ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following answers, deposited with the Clerk of the house, are printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

MARCEL GRENIER

Question No. 47—**Mr. Rouleau:**

1. Was Mr. Marcel Grenier appointed to a permanent position by the civil service commission as auditor in the office of the district auditor's office of the unemployment insurance commission at St. Jerome, Quebec, in October, 1952?
2. Was Mr. Grenier dismissed in July, 1956?
3. If so, on what grounds?
4. Was an order in council passed pursuant to section 52, Civil Service Act, chapter 48, R.S.C., 1952?

Answer by: **Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Acting Minister of Labour):**

1. Yes, effective September 1, 1952.
2. Yes, effective July 5, 1956.
3. Failure to comply with instructions with regard to travelling expense accounts.
4. No.

RADIOACTIVITY TESTS

Question No. 59—**Mr. Martin (Essex East):**

1. Have recent tests been made in the level of radioactivity with regard to permissible limits?
2. Do these permissible limits correspond to those laid down by the national committee on radiation protection and measurement in the United States?
3. Are tests made of samples of milk to determine whether or not radioactivity exceeds the maximum permissible concentration for regular consumption?
4. According to the latest tests in Canada, what has been the concentration of strontium 90 found in milk samples?
5. Have other foods been selected for purposes of testing radioactivity levels in Canada?

Answer by: **Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare):**

1. Yes.
2. The recommendations of the international commission on radiological protection serve as a guide to the radiation protection work of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The United States national committee on radiation protection and measurement works in close co-operation with the international commission, and their recommended maximum permissible levels correspond closely.
3. Yes.
4. The strontium 90 content of the milk powder samples tested in February ranged from about 4 to about 15 micromicrocuries per gram of calcium. These figures may have to be slightly revised when further calibration data are available.
5. Yes.