

*Canada Labour (Standards) Code*

applied for a supplement under the guaranteed income supplement program.

2. 570,705 applications have been processed.
3. 355,516 have been approved for payment of an additional \$30.
4. 196,032 have been approved for lesser additional amounts.
5. 19,157 applications have been rejected because of income in excess of the limit.

## EGG IMPORTS

Question No. 2,798—**Mr. Nasserden:**

1. How many dozens of eggs were imported into Canada during the year 1966?
2. How many dozens were imported in each of the months of January and February, 1967?

**Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce):** 1. Imports of eggs in the shell totalled 10,601,821 dozen for the year 1966.

2. No statistics are available as yet on imports for the months of January and February, 1967.

## QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

## EXPORTS OF POWDERED SKIM MILK

Question No. 2,713—**Mr. Laprise:**

1. For each year, since 1958, what quantities of (a) powdered whole milk (b) powdered skim milk, have been exported and to what countries?
2. For each year, since 1958, what quantities of (a) powdered whole milk (b) powdered skim milk, have been stocked?

Return tabled.

• (2:40 p.m.)

**CANADA LABOUR (STANDARDS) CODE**  
 AMENDMENT RESPECTING NOTICE TO  
 EMPLOYEES DISCHARGED OR  
 LAID OFF

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-284, to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code (notice and payment to employees in case of discharge or lay-off).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Knowles:** The purpose of this bill is to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code to require that employees covered by the code who have been employed for three months or more shall not be discharged or laid off except with two weeks' notice or two weeks' pay in lieu thereof.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[Mr. MacEachen.]

AMENDMENT INCREASING NUMBER OF  
 GENERAL HOLIDAYS

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-285, to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code (provision for ninth general holiday with pay).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Knowles:** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code with respect to the general holidays provided in that code. At the present time there are eight general holidays with pay each year. This bill would add a ninth, namely the first Monday in the month of August.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

## NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPORTED SPEECHES BY CHIEF OF DEFENCE  
 STAFF AND MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Did the minister give clearance, and thus approval, to the speech made by the chief of the defence staff to the International Relations Club at Bréboeuf College, in which improper motives were imputed to members of this house and particularly to privy councillors?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I did not know of the speech but I have complete confidence in the chief of the defence staff and he is at complete liberty to express himself publicly as he sees fit.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Harkness:** Then, Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege it seems to me that this is a matter in which the minister, in fact the Prime Minister and the government generally, must take some action. A report has been made as follows:

General Jean Allard, commander in chief of the Canadian armed forces, says opposition to unification mostly is a result of political ambition.

Members of the opposition in the House of Commons hope to strengthen their chances of being re-elected by opposing Defence Minister Hellyer's plan, he told a meeting of the International Relations Club at Bréboeuf College.

"I would like to ask former cabinet ministers why they are clinging to the name of the navy, army and air force..."