

## Questions

boards and blocks of cork, ripe olives in brine and unset diamonds. Canada also agreed to bind the existing rates on corks and to reduce the duty on manufactures of cork from 15 per cent to 10 per cent.

Canada did not negotiate directly with Cambodia, but all tariff reductions agreed upon between Cambodia and third countries will be available to Canada. The results of these negotiations will be announced later. With respect to Spain, negotiations have been successfully concluded between Canada and Spain and it is expected that the results of all Spain's negotiations will be made public shortly.

I wish now to table three copies each of the protocols providing for the accession of Israel and Portugal to the general agreement which Canada signed at Geneva on April 6.

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the minister leave to table these documents?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

## POST OFFICE ACT

## AMENDMENTS RESPECTING RATES ON CULTURAL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Hon. W. M. Hamilton (Postmaster General)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-88, to amend the Post Office Act.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace):** This bill is designed to implement certain recommendations contained in the report of the royal commission on publications and, specifically, to eliminate for all publications local delivery rates of postage and to reduce rates on cultural publications and certain other special classes, allowing the first 5,000 copies of such publications to be carried free of charge.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

## QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

## \*SURVEY OF INDIAN RESERVES, SASK.

Question No. 424—**Mr. Howard:**

With respect to Mr. Joseph Dreaver and his duties to survey the Indians of Saskatchewan in respect of their reactions and recommendations concerning the findings of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons on Indian affairs (a) has he made any report or reports as to his findings; and, if so, what does the report or reports contain (b) is he under any obligation to report by a certain time; and, if so, what are the details surrounding this (c) what procedures and systems does he use in conducting this survey, and who developed them (d) how long will he be employed (e) what travelling expenses have

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been incurred (f) what are the names of the reserves which he has visited in the course of his survey, and upon what dates did he visit each such reserve (g) has he visited any organizations of Indians; and, if so, upon what dates?

**Mrs. Fairclough:** The answer to this question is as follows:

(a) Yes. An interim report has been received, the contents of which are privileged.

(b) Further reports will be submitted by Mr. Dreaver from time to time as the survey progresses.

(c) The systems and procedure to be used in the survey are the responsibility of Mr. Dreaver.

(d) One year or until such time as the survey is completed, whichever is the lesser.

(e) Travelling expenses are included in the per diem payment for Mr. Dreaver's services.

(f) Mr. Dreaver has visited the Big River, Sandy Lake, Muskeg Lake, Wahpaton Sioux, Red Pheasant and Sweet Grass Indian reserves. The information as to dates of these visits is not presently available.

(g) Yes. Mr. Dreaver has met with members of the Onion Lake and Meadow Lake bands, a member of the executive of the Queen Victoria treaty association, the executive committee of the federation of Saskatchewan Indians, the president of the independent Indian association, members of the executive of the Battleford, Regina and Prince Albert Indian and Metis societies. Mr. Dreaver has also met with Indian trappers at Prince Albert and Indians from northern Saskatchewan reserves at Buffalo Narrows.

## BUTTER OIL—SALES, AMOUNT IN STORAGE, ETC.

Question No. 449—**Mr. Matheson:**

1. How much butter taken into storage has had to be converted into butter oil since March 31, 1958?

2. What volume of butter oil has been sold since March 31, 1958, and for what total price?

3. What volume of butter oil is now held in storage, and what is its approximate value?

4. What is the estimated loss sustained since March 31, 1958, as a result of failure to sell butter in that form and its necessary conversion to butter oil?

**Answer by: Mr. Charlton:**

1. No butter had to be converted to butter oil, but as the weight of butter oil is approximately 80 per cent of the weight of butter, conversion is desirable in order that storage costs be minimized. Since March 31, 1958, 100,215,629 pounds of butter have been converted to butter oil.

2. 1,762,087 pounds of butter oil have been sold for \$1,374,427.86.

3. 78,474,292 pounds of butter oil, with an inventory value of \$61,209,947.76.

4. The saving in storage costs will compensate for the cost of converting butter to butter oil and therefore there is no loss to date.