

into Canada from France since July 1, 1963. A shipment of 110 head is presently undergoing quarantine at the Grosse Ile, Quebec, quarantine station.

2. Of the 110 animals in quarantine, 31 are males to be used for breeding.

3. There are 79 females undergoing quarantine.

4. From July 1, 1963 through to January 31, 1966, 99 applications have been received to import Charolais cattle from France.

EXTENSION OF FISHING VESSEL ASSISTANCE PLAN TO LAKE WINNIPEG

Question No. 426—Mr. Stefanson:

Does the government plan to extend the Fishing Vessel Assistance Plan to make it available to inland fishermen including those on Lake Winnipeg and other Manitoba lakes and, if so, when will this plan be implemented?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Proposals have been made to provincial governments which administer fisheries, and their reactions are being awaited.

SALARIES AND WAGES, AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Question No. 442—Mr. Godin:

What amounts did the Department of Agriculture spend, during the years 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965 on (a) salaries and wages (b) professional and special services?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):

	Salaries and wages \$	Professional and special services \$
1961-62	47,403,043	2,261,814
1962-63	48,947,791	2,199,678
1963-64	50,375,782	2,176,891
1964-65	52,352,900	2,426,900
1965-66 (Forecast)	57,382,450	2,697,000

BIOLOGICAL STATION, GRAND RAPIDS, MAN.

Question No. 449—Mr. Stefanson:

1. Does the government plan to establish a biological station at Grand Rapids, Manitoba, to carry out research on freshwater fisheries?

2. If so, when will such a station be set up, when will it be ready for operation, and what program is contemplated?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): 1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

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PAYMENTS TO PUBLIC HANGMAN

Question No. 453—Mr. McCleave:

What were the last payments made in Canada for the services of public hangman and were these in the nature of a retainer plus extra payment for each execution carried out?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice): This information is not available. Executions are under the jurisdiction of the provincial authorities.

AIR CANADA FLIGHT TO BERMUDA—VACANT SEATS

Question No. 458—Mr. McCleave:

Were there any vacant seats on the Air Canada flight of December 3, 1965, to Bermuda and the Caribbean from Halifax International Airport and if so, how many?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The management of Air Canada advises as follows:

Due to late cancellations by invited guests there were four vacant seats.

BUTTER AND BUTTER OIL RESERVES

Question No. 472—Mr. Laprise:

1. At the present time, what are the reserves of (a) butter, and (b) butter oil, in Canada?

2. Since 1963, what have been the noticeable periods when changes were made in the volume of these reserves and what was the extent of the increases or the decreases?

3. Taking into account the variations in the volume of the reserves, was the government called upon to take any particular action, in order to re-establish the equilibrium between supply and demand and, if so, what were these measures?

4. Is the government planning to adopt a new policy in this respect, in order to stimulate production or consumption, or in order to encourage a decrease of production or consumption and, if so, what are the measures contemplated?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):

1. (a) Stocks of butter: 75 million pounds at January 1, 1966. (b) Stocks of butter oil: 0.4 million pounds at January 1, 1966.

2. Under normal production and consumption conditions, the high point in stock position is reached on October 1 and the low point on May 1.

Stocks on hand	1963	1964	1965
	(million pounds)		
May 1	101	99	53
October 1	167	138	108

3. The Agricultural Stabilization Board's stocks of butter and butter oil increased significantly during the period 1959 to 1963. In 1963 the board was authorized to dispose of some of its holding into export, and in 1963 and 1964, 46.7 million pounds of butter and