

Health and Welfare. Is his department making any arrangements to import a new treatment for multiple sclerosis from Russia? I may say my understanding is that it has been used extensively in western Europe.

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to take notice of that question and report to the hon. member later.

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POWER

PROPOSED JAMES BAY HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT— DATE OF PUBLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the fact that some 1,300 men are now working on the James Bay project and contracts are being issued monthly, will the Prime Minister inform the House when the environmental study on the impact of this project, which affects Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, will be made public?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am informed that both governments are discussing the date of release now, and it is likely to be before the middle of January.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

RELATIONSHIP OF LOSS OF JOBS IN ONTARIO TO INCENTIVE GRANTS

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the report issued by the Ontario government that in 1971 36 companies shut down or curtailed operations in Ontario costing 4,341 workers their jobs, would the minister inform the House whether his department has made any studies which would establish whether or not those lost jobs in Ontario were directly or indirectly linked to industrial incentive grants given to industries in designated regions?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, each time an application is made to the department, this aspect is taken into consideration so that we make no grant if we believe that this would result in a loss of jobs in another province.

[English]

Mr. Peters: As a supplementary question, would the minister tell the House what is the basis of his contention that jobs created under this program are not affecting jobs elsewhere?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member will appreciate that questions such as this are very wide in scope and normally would be answered by way of general statements on motions.

Inquiries of the Ministry

POSSIBLE REPAYMENT OF GRANTS BY INDUSTRIES IN WHICH LAY-OFFS OCCUR

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Is the government making any attempt to retrieve funds paid out under the regional industrial incentives program to firms that subsequently had substantial lay-offs, and is this matter being reviewed, as I understand that about \$1.5 million was paid to firms that subsequently had lay-offs?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the government's policy is to recover grants that have been made and not used for the purpose of creating jobs.

I know that we were slow in doing this in a few cases, because there was some hope that the business would start operating again. The government's policy is to do what the hon. member suggests.

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THE MINISTRY

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MINISTER FOR EASTERN REGION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister a question.

Since at the end of every year they speak about a cabinet reshuffle, would the Prime Minister consider the appointment of a minister of state for eastern Canada within the Department of Agriculture?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having suggested that we should have an even greater number of ministers and I will consider that suggestion as an urgent matter.

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[English]

TRADE

GOVERNMENT POLICY FOR INDUSTRIES SEEKING PROTECTION FROM FOREIGN IMPORTS

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce I should like to direct a question to his parliamentary secretary. It is based on the rather interesting document that was tabled today. I would like to ask the parliamentary secretary if the government has accepted the recommendation made in this document, and is it now government policy that when an industry seeks redress for cheaper imports from foreign countries the government will not grant such redress if in its opinion an alternative method of manufacturing can be economically employed?

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, it is a question of whether serious injury is found or not, and in this instance the investigation showed there was no serious injury. As a result of that, the government does not