

*Inquiries of the Ministry***WATER RESOURCES**

## INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF WATER ACT

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of resources. My question relates to the long awaited water act which he expected to introduce in mid-July. May I ask the minister whether there is any possibility that this act will surface this summer?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, mid-July was the hon. member's expression. The end of July was my expression, and it remains my expression.

**Mr. Aiken:** A supplementary question. May I take it from the series of answers that have been given that the government is waiting for the house to adjourn before introducing this legislation?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Victoria-Haliburton.

**Mr. Aiken:** A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I heard the hon. member's question but as asked I do not think it is in order.

**FINANCE**

## INFLATIONARY EFFECTS OF POSSIBLE BELL CANADA RATE INCREASE

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Has the Department of Finance considered the possible inflationary effects of a rate increase being granted to Bell Canada of the extent that is now being sought? If so, what conclusions have been drawn by the department?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I believe this is a hypothetical question; the hearings are not finished.

**TOURISM**

## INQUIRY AS TO REVIEW OF ADVERTISING PROGRAMS

**Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and it relates to tourism. Will the minister advise whether Canada's trade and tourist advertising programs are now under specific review?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** No, Mr. Speaker. The decisions that need to be made are made with respect to the publicity program of the Canadian Travel Bureau.

**CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

## INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he has been able to make any progress in selecting a new chairman for the Cape Breton Development Corporation. Can he also inform the house when he expects to be in a position to announce the appointment of a chairman?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we have made some progress but I am not in a position to make any announcement.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Will the Prime Minister give the house the assurance that he will give this task very high priority? I am sure the Prime Minister will agree that any substantial delay in filling that office might very well prejudice the work of the corporation as it affects the communities concerned.

**Mr. Trudeau:** I do agree with the hon. gentleman. Mr. Speaker, and we are giving the matter high priority.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

## LONDON, ONT.—CLOSING OF KELVINATOR PLANT—PROVISION OF WORK FOR JOBLESS

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that the Kelvinator Company of Canada plant in London has now been closed, putting about 300 employees out of work, and also in view of the fact that on February 10 the Minister of Labour assured the house on behalf of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration that this minister's department would seek to prevent these lay-offs or, alternatively, help these men find other employment, what is now being done for the 90 per cent of the men who are without jobs?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the full facilities of the department are at the disposal of the employer and the employees.