

Inquiries of the Ministry

the House when the Bank of Canada will release the next bill in its new series of colourful currency which began with the psychedelic \$20 bill?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): I really cannot, Mr. Speaker. I shall have to take the question as notice.

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FAMILY INCOME SECURITY**EFFECT OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ALLOWANCES ON BIRTH RATE**

Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser): My question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has the minister's department conducted any studies or contemplated initiating any studies to ascertain whether the increase in family allowances to low income and large families will have any effect on the birth rate?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Studies of this kind have been conducted. We are satisfied that in terms of allowances it certainly does not cover the cost of maintaining a child for a month, as the hon. member must be aware. It would therefore be only a marginal incentive toward a large family.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**WITHDRAWAL OF CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL BY PARENTS BECAUSE OF ALLEGED LACK OF FACILITIES**

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): My question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the fact that there is a rumour around that the minister prefers to keep Indians undereducated because they are easier to control that way—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that he cannot ask a question based on a premise in those terms. The question should be asked directly.

Mr. Yewchuk: I will ask it more directly, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate whether he intends to go to northeastern Alberta to meet personally with the chiefs of the Saddle Lake-Athabasca district to discuss problems of Indian education in that area?

• (3:40 p.m.)

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member was in the House more often, he would have heard the answer I gave yesterday—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the minister might also reply to the question directly.

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Last Thursday and Friday I met with the chairman of the Alberta Indian Association and we both

[Mr. Reid.]

agreed that an official from my department would go to Cold Lake today. The official is there and I will make a decision after I have studied his report.

[English]

Mr. Yewchuk: Could the minister indicate whether he received a telegram from the chiefs of the Saddle Lake-Athabasca district yesterday requesting that he personally attend in northeastern Alberta for a meeting with them?

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question, asked in those terms, is not in order. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar.

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MANPOWER**EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR TRAINING**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): May I address a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Given that federal funds are being distributed under the Canada Manpower training program somewhat less than equitably among the provinces, as demonstrated in the last annual review of the Economic Council of Canada—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that the question should be asked without argument. Perhaps the question could now be asked directly.

Mr. Gleave: Has the minister considered taking creative action so that unemployed workers in Saskatchewan will get the same chance to be trained as the unemployed in more prosperous regions?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the allocation of training allowances is reviewed each year with an eye on the employment situation in the province, on the training demand in the province, and on the training places available. I reject completely the argument of the hon. member which was out of order.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for St. John's East. I apologize to the hon. member. I will first recognize the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar on a supplementary question and then end the question period on a very happy note by recognizing the hon. member for St. John's East.

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, would the minister ensure that federal training expenditure in Saskatchewan, which in 1969-70 amounted to \$695 per capita of unemployed compared with \$949 in Alberta and \$1,138 in Nova Scotia, is increased to an equitable level?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this is not a supplementary question but argument.