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attempt to browbeat a person into giving statements or affidavits, I think this is really a flagrant breach of R.C.M.P. regulations.

Has the minister launched an investigation in this connection? Can he tell us what action has been taken, if some people are responsible or guilty? Does the minister know who they are? Can he tell whether there are any accomplices? Can the minister tell us whether legal action was taken against these people? How could these people obtain R.C.M.P. cards?

I believe this is a series of questions I should like to ask and I hope the minister is in a position not only to make a statement but also supply the information.

Mr. Chairman, I will not labour the point.

I think if my questions are answered, the minister will have cleared the mystery by giving us the information we are seeking today.

Now, Mr. Chairman, before sitting down, there are other points on which I have a few words to say. I know that the question was asked on orders of the day, but it is more difficult for the minister to answer during question time than during the study of his estimates. That is why I wish to repeat the question: Would the Minister of Justice see whether the legislation on trusts and investments should not be revised so as to determine whether the owners of the National Hockey League did not infringe the law when they decided, somewhat arbitrarily, to extend their circuit and particularly in the way in which this was done. The minister said that the law does not apply in the field of services.

But let us not forget that it is not necessarily a service that is provided here, because the wage-earner is not paid by the public but by the club owner. The people pay, not to get a service, but an admission ticket. They pay for merchandise in the form of tickets. Then the club owners use the gate receipts to pay the players. It is not a case of players providing a service to spectators, but one where spectators pay an admission fee and, before a sum of money is paid to those who provide the service, that is the hockey players, there are people in between who pay, not commission, but salaries to the players.

I think the people of Canada would welcome an inquiry into this matter, because hockey has always been Canada's national sport; it is a favourite with the people and they would like to enjoy it as much as the Americans, but out of 12 N.H.L. clubs, ten are located in American cities.

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The minister could also make a statement about that and clear the matter up. He could try to find out whether there is some legislation under which the new developments that took place recently in the N.H.L. could be reconsidered.

In any case I should like to have a definite answer on the question I raised a moment ago, as to whether it is true that two individuals used R.C.M.P. identification cards to make false representations. Who were the accomplices? Who provided the cards? Is the Department of Justice instituting proceedings? What action does the department consider taking in this case?

Does the Minister of Justice intend to reply?

**Mr. Cardin:** Mr. Chairman, I took due note of the hon. member's questions.

With regard to the first point he raised, an investigation has actually been conducted. I believe the inquiries were completed a few days ago. I am now looking into the findings of the investigation, and I should be in a position, during the study of my estimates, to make a complete report on the events mentioned by the hon. member.

As to the second matter he referred to, this problem comes under the jurisdiction of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Favreau). He is not here at the moment, but I will bring the grievances of the hon. member to his attention and I am sure he will want to reply.

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Chairman, could the hon. Minister of Justice tell us whether one of the two individuals bearing R.C.M.P. cards, although they were not members of the force, was in fact a former executive secretary of a former minister of justice? Could he tell us who this former executive secretary was and for which minister he acted as executive secretary?

**Mr. Cardin:** Mr. Chairman, I think it would be better to make a complete and official statement after I have had time to refresh my memory and give as many details as possible in answer to the questions of the hon. member.

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**The Chairman:** The hon. member for Peace River.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I understand, Mr. Chairman, that the hon. member for Bow River, who spoke first for our party yesterday, had not completed his general statement. I will have an opportunity to speak later.