

Inquiries of the Ministry

a number of reasons, including evaluation of safety, efficacy and commercial suitability.

2. Viruses to be used as insecticides will have to be registered under the Pest Control Products Act and meet the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act insofar as acceptability is concerned. Fish, Wildlife and Forestry authorities will also be consulted in evaluating data to determine whether the insecticides should be accepted for registration under the Pest Control Products Act.

3. Precautions are those required under the Pest Control Products Act which include: (a) A full description of the insecticide including the chemical and/or biological properties of the active principle. (b) Evidence of effectiveness under field-use conditions. (c) Full description of the manufacturing process. (d) Assurance as to the safety of the product. (e) Approval of directions for, and conditions of use. (f) Any other measures which are deemed to be in the public interest to reduce risks.

4. Scientists in the Departments of Agriculture, National Health and Welfare, Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Fisheries and Forestry; United States Department of Agriculture and the World Health Organization. Also the Society of Invertebrate Pathology, the clearing house for information on insect pathogens used for insect control.

5. No. However, officials in departments having a responsibility for the control and use of insecticides are maintaining a watching brief on research papers and commercial developments both in Canada and in other countries.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

RESEARCH BRANCH STUDIES, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

Question No. 1—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. For the fiscal years 1968-1969 and 1969-1970 what specific research studies have been or are being undertaken by the Research Branch of the Department of Manpower and Immigration?

2. Who are the individuals involved in these studies, and when is it anticipated that these studies will be completed?

Return tabled.

Mr. Diefenbaker: In connection with starred question No. 268, Mr. Speaker, may I point out that this was asked by me on October 23, over a month ago. It concerns the

total amount of expenditures by the Company of Young Canadians for 1969 and, further, the names of staff members who receive salaries between \$10,000 and \$15,000, over \$15,000 and over \$20,000. It seems inexcusable that a simple question like this should not be answered. As I understand the rules, starred questions are to be answered within three days, if we are to follow the course taken in the United Kingdom, and such delays as this can only indicate the terrible mess the finances of that organization must be in.

• (2:30 p.m.)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): I have a question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, based on his statement that our attention or the attention of the government—sometimes I do not know which is which—would be directed toward so-called genetic engineering beginning in the seventies, that is, next year.

Mr. Trudeau: Is this going to be funny?

Mr. Baldwin: If the government has any serious thoughts on this issue, is it the intention to provide an opportunity for discussion in a parliamentary committee at an early date?

While the right hon. gentleman is pondering the significance of that question, may I ask whether in making that statement he has taken into account the experience of the Hitler years in Germany in selective breeding? Is this an attempt to get the state back into the nation's bedrooms again?

OIL

STRAIT OF GEORGIA—ISSUANCE OF DRILLING PERMITS

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I direct a question to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Has he received representations from the board of the regional district of Nanaimo and other interested bodies regarding proposed oil drilling in the Georgia Strait and the coastal waters of British Columbia? May I also ask whether any decision has been reached on whether such oil drilling permits will be granted by the government of Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I believe the question was whether I had