

TRADE

STEPS TO LIMIT IMPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN AND
NEW ZEALAND BEEF

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Further to the question I put to the Minister of Agriculture yesterday, Mr. Speaker, about the importation of beef, may I ask what limitation was agreed to between Canada and New Zealand in the negotiations to which he referred in his answer?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am sure it would take longer than you would allow to answer that question. However, it is a matter of public record that shipments were stopped from July 2 until some time in September, so that the stocks here or that were destined for Canada exceeding the amount consumed here could be cleared away.

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INDUSTRY

MARITIME PROVINCES—EFFECT OF INCREASE
IN FUEL OILS

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Speaker. What action is the government taking to roll back the 50 per cent increase in the cost of some important fuel oils used industrially in the Maritime provinces, such as Bunker C, in order to keep down the cost of production in that part of the country?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, these price increases would be subject to review and examination by the Prices and Incomes Commission.

Mr. Hees: Boy, do they ever do a job! They certainly keep those prices down.

Mr. MacLean: I am aware of that, Mr. Speaker, but could the minister state what benefit has accrued to the consumers of this oil and to the Maritime provinces from this procedure?

Mr. Speaker: I wonder whether the question as asked is in order. The hon. member is inviting the minister to state what benefits have accrued from policy. This is hardly a question that could be allowed at this time.

Mr. MacLean: Perhaps I could rephrase my question and address it to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Could the minister state what action his department is taking to keep the effectiveness of industrial expansion in the Maritimes from being negated by the exceptional increase in the cost of fuel which is also having an effect on the cost of electric power?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): If the hon. member will wait a couple of days, perhaps I will then be in a better position to answer his question.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

SPORTS

PROTEST AGAINST SUSPENSION OF HOCKEY PLAYER—
METHOD OF SIGNING

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has the minister received a telegram from western Manitoba signed by more than 500 people protesting the suspension of a young hockey player with the Brandon Wheat Kings by the MAHA and the CAHA against the wishes of his parents? If so, what action is the minister taking on the matter?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have received the telegram referred to by the hon. member and we are looking into this matter.

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): Mr. Speaker, as the player mentioned by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris was signed to a player's card when only 15 years old, and without the consent of his parents, can the minister assure the House that the government will soon present legislation to end the CAHA slave market methods of signing our youth to player cards?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, for some time the government has been looking into its legislative competence in this particular area, and when that has been decided it will be announced in the House.

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AGRICULTURE

ALLEGED TRAFFICKING IN INDUSTRIAL MILK QUOTAS

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): My question is addressed to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister investigate serious allegations of trafficking in industrial milk quotas, which the regulations of his department apparently permit, and will he make a report to the House on motions in due course?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I should like to have a little more detailed information from the hon. member respecting this question. I would advise him that milk quotas are not negotiable as far as subsidy quotas are concerned and fluid milk quotas, of course, are the responsibility of the provinces.

SERVING OF NEW ZEALAND BUTTER BY AIR CANADA

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, as it is obviously desirable that Canadians use Canadian dairy products as much as possible, would the minister, with his colleague the Minister of Transport, look into the situation on our national airline, Air Canada, which serves New Zealand butter with in-flight meals, and ask the airline to serve only good Canadian butter in future?