

### Oral Questions

provinces have used those funds for other purposes and, if so, which would those provinces be?

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**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** No, Mr. Speaker, I have not.

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### FISHERIES

#### NEWFOUNDLAND—DESTRUCTION OF GEAR OF SALMON FISHERMEN BY STORM—REQUEST THAT NETS HELD IN STORAGE BY DEPARTMENT BE SUPPLIED

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Fisheries who is in the House but not in his seat at the moment. It has to do with the fact that the same storm which caused so much damage in Nova Scotia over the weekend also destroyed many salmon nets in Newfoundland. As the department has in its possession and in storage salmon nets which it bought from fishermen, would the minister make those salmon nets available to the fishermen whose gear was destroyed so they can continue to take advantage of what appears to be a good salmon run this year?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, this question has already been raised by several members from Newfoundland and I have promised them, as I will promise the hon. member, that we will look into that suggestion. It may be a good idea.

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### INCOME TAX

#### FARM MARKETING QUOTAS—REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION AS CAPITAL ASSETS RATHER THAN ITEMS OF GOODWILL

**Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of continuing representations that are being made to the minister by farmers and farm organizations with respect to what they call the inequities in the retroactive taxation of farm marketing quotas, can the minister inform the House whether he intends to introduce legislation to reclassify these quotas as capital assets rather than as items of goodwill?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I think the relevant time to discuss that, and I would be prepared to discuss it, would be when Bill C-193 is at the committee stage.

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### FRUIT

#### ACTION TO PROTECT SOFT FRUIT GROWERS FROM CHEAP IMPORTS

**Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. I would refer him to the recommendation of the Standing Commit-

[Mr. La Salle.]

tee on Agriculture by resolution with regard to the protection of the soft fruit growers of Canada from cheap imports that threaten to come in below their cost of production. Would the Prime Minister advise the House what action has been taken and what his intentions are in regard to this matter?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, this is a matter on which the Minister of Agriculture speaks on behalf of the government.

**Mr. Whittaker:** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister does not know of this resolution which was referred to the government and as the Minister of Agriculture has said he is sympathetic to the cause of the soft fruit growers, will the minister tell the House what action he has taken on their behalf?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, what I said I meant. We are sympathetic to their cause and if we are going to take action it will be announced in due course.

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### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

#### RENFREW-PEMBROKE—POSSIBLE DISCONTINUANCE OF DEPRESSED AREA DESIGNATION AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1973

**Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Is it a fact that, as was recently reported in an article in the *Globe and Mail*—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member cannot ask a minister to confirm or deny statements which have appeared in newspapers. The question should be asked directly.

**Mr. Dick:** Is it a fact that, as a result of the review by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion of its various programs, the department has received a study report which states that the specially designated depressed area of Renfrew-Pembroke should not have its special designation continue past December 31, 1973?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** No, Mr. Speaker, not in the manner in which the hon. member has asked the question. I am at somewhat of a disadvantage, not having seen the item which we are not allowed to refer to, but I will be glad to investigate and report to the hon. member later.

**Mr. Dick:** A supplementary question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I would hope that there would be few supplementaries as we are coming to the end of the question period. If we are to have five or six more questions there should not be any supplementaries.

**Mr. Dick:** Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, the minister might read the *Globe and Mail* of June—