

development instead of "pitching the boat to and fro" by dabbling with monetary policy. Dr. Smith contends that 100,000 jobs would be created and that the \$21 billion deficit in manufactured goods this year could be cut in half. Will the Minister of Finance, therefore, take this good advice and restore vitally needed educational support for young Canadians so that these 100,000 jobs will be filled by trained Canadians, not by people from foreign lands?

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Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, I appreciate the comments made by Dr. Smith. I would refer the hon. member and Dr. Smith to the document tabled at the time of the budget entitled, "Economic Development for Canada in the 1980s"—in which was outlined very clearly the approach of the government to research and technology in Canada. Probably both Dr. Smith and my hon. friend would be further inspired by reading that very interesting paper.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL OFFICE

Hon. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. I should like to ask the minister to clear up speculation that the provincial office of DREE is being moved out of the provincial capital of New Brunswick. Any move to place distance between a multi-purpose development body like DREE, or its successor, and the New Brunswick government would appear to downgrade the co-operative role DREE has always played and for which it has always justly been given great credit in New Brunswick. Will the minister tell the House whether or not it is his intention to move the provincial office of DREE out of the provincial capital of New Brunswick? Is he considering such a move, or a reduction in staff at this office?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, in the course of developing ideas for the most effective integration of Regional Economic Expansion and Industry, Trade and Commerce, officials have been looking at a number of options. I will be reviewing them shortly, but no final decisions have been taken on them. However, I can assure my hon. friend that the new department will be a very vigorous, active and supportive presence in the province of New Brunswick in future, as it is now and as it has been in the past.

Mr. Howie: Madam Speaker, the minister's clarification is just as clear as muddy water. The minister will appreciate the apprehension of the people of New Brunswick because he will recall that the gutting of the rail passenger service followed

rumours and studies like this, and that the people were denied any meaningful input.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF RELOCATION

Hon. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Madam Speaker, will the minister be specific and tell the House exactly how many people employed by the DREE office in Fredericton may be required to move, forced to sell their homes and to try to buy new ones when mortgage interest rates are at an all-time high? Is he prepared to sacrifice the efficiency of DREE and provincial co-operation to fulfil a bureaucratic nightmare?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, no final decisions have been taken with respect to the location of offices in the province. I will certainly keep the concerns of my hon. friend in mind.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

JAMES BAY AGREEMENT—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON TAIT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It concerns the implementation of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. Last week, in answer to a question by the hon. member for Cochrane-Superior, the minister said that the decision on the Tait report which was before cabinet would come down in a reasonable amount of time. That report has been before cabinet for 12 weeks. We were assured in committee by the Cree this morning that their situation is desperate. Could the minister give us a very firm commitment today on when we might hear the cabinet's decision on the Tait report?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes, Madam Speaker, soon; very soon.

SAFETY OF WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, in a letter dated March 19, 1982, to the chief of the Paint Hills Band, the minister stated that the water supply for that village was now safe because of measures taken by his department last summer, but on March 9 staff from the Quebec ministry of the environment found that the water was heavily contaminated, so contaminated that it must be boiled for washing clothes. Could the minister tell us what measures he took last summer to make the water safe? I want to remind the Minister that in that village four children died in the summer of 1980 from gastroenteritis caused by the same type of contamination that is in the water right now. What will the minister do about this deplorable situation?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Madam Speaker, the hon. member