

DISCUSSION WITH PROVINCES ON INCLUSION OF
PARAMEDICAL SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister say whether discussions are still going on with regard to the inclusion of paramedical services under medicare, such as optometry, chiropractic, osteopathy and the like?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The general answer is yes, Mr. Speaker, but at the moment the discussions are more concerned with making more flexible financial arrangements in sharing the cost of health services.

• (2:50 p.m.)

INCREASE IN GONORRHEA—SUGGESTED EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAM AND EXPANSION OF TREATMENT FACILITIES

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): I should like to address my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the alarming statistics on the incidence of gonorrhea in Canada recently reported by the department of National Health and Welfare, has the minister considered instituting an educational program to check the rapid spread of this infection and expanding treatment facilities with the possibility of the use of the new antibiotic, menocycline?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): We have noted the statistics to which the hon. member has referred and we have had meetings between the federal and provincial officials to examine the whole area. We think that we have generally worked out satisfactory joint endeavours to cope with the problem.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

MURDER AT STE. THÉRÈSE—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON
CONDITIONAL PAROLE OF KILLER

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Solicitor General concerning the murder which happened yesterday in the town of Sainte-Thérèse.

According to newspaper reports, the alleged murderer would have been paroled against his will. Is the Solicitor General aware of that fact and could he tell the House why that individual was released against his will? Does he intend to report to the House in this connection?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the individual was not released against his will. Since August, he had been working outside the institution in a normal way. The fact remains that the day the murder was committed, the Pinel Institute was notified by the Parole Board early in the morning that the parole of the said individual had been rejected.

I have not yet received any information to the effect that the individual concerned would have been advised of this decision by the Parole Board.

Inquiries of the Ministry

ENERGY

RESUMPTION OF STUDY OF POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT
OF HEAVY WATER PLANT AT MONTMAGNY

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Since studies have already been undertaken about the establishment of a heavy water plant at Montmagny, would he tell the House whether representations have recently been made to him or to senior officials of the department by the authorities of the town of Montmagny, asking that the study of this project be resumed?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, representations to this effect were made to me when I was Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I do not know whether similar representations have been made to the present minister, but I shall inquire.

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GRAIN

SUGGESTED FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH FARM
ORGANIZATIONS ON STABILIZATION BILL

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I should like to direct a question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. In light of the fact that the tax reform bill will probably take considerable time in the House, giving the minister ample opportunity to consult the various organizations regarding Bill C-244, has he written or does he intend to write to these organizations so as to enable him to patch up the bill, give it a shot of adrenalin and revive it again in the House in this session?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): In the normal course of events I talk very frequently with agricultural organizations and farmers. Certainly I have been hearing from many of them about their desire to see a stabilization program put into effect along the lines of the one that we had before the House. I will certainly give the question of how to move forward with some such program further consideration.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Peace River, but I should like to bring to the attention of the House that there are only four minutes left before the end of the question period and hon. members will have to try to limit supplementary questions. Perhaps from now on the Chair might turn an eye toward the senior and distinguished members who occupy the fifth row at the back of the House to allow them an opportunity to ask questions.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Would the minister also take into account in these discussions the possibility of such needed reforms as the payment of storage on farm stored grain and a two-price system?