

Oral Questions

FISHERIES

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN IN VIEW OF
ICE CONDITIONS**

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries. Can the minister tell the House what action he proposes to take with respect to requests made to him by the Premier of Newfoundland and the provincial Minister of Fisheries in Newfoundland for emergency assistance to help the fishermen who are prevented from fishing because of severe ice conditions?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, the income problem faced by the fishermen on the Atlantic shores due to ice is under active consideration.

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MANPOWER

**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR
TERMINATION OF GRANTS TO PROJECTS RELATED TO
ROCHDALE COLLEGE**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and it arises from my recent questioning regarding the troubled Rochdale College in Toronto following which I received a letter from the minister, for which I thank him. Because of the fact that the minister now confirms there is still a total of \$110,000 in LIP grants outstanding to individuals or organizations associated with Rochdale, and due to the tragic and deplorable events which are continually taking place at that drug infested institution, I ask the minister to advise the House why his department has not, or in fact is not even considering, any action for the premature termination of these grants?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I think I went on to say in the same letter to which the hon. member refers that not all those projects which are even remotely associated with Rochdale were located in Rochdale. I think the fact that some tenant may be occupying space in the building or may have some other remote connection does not call for the cancellation of a worthwhile project. Projects are being examined on their merits. I might say that the whole affair is probably superceded by the termination date of May 31, and I do not know at this moment whether any of these will be eligible for extension.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

**POLICY ON DESIGNATED AND SPECIAL AREAS—
DISCUSSION WITH QUÉBEC**

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a question of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Since there have recently been meetings with the Quebec government concerning designated or special

[*Mr. Speaker.*]

areas which should be announced soon, at the same time as the departmental policy, can the minister assure us that the recommendations or proposals made by the Quebec government will not only be examined but taken into serious consideration?

[*English*]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, obviously the answer is yes. They will get very serious consideration.

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TRADE

**LUMBER—ALLEGED SHORTAGE FOR HOME BUILDERS—
REQUEST FOR EXPORT CONTROLS**

Mr. Trevor Morgan (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the continual rise of shelter costs, and in view of the high percentage of lumber generally used for home building here in Canada presently being shipped to Japan causing a lack of lumber which has raised the price here in Canada some 300 per cent in the last two years, will the minister consider imposing export quotas on lumber being shipped out of this country?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, my answer to the question on export controls on lumber is no but, as the hon. member probably realizes, we do have export controls on Canadian logs.

[*Later:*]

**LUMBER—ALLEGED SHORTAGE OF HARDWOOD FOR
FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS—REQUEST FOR EXPORT
CONTROLS**

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that of the hon. member for St. Catharines and I address it to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact that his predecessor in the portfolio spent a great deal of the taxpayers' money building up the furniture industry in Quebec and eastern Canada in general for export purposes, and as there are industry reports that they are now short of lumber to carry out their commitments due to this expansion, would the minister indicate whether he is willing to reconsider his stance of no export controls such as we have on copper, natural gas and oil?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I understand from conversations that I have had with lumber producer groups, particularly hardwood, that hardwood lumber production in Canada has increased significantly, in fact 24 per cent last year over 1971. The current trend indicates that during the past year Canadian hardwood lumber consumers have received an increasing share of Canadian production supplemented by larger net increases in imports of both hardwood logs and lumber.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, does the minister contradict the reports coming