

Inquiries of the Ministry

Cape Breton Broadcasters Ltd., which is now providing television services to the Cape Breton and Eastern Nova areas, met with the CBC in order to reach agreement on the best way to give to the public in these regions a second TV channel.

Technically and financially, however, extending TV coverage in that area is very difficult. For instance, separate technical facilities would be required for broadcasting in the various regions of that territory. I might add however that Cape Breton Broadcasters Ltd., the CBC and the CRTC will get together very soon in order to determine exactly what has to be done and to draft a schedule of the work required in that region.

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MANPOWER**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON AVAILABILITY OF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. As has been requested on other occasions, will the minister make a statement on motions very shortly concerning the proposed plans for the employment of students during the coming summer months in view of the desperate plight of many students in respect of summer employment?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I intend to make a statement early in the week.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister also make a statement concerning the plans the government has for the employment of those who are not students?

HEALTH AND WELFARE**CYCLAMATE BAN—SAFETY OF SUBSTITUTE SWEETENERS**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the ban on cyclamates for use in dietetic foods and drinks, would the minister inform the House what substitute sweeteners will replace them and what steps his department has taken to ensure that the new artificial sweeteners are actually safe?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I am aware that the industry has developed substi-

tutes which the Food and Drug Directorate is looking into in order to determine their safety. I shall be glad to inform the hon. member of the precise particulars later.

NATIONAL REVENUE**EXTENSION OF TAX RETURN DEADLINE BECAUSE OF WESTERN CANADA FLOODS**

Mr. Gerald Richard Cobbe (Portage): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Is the government considering extending the period in which people can file their income tax returns in view of the fact that people in many parts of western Canada have been forced to leave their homes owing to serious flooding?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I know of no such plans, Mr. Speaker. However, I shall take the matter up with the Minister of National Revenue.

INDUSTRY**TIRES—MEETINGS WITH COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Has he concluded his meetings with the rubber industry representatives? If so, has the minister reached any conclusions and is he prepared to make a statement respecting these meetings?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Not today, Mr. Speaker. I shall inquire, however, on the progress of these negotiations going on between the industry and my department and keep the House informed.

TELEVISION TUBES—MEETINGS WITH MANUFACTURERS

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): In view of the crisis facing the television tube manufacturers in Canada, is it the minister's intention to call the tube manufacturers together in order to have similar meetings to work out a rationalization program?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the question implies that my department is not in touch with the tube manufacturers. That is incorrect. Conversations go on all the time and we try to help as much as we can. I should like to emphasize once again that if