

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

cents higher than that in effect at the close of the 1962 export season. During the 1962 season the price at which cheese was exported by this board to Britain rose two and a quarter cents.

I may add that the price of Canadian cheddar cheese in Britain is about as strong as it has ever been—

**Mr. MacEwan:** The cheese or the price?

**Mr. Hays:** Hon. members across the way who do not know anything about cheese ought to know that it has to be strong, and the price was strong, too. In so far as the price of milk is concerned for the production of cheese, it is now anywhere from 10 to 27 cents a hundredweight higher than it was a year ago.

**FISHERIES**

**NORTH PACIFIC TREATY—STEPS TO INCLUDE SOVIET UNION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Fisheries whether he can indicate to the house what steps are being taken and what progress is being made toward getting the Soviet union to become a member of the north Pacific fisheries treaty?

**Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, this is a question which concerns the three countries which are taking part in the north Pacific treaty. It is probably being discussed now at the Washington meeting, but I do not believe this is a proper time for me to make any statement on this matter.

**INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. When the minister in question took his oath of office on becoming a privy councillor and a member of the cabinet, was he legal mayor of the city of Calgary at that time, and is he still the legal mayor of that city?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry, but that question is not in order.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

**INSTRUCTIONS RESPECTING MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Justice. My question is based on moral grounds. Has the minister any knowledge of a directive being sent to all

commanding officers of R.C.M.P. detachments in Canada instructing them to have dealings with certain garages and so on, to the exclusion of others, with respect to maintenance of vehicles?

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice):** My reply is equally on moral grounds, Mr. Speaker, and it is in the negative.

**REQUIREMENT THAT TELEPHONE COMPANY EMPLOYEES COMPLETE PERSONAL HISTORY FORMS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Defence Production):** On Friday last the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre asked a question relating to the personal history forms required of employees by the Bell Telephone and other provincial telephone companies. His question was whether these were required by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in order that their files on these employees may be complete.

The answer to that is no. By way of explanation I may say these contractors, including the telephone companies, who are engaged on contracts relating to security and classified work must obtain security clearance for all their employees engaged in such work, but only the employees engaged in such work. The Department of Defence Production requires such contractors to have personal history forms filled out by those employees designated by the contractors as the individuals who will be engaged in this work. This personal history form is the basis of the inquiry by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In so far as the government is concerned, the completion of these forms is required only of those contractors who have to have access to classified information, and in so far as their employees are concerned the forms are required by the government only in respect of those employees who need to have access to classified information or will be working on classified sites.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I thank the minister for the answer to this question. May I ask, by way of a supplementary question if either the Minister of Defence Production or the Minister of Justice can explain why so many employees who have no connection with anything that is classified or in the realm of security are being required to complete these forms? Could we also be told why the form has not been revised, as was promised by the previous government some months ago?

**Mr. Drury:** I think the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre will understand that this government accepts no responsibility for promises made by previous governments.