

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** I was not able to hear the second part or the lengthy ending of that question, but would the hon. member put it on the order paper.

**Mr. Gray:** The second part of my question was this, Mr. Speaker. I asked whether the minister—

**Some hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Is the hon. member asking another question?

**Mr. Fairweather:** No; it is another plant.

**Mr. Gray:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but I did not hear you too well down here. I thought you asked me to repeat the last part of my question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the hon. member for Essex West rising to ask a second question?

**Mr. Gray:** No, Mr. Speaker, I am not.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

HALIFAX—DISMISSAL OF CIVILIAN COOK

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gerald A. Regan (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence. Is the minister aware that a civilian cook named Lorne Edward Pace, with 12 years of good service in the R.C.N. and two years as a civilian cook with the R.C.A.F. in Halifax, has been discharged for taking home a 50 cent cake? Would the minister investigate the matter—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This question, although quite important, should be put on the order paper.

**Mr. Regan:** I would like to discuss it at ten o'clock tomorrow night, Mr. Speaker.

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**

WINNIPEG—POSSIBLE USE OF MAILS TO DEFRAUD

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether this calls for a correction in *Hansard*, but in fairness to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre and the house, I think I should supplement a statement that I made yesterday. I was answering a question that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre had asked about the alleged use of the mails by a business organization in Winnipeg which

allegedly resulted in severe financial losses to a victim. After I had given the answer—

**Mr. Churchill:** What page?

**Mr. Nicholson:** This is to be found at page 4090 of *Hansard*. After I had answered the question a supplementary question was asked by the hon. member, as follows:

Was it not established that the victim in this case received his first invitation to approach this firm through the mails?

I replied:

That is not my information, Mr. Speaker.

On reading that answer I have decided that what I should have said—and I want to remove any doubt about this, in fairness to the hon. member—was that I do not know whether he received it through the mails or not; the post office does not censor these letters. He may have received it through the mails or he may not. I cannot say.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the Postmaster General say whether the authorities in Winnipeg are checking the assertion which was made by the man in question?

**Mr. Nicholson:** As I stated yesterday, Mr. Speaker, this matter has been referred, I understand, to the attorney general of the province of Manitoba, and that aspect of the matter is being looked into.

**FORESTRY**

NOVA SCOTIA—CONTINUATION OF IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry. Is he in a position to advise whether an agreement has been reached as yet between the federal government and the government of Nova Scotia for a continuation of the forest stand improvement program which will provide employment in Cape Breton?

**Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. The matter is now under consideration, and I hope to be able to give an answer some time next week.