

*Inquiries of the Ministry***VETERANS AFFAIRS****RELATION OF PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES
TO SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Minister of Veterans Affairs has indicated that the government has under review rates of pensions and war veterans allowances as part of its examination of the over-all fabric of social development programs, has the government now decided that war veterans pensions and allowances shall be part of social welfare?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it really depends on how you are discussing the definition of social welfare. We do not feel that they are welfare payments proper, but they are part of that whole area of social policy that the government is now reviewing, and I am sure the minister was alluding to that.

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PROVINCIAL ELEC-
TION—RESIGNATION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL
RETURNING OFFICERS**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Would the minister ascertain from the Chief Electoral Officer whether resignations have been received from the returning officers for Egmont and Cardigan constituencies in Prince Edward Island, considering that both these gentlemen have for some time been Liberal candidates in the forthcoming provincial election?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I will gladly obtain the information the hon. member wants and pass it on to him.

[*English*]

HEALTH AND WELFARE**LEGISLATION TO CONTROL CERTAIN PRO-
MOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS BY CIGARETTE
COMPANIES**

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It has to do with the very much stepped-up coupon give-away campaigns being conducted across Canada by the cigarette companies in the face of the

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recommendations made by the health and welfare committee of this House. Can the minister indicate that we may expect cigarette advertising control legislation to be introduced prior to the summer recess?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the department and I have given a lot of consideration to the recommendations of the parliamentary committee and I expect to make recommendations to my colleagues on this matter very shortly.

POLLUTION**COMPENSATION TO LAKE ERIE FISHERMEN
FOR MERCURY CONTAMINATION OF FISH**

Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the compensation that has now been made available to Lake St. Clair fishermen, and in view of the fact that Lake Erie fishermen have also suffered considerable loss through the freeze on sales and loss of fishing time, what steps is the department considering to compensate the Lake Erie fishermen?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, this matter has been under active consideration with the provincial authorities, particularly the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, concerning fishermen on Lake Erie as well.

**COMPENSATION TO LAKE WINNIPEG FISHER-
MEN FOR MERCURY CONTAMINATION
OF FISH**

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries whether consideration has been given to compensating Manitoba fishermen, particularly those of Lake Winnipeg who have suffered losses because of mercury poisoning found in fish in that lake?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I expect to be meeting next Monday with the hon. Mr. Green in Winnipeg to discuss this matter.

[*Translation*]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**YARMOUTH, N.S.—MEASURES TO PROVIDE
EMPLOYMENT FOR DISPLACED TEXTILE
PLANT WORKERS**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.