

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Diefenbaker: I ask the minister specifically whether such a clip in connection with certain evidence that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources was to give yesterday before the Natural Resources Committee was considered so valuable, so intrinsically worthwhile, and as containing information desirable enough to be protected, that it was sent to various television stations across the country in the manner which I have indicated, and does he still feel it was so worth while that it needed the protection of a Brinks truck?

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, as the right hon. gentleman no doubt knows from statements I and the Prime Minister have made, Information Canada is not a centralized information department and has no authority over information services coming under other departments.

Mr. Woolliams: It is nothing but a propaganda agency.

HEALTH AND WELFAREREPORTED SALMONELLA CONTAMINATION
OF LIPTON SOUP MIX

Mr. Ray Perrault (Burnaby-Seymour): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of today's report from Washington D.C. that 14 million packages of Lipton soup mix are to be recalled by food and drug authorities of that country because of suspected salmonella contamination, is similar action contemplated in Canada?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No, Mr. Speaker. There is no relation between Lipton products in the United States and Canada. Those products are not imported into this country. The Food and Drugs Directorate is looking into the matter as far as Canada is concerned and assures me there is no danger.

DRUGSINCREASE IN USE OF ADDICTIVE DRUGS IN
UNITED STATES—CANADIAN SITUATION

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of reports of an alarming increase in the use of heroin and other addictive drugs in the United States, particularly in New York, is there evidence of a spillover of this problem to a similar degree in Canada? If so, what plans have been initiated to deal with the situation?

[Mr. Nesbitt.]

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I think the government will want to make a full statement on the whole question of drugs when we receive the report from the LeDain Commission.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSIONREVISION OF AGREEMENT WITH PRINCE
EDWARD ISLAND

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. What action is he taking to revise the agreement signed by the federal government and the government of Prince Edward Island some time ago in order to bring the federal government's share of the capital cost of roads and so forth somewhere near the percentage that has been agreed to in the agreements announced today with the provinces of New Brunswick and Newfoundland?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I do not think any cost was mentioned in the statement that was made this afternoon.

Mr. MacLean: May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I do not have a copy of the minister's statement in front of me but I understood him to say that the federal government would pay a fairly high percentage of the total cost, 100 per cent in some cases, under the agreements mentioned. I ask the government whether it will consider making a more generous agreement with the province of Prince Edward Island? Will it modify the present agreement so that all the Atlantic provinces will be treated similarly?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, the agreements are to be printed very shortly. At that time I think the hon. member will be able to make comparisons and at that stage I will be in a position to answer.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wish to ask the minister a very simple question in order to clarify a matter of great concern. Is federal assistance for the enormous petrochemical plant on the east coast of Canada part of the assistance under the \$32 million announced earlier today?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Is the hon. member referring to the eastern part of Newfoundland?

An hon. Member: Come-By-Chance.