

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, as briefly as you will allow me may I say, first of all, that the difficulty is that we are prepared and willing to remove it at the earliest possible moment. However, as my hon. friend knows, we are experiencing a series of hurricanes at the present time, so this is hardly the time for us to start the work. The experts are now examining whether there will be an appropriate time before winter conditions set in to raise the vessel. If that is not the case, we will leave it until the best time available in the early part of 1972. But we shall do it at the best possible time.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I bring to the attention of hon. members that there are only about three minutes left before the end of the question period. Therefore I wonder whether we should have too many supplementaries.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary question, but first on a question of privilege may I direct the attention of the House to the presence of a distinguished citizen of Prince Edward Island in the gallery, the former premier of Prince Edward Island, the Hon. Walter R. Shaw.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Since this matter is of grave concern to all Prince Edward Islanders, I wonder whether the minister can indicate for what reason the various steps that he outlined to us here in the House and in the letter to me last week were not taken earlier?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is debate.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON RESULTS ACHIEVED UNDER FIRST AGREEMENT WITH QUEBEC**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the fact that last week another agreement was signed in connection with the Gaspé between his department and the province of Quebec, will the minister make a statement on the results achieved under the first agreement between his department and that province?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): That is not my intention, Mr. Speaker.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE**INQUIRY AS TO PAY INCREASE FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the President of the Treasury Board. In light of the white paper on defence and in order to uplift the spirits of the members of the Canadian Armed Forces, would he comment on whether or not they can expect their pay raise before the end of this month?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): I would not like to comment on that, Mr. Speaker. An announcement, when appropriate, will be made by the Minister of National Defence.

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**NEW BRUNSWICK—IMPROVEMENT OF FRENCH TELEVISION NETWORK**

Mr. Herb Breau (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Secretary of State.

Could he tell the House if the CBC has suggested a solution for improving the French television service in northwestern New Brunswick, following the CRTC statement that such service was not satisfactory?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker, a CBC proposal is before the government in this connection.

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• (3:00 p.m.)

[English]

NATIONAL PARKS**REQUEST FOR MINISTER'S SUPPORT IN SECURING VACATED NATIONAL DEFENCE PROPERTIES**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Will he give his support to the National and Provincial Parks Association in respect of their representations to the Department of National Defence for the release for the purpose of park development of properties it has vacated?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest this question might well have been placed on the order paper, but perhaps the minister might reply as briefly as possible.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, this question is being very seriously considered and I am pleased to tell the House that this summer we had the privilege of signing with Ontario an agreement for the establishment of a new national park.

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[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**STEPS TO PREVENT PRODUCTION SHIFTS FROM UNITED STATES-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES TO PARENT COMPANIES**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. As a result of the recent United States measures and other proposals aimed at increasing United States domestic production, can he now inform the House what steps, if any, will be taken by the government to prevent production