

Mr. GARDINER: It is the point that has been raised that makes it advisable to put a floor under butter. The floor of 58 cents will prevail throughout the year. In the past the price of butter has often dropped in the months of June, July and August. This year up until now the price has not dropped below 58 cents, but it was thought wise to put a 58-cent floor under butter in order that the producer would not have to take an unusually low price as compared with what butter has been selling at recently and what it probably will sell at next winter. This enables the government to deal more effectively with the price of butter next winter, by taking action now. This amount of money is made available in order to purchase butter at 58 cents a pound if for any reason it goes down to that price.

Mr. MOORE: Has the dairy products board purchased any butter yet?

Mr. GARDINER: Not this year. Butter has not been down to 58 cents a pound; I have not been following the markets during the past two weeks, but I do not think that butter has been down to 58 cents a pound at any time during this year. If it goes down to 58 cents a pound we undertake here to buy that butter at 58 cents a pound or lower.

Mr. WHITE (Middlesex East): I have been speaking to some of the cheese factory men in my constituency and was informed that they were getting large quantities of milk which, during the winter months and the spring months, had been sent to the creameries. It is now flowing into the cheese factories because cheese pays more money than butter. Will that bring about a shortage of butter?

Mr. GARDINER: No. Our experience up to the moment is that the production of cheese will be quite low, much lower than we had hoped it would be. No cheese has gone to Britain up to the present time; it has all been purchased on this market. We have a contract to ship 50,000,000 pounds of cheese to Britain. If we are to ship it we must ship it from now on, but we have not shipped any up to date.

Mr. WHITE (Middlesex East): Will cheese be requisitioned?

Mr. GARDINER: I am not in a position at the moment to say whether it will or not. It is a matter that will have to be considered.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

532. Departmental administration, \$2,253,340.

Mr. GREEN: Several questions were asked when these estimates were last up for discussion. Is the minister in a position to answer them this evening? I would also ask him to

deal with the report of the special committee on veterans affairs, and tell us what has been done in respect to the different recommendations made by that committee.

Hon. MILTON F. GREGG (Minister of Veterans Affairs): When the main estimates were before the committee approximately a week ago quite a large number of questions were asked by hon. members and I undertook to bring forward answers as far as possible. These questions have been carefully studied. Since the material in the replies is voluminous I would ask the consent of the committee to place the answers on *Hansard*:

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Does the committee agree?

Mr. GREEN: Is the minister going to read them?

Mr. GREGG: They are very long. The hon. member for Nanaimo requested information as to the district offices and the regional offices of the department throughout Canada, and if I may I would place the answers on *Hansard*.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. GREGG: The answers are as follows:

Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act
Administrative offices
Head office, Ottawa, Ontario
District office, Vancouver, B.C.

Regional offices—
Victoria, B.C.
New Westminster, B.C.
Kelowna, B.C.
Kamloops, B.C.
Nelson, B.C.

District office, Edmonton, Alta.

Regional offices—
Edmonton, Alta.
Grande Prairie, Alta.
Calgary, Alta.
Dawson Creek, B.C.
Saint Paul, Alta.
Lethbridge, Alta.
Red Deer, Alta.
Peace River, Alta.

District office, Saskatoon, Sask.

Regional offices—
Saskatoon, Sask.
Prince Albert, Sask.
Regina, Sask.
Yorkton, Sask.

District Office, Winnipeg, Man.

Regional offices—
Winnipeg, Man.
Dauphin, Man.
Brandon, Man.
Port Arthur, Ont.

District office, Toronto, Ont.

Regional offices—
Toronto, Ont.
New Liskeard, Ont.
Dundas, Ont.
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Sudbury, Ont.