

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

the preservatives known as propyl gallate and butylated hydroxyanisole.

2. What were the payments per animal to owners for purebred and/or for graded animals so slaughtered?

## MARGARINE—GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY

**Mr. Poulin:**

1. Is there a publication issued by any department or agency of the government in which prospective consumers are advised to serve margarine during meals?

2. If so, what is the name of the said publication and under what authority is it published?

**Mr. Robertson:**

1. There is no publication issued by the nutrition division of the Department of National Health and Welfare which is concerned with margarine alone or which advises consumers to serve margarine in distinction to other spreads.

2. See answer to No. 1 above.

## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

## GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES NOT CANADIAN CITIZENS

**Mr. Fulton:**

1. How many persons have been engaged for the service of the dominion government since the commencement of the fiscal year 1950-51 to date, either as government employees or in a representative capacity (but not including temporary clerical employees, manual workers, artisans, etc., employed as such by Canadian diplomatic, trade and military establishments abroad) who (a) are not Canadian citizens, or (b) hold the nationality or citizenship of some other country in addition to Canadian citizenship?

2. Of such persons, what are the names of (a) all who are employed in a representative capacity abroad; (b) those who are employed in Canada who have not yet filed a declaration of intention to become a Canadian citizen, indicating in each case (i) the name of the country other than Canada of which he or she is a citizen or national, and (ii) the nature of such employment or service?

## BEEF AND PORK PURCHASES AND SALES

**Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain):**

1. How much beef was purchased by the government, during the year 1951 and the year 1952?

2. What was the purchase price per pound in each case?

3. How much of this has been sold to date, to whom and at what price?

4. How much pork was purchased by the government, during the year 1951 and the year 1952?

5. What was the purchase price per pound in each case?

6. How much of this has been sold to date, to whom and at what price?

7. How much was the storage and/or processing costs on the beef and pork so purchased, and to whom were these payments made?

## CATTLE SLAUGHTER—PAYMENTS

**Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain):**

1. How many cattle were slaughtered under the authority of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, during the year 1951 and the year 1952?

## ATOMIC ENERGY

## PEACETIME USE FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. George H. Hees (Broadview):** I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister, of which I have sent him notice. In view of President Eisenhower's statement yesterday as reported by the Associated Press, to the effect that the United States government proposes to end the government's present monopoly over peacetime use of atomic energy for industrial purposes, does the Canadian government propose taking similar action in the near future?

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Acting Prime Minister):** The practice of the government has been to carry out the security regulations agreed upon among the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada. Those restrictions have been relaxed from time to time, and Canada has always followed the practice prescribed by agreement among the three countries. I do not think it is fair to say that private enterprise has not been permitted to deal in atomic energy, because representatives of private enterprise are now engaged in studying the use of atomic energy for power purposes. In any case, the rules that apply to the three countries will apply in Canada.

(Translation):

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

## INQUIRY AS TO CLOSING OF VETERANS HOSPITAL AT ST. HYACINTHE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Joseph Fontaine (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Lapointe).

Does the government intend to close the veterans hospital at St. Hyacinthe? If so, when will the hospital be closed and for what reasons?

**Hon. Hugues Lapointe (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for St. Hyacinthe-Bagot (Mr. Fontaine) for having advised me of his intention to ask this question. This affords me the opportunity of making a brief statement with regard to the St. Hyacinthe hospital for the treatment of tuberculous veterans.

For some time the number of tuberculous veterans entitled to treatment has greatly