

Inquiries of the Ministry

willing to comply with the request of the C.F.U. to set the price of milk at \$5 per hundredweight?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the dairy policy for next year will be announced before April 1967.

[English]

CREAM—REPORTED DELAY IN
SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture. On October 7 I asked if he would undertake to make a statement in this house with regard to what appeared to be an undue delay in the issuing of the cream subsidy cheques. At that time he replied there was a possibility his estimates would be called later that day and he would be prepared to make a full statement with regard to this matter at that time.

Well, Mr. Speaker, as you know his estimates were not called that day and they have not been called since. I wonder if the minister would give us now a reasonably full statement respecting this delay, so the letters members are getting can be answered and so the cream shippers will understand why these cheques are not getting to them as quickly as they think they should.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): As the hon. member knows, Mr. Speaker, the cream subsidy cheques only go out every three months; therefore to date there has been only one payment. The second payment to the cream shippers would be going out in November. There has been some delay in the province of Alberta by reason of the fact that returns from some plants came in late. As a matter of fact some have only made their first returns recently, and some of those returns were inadequate. This situation is being cleared up between the plants and the officials of the stabilization board at the present time. If the hon. member wants a specific report about Alberta, I will be pleased to send it to him in writing.

REQUEST FOR DATA RESPECTING
RETAIL PRICING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. I apologize for not giving him notice, but the question is concrete and timely.

I would ask the minister if the department intends to expand or has expanded its price

[Mr. Latulippe.]

data gathering function so as to include the gathering of price data relevant to retail pricing.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member ought to place that question on the order paper.

[Translation]

LABOUR GAZETTE

DELAY IN DELIVERY OF FRENCH EDITION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J.-A. Mongrain (Trois-Rivières): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. A few months ago, in reply to a question I had put to him, the minister told me that around September or October the French edition of the *Labour Gazette* would be published at the same time as the English edition. And yet, I received this morning the French edition of the July issue, that is three months late.

Could the minister tell us why his promise did not come true in September?

[English]

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I am just as disappointed as the hon. member. We did make some progress during the first six months of this year toward bringing out the issues not simultaneously but much closer together. I have been disturbed by the delay. I am looking into it, and I will advise the hon. member shortly of the results of my inquiries.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

INQUIRY AS TO METHOD OF APPOINTMENT
OF RETURNING OFFICERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): I wonder if the Secretary of State would make an early statement to the house covering the manner in which the various returning officers have been appointed all across Canada, and in particular outlining the methods of choice, in order that the house may be assured that the appointments were made on the basis of merit and experience rather than constituting another example of Liberal patronage.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Well, Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to tell my hon. friend right now that the method of appointment is by order in council.