

*Inquiries of the Ministry***FINANCE****SECURITIES COMMISSION—ISSUING OF
TREASURY SHARES**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, last October the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and his officials had meetings with provincial authorities concerning a national securities commission. He indicated that a decision in respect of legislation would be forthcoming. Has a decision been made and will the legislation cover the issuing of treasury shares without the protection provided by a prospectus?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as a result of the meeting to which the hon. member has referred we agreed to bilateral discussions with the provinces. As I announced, we are preparing a securities measure for discussion with the provinces and presentation by this government. I think it would be quite inappropriate for me at this point to suggest what may or may not be in the bill or covered by this measure.

WINTER WORKS**DEPARTMENTAL ACTION ON REFORM
PROGRAM**

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In his consideration of the brief from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities did the minister decide what action his department will take on the reform program mentioned in that brief to replace the winter works program?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it is not intended to introduce a new program at this time.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, will the minister indicate whether this information has been communicated to that body, that is, that the government is not acceding to the recommendations and proposals contained in the brief?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to look into this point and see that this body is advised.

RESEARCH**UNIVERSITIES TAKING OVER MOUNT KOBAN
OBSERVATORY**

Mr. Bruce Howard (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting [Mr. Speaker.]

Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources what answer the minister is prepared to give to the universities of western Canada which recently requested an opportunity to take over the Mount Koban observatory?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, this subject—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am not sure that the matter is of immediate urgency. The hon. member might want to discuss the question at the time of adjournment.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**HAL BANKS—DEPORTATION FROM
UNITED STATES**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister a question. In view of the circumstances under which Hal Banks received a form of absolution from the secretary of state of the previous United States administration, and the fact that I am informed this matter is now being considered in the United States Senate, particularly having regard to the \$100,000 paid to the Democratic party campaign funds immediately after the order, will the government now give consideration to asking the present United States administration to review the order made by the previous administration so that Hal Banks will be given the opportunity to secure justice in Canada?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am not sure, again, whether this is a question of immediate urgency, but I hesitate to ask the right hon. gentleman to return at ten o'clock tonight. Perhaps it might be easier to allow the right hon. Prime Minister to reply.

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I plan to be here at ten o'clock anyway; there is going to be a vote. But perhaps it is just as well to get this over with. Our position on this matter was stated to the previous administration. We are taking the view that the government of the United States, in spite of the fact that there has been an election, is still the government of the United States, and decisions taken by the previous administration will continue to be respected by us. Of course, if the present government of the United States wants to do things on its own initiative we will be anxious to co-operate, as the right hon. gentleman says, to ensure that justice be done.