

## Questions

LETTER CARRIER SERVICE, WEYBURN, SASK.

Question No. 2,246—**Mr. Watson (Assiniboia):**

1. When was the last survey made in the city of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, by the Post Office Department, with a view to implementing letter carrier service?

2. What was the result of that survey?

3. Is it expected that letter carrier service will commence in 1964 and, if not, what is the earliest date this service could be expected?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General):**

1. The last survey was in September 1964.

2. It indicated that there were 2,528 available calls for letter carrier delivery and as a result this service was approved.

3. Letter carrier service will commence early in 1965 as soon as 80 per cent of the homes have been equipped with the necessary mail receiving facilities.

REQUEST FOR OLD AGE PENSION INCREASE

Question No. 2,248—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

Has the government received representations from the senior women's committee for pension increase, requesting an increase in the old age pension to \$100, tied to the cost of living, and a reduction of pension age to 65 years and, if so, what has been their reply?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes, the Minister of National Health and Welfare had a long discussion with representatives of this committee.

As any change would involve a matter of government policy, an announcement would be made by the government at the appropriate time.

BUTTER AND BUTTER OIL EXPORTS AND STORAGE

Question No. 2,255—**Mr. Doucett:**

1. What was the amount of butter the government had in storage as of October 31, 1964?

2. Was any butter exported during 1964 and, if so, how much, at what price and to whom was the butter exported?

3. What was the amount of butter oil the government had in storage as of October 31, 1964?

4. How much butter oil was sold or disposed of from February 1, 1964 to October 31, 1964?

5. What amount of butter oil, if any, was exported, and at what price and to whom was the butter oil exported?

**Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. 105,557,343 lbs.

2. Yes. 33,470,000 lbs. at 33½ cents and 7,728,000 lbs. at 36 cents per lb. all exported to Great Britain.

3. 12,759,552 lbs.

4. 50,621,949 lbs.

[Mr. Deschatelets.]

5. 49,714,991 lbs. at 27 cents per lb. exported to Great Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Chile, Cuba, Japan, Turkey, Iran, British Guiana, Formosa, Jamaica, Singapore, Greece and France.

EXTENSION OF COMBINES ACT EXEMPTION FOR B.C. FISHERMEN

Question No. 2,258—**Mr. Howard:**

With reference to the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act that nothing in the Combines Investigation Act or in section 411 of the Criminal Code shall be construed to apply to any contract, agreement or arrangement between fishermen or associations of fishermen in British Columbia, and persons or associations of persons engaged in the buying or processing of fish in British Columbia, relating to the prices, remuneration or other conditions under which fish will be caught and supplied to such persons by fishermen, which will expire on December 31, 1964, are any steps being taken to extend the said provisions beyond that date and what are those steps?

**Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice):** The matter of extension of this legislation as contained in chapter 4 of the 1962-63 statutes of Canada is receiving careful study and any decision to amend the legislation will be made known in due course in the proper way.

STUDENT LOAN APPLICATIONS

Question No. 2,262—**Mr. Coates:**

1. How many applications for student loans have been received to date?

2. Of the total number of applications, how many have been approved to date, how many rejected, and how many are still under consideration?

3. What is the breakdown from a provincial point of view as to the total number of applications received, rejected and still under consideration?

**Mr. L. T. Pennell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** 1. Not available.

2. As at October 10, 1964, 22,278 applications for certificates of eligibility had been approved. The number of such applications rejected and the number still under consideration is not available.

3. Not available.

COIN WITHOUT LIKENESS OF QUEEN

Question No. 2,264—**Mr. Coates:**

Is any action being taken by the Royal Canadian Mint to strike a coin which does not have upon it a likeness of Queen Elizabeth II?

**Mr. L. T. Pennell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** No.