate of the Commission's Staffing Branch has two divisions concerned with the matters raised: (1) The Personnel Psychology Division which is responsible for the development, modification and maintenance of all Selection Standards. (2) The Policies and Procedures Division which is responsible both for recommending new or revised policies and procedures and for responding to judicial decisions which may affect the Regulations or the Public Service Employment Act.

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

***STORAGE OF BUTTER**

Question No. 2,443-Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):

1. Of the 49,215,000 pounds of butter in storage as of September 1, 1974, how much was produced in Canada?

2. Was any of this imported and, if so (a) for what reason was the government participating in a programme of importing butter (b) was this in excess of our needs (c) what effect did this have on the income of Canadian farmers?

3. How long can butter remain in storage and still be fit for human consumption?

4. What are the plans for eventual disposal of the butter now in storage?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows: 1. 42,715,000 pounds.

2. (a) Yes. Butter production in Canada was not sufficient to meet the demand. (b) No. Butter was imported only in quantities sufficient to meet the difference between domestic production and consumption. (c) None. for the reasons outlined under (a) and (b).

3. Butter stored in Cold Storage Warehouses remains fit for human consumption indefinitely.

4. Current stocks are being sold to meet domestic market requirements.

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LOANS TO COUNTRIES, 1965-1973

Question No. 1,162-Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):

1. For the years 1965 to 1973 inclusive, has Canada granted loans to some countries and, if so (a) to which countries (b) what was the value of such loans (c) what was the term (d) what was the prescribed interest rate?

2. What percentage of such loans come from (a) new estimates (b) the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

Return tabled.

• (1510)

Mr. McKenzie: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. On April 29 I placed two starred questions on the order paper, Nos. 2,407 and 2,408, regarding a question raised by the hon. member for Calgary South about the federal government hiring private mail contractors. The government has had over four weeks to file answers to these questions. I know that Statistics Canada hires private mail contractors in Manitoba, but I want to know how many other provinces are hiring private mail contractors. It is no secret that Batterton's Mail Service handles mail for the House of Commons, and I have a question in regard to that, No. 2,411.

I also have starred question No. 2,448 regarding the new rules and regulations covering bilingual packaging and the requirements under the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act. The business community has been waiting for several months for these rules and regulations, and all we have had from the minister so far is a press release. Packaging establishments across Canada are concerned