

5. What is the value of the carrageen imported into Canada from the countries mentioned in part (3) above?

6. What is the estimated cost of constructing a carrageen extracting plant in the Maritimes?

7. Have representations been received from the Government of Prince Edward Island or any other groups or organizations advocating the establishment of such a plant or plants?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. The Department of Fisheries and Forestry has been following developments and it is its

understanding that private interests are studying the feasibility of locating extraction plant facilities in the Maritimes region.

2. The Department of Fisheries and Forestry is involved in this matter however other departments are involved in other aspects of this industry.

3 and 4. The quantity and value of exports of Irish moss to (a) Denmark (b) the United States in the years 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968 are as follows:

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Year	Denmark		United States	
	Quantity cwt.	Value \$'000	Quantity cwt.	Value \$'000
1965	30,633	289	62,445	681
1966	69,032	634	72,515	793
1967	45,603	602	90,665	1,270
1968	69,074	979	113,838	1,619

5. Imports of carrageen are recorded in DBS commodity class 219-99—"crude vegetable materials inedible n.e.s. (not elsewhere specified)" and no separate statistics are available on this commodity.

6. One million and upwards.

7. Yes.

INDIAN AFFAIRS—CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Question No. 2,399—**Mr. Robinson:**

Does the federal government intend to meet with the provinces to consider the respective governmental responsibility for Indian Affairs in the fields of (a) education (b) employment (c) use of lands as farming, mineral resources and power resources?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes.

BILINGUALISM PROGRAM—INDIANS AND ESKIMOS

Question No. 2,408—**Mr. Robinson:**

Does the federal government intend to embark on a program of bilingualism with the native populations of Indians and Eskimos in Canada and, if so, will both French and/or English be offered?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Indian and Eskimo children across Canada whether enrolled in a provincial or federal school fol-

low the provincial or territorial curriculum of the province or territory in which they attend school. Therefore, programs of bilingualism developed in provincial/territorial departments of education will be made available to Indian and Eskimo children. The federal government does not intend to embark upon a separate or distinct bilingual program for the Indian and Eskimo population of Canada.

SALES TAX ON PHARMACEUTICALS AND DRUGS—EFFECT OF REMOVAL

Question No. 2,494—**Mr. Saltsman:**

1. What was the sales tax on pharmaceuticals and drugs before its removal by the federal government?

2. When was the sales tax on pharmaceuticals and drugs removed?

3. At the time of removal of the sales tax, what was the prescription index of the consumer price index for Canada and the major cities of Canada according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics?

4. Three months after the removal of the sales tax, what was the prescription index of the consumer price index for Canada and the major cities of Canada, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics?

5. What specific machinery was established to ensure that the removal of the sales tax on pharmaceuticals and drugs was passed on to the consumer as stated by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in *Hansard* of June 5, 1969?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am