

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, A number of hon. members are seeking to ask supplementaries. I will come to them in a moment. At this time I will recognize the hon. member for Bellechasse.

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[Translation]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SPECIAL AREAS—DISCUSSION WITH QUEBEC**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Could he tell the House whether there have been discussions with the government of the province of Quebec concerning setting up new special areas within the province of Quebec and if so, whether Montmagny has been or could be considered as such?

Mr. Speaker: I would remind the hon. member that in the past the Chair has disallowed questions of hon. members as to whether one region or another will be designated. I do not feel such a question is in order. However, since the question has been put, the hon. minister may reply briefly, but I hope there will be no tendency to consider this as a precedent.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the reply will be very brief. We do have discussions under way. As concerns Montmagny, although I cannot reveal anything at the present stage, it is among the regions which are being considered.

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[English]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**NATURE OF CABINET DIRECTIVE RESPECTING DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES**

Mr. Douglas A. Hogarth (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice with respect to the implementation of the third report of the Special Committee on Statutory Instruments. Would the minister advise the House whether the cabinet directive referred to by his predecessor relating to departmental directives and guidelines has been issued and, if so, would he advise the House of the nature of that directive?

Mr. Forrestall: Put it on the order paper.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The cabinet has directed that all directives or guidelines are to be submitted to the Deputy Minister of Justice, who will advise the issuing authority whether they are in conflict with any provision of the act or the regulations to which they relate, whether they are essentially legislative in nature, whether their subject matter should be incorporated in regulations and, if so, whether there is authority to make such regulations.

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HEALTH**USE OF NURSES IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES WITH NO DOCTORS**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the serious shortage of doctors and the fact that in Canada nurses are serving the socially underprivileged where physicians are not willing to go and are considered qualified to do so, particularly in the north, but are not considered qualified to render these services to other segments of the population, has the minister any plans to relieve this serious situation by using nurses and extending their services to communities now without doctors?

• (1440)

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have had a program along these lines in operation for some time. We fully intend, and in fact are doing so, to direct more of our resources toward this particular objective.

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NATIONAL PARKS**TRENT VALLEY—PRESENT STATUS**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a short non-controversial supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Briefly, can he advise the House when he expects to start making the long-promised Trent Valley national park a reality?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, that is already a reality.

[English]

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, if anything has been done to make this waterway a national park, it is the best kept secret from the people of the area that has ever been perpetrated.

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member is unaware, it is probably because he does not visit his riding often enough.

[English]

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I am in my area very often. I know what is going on there far better than the minister knows what is going on in his constituency. He is giving the type of answer that this government tries to get away with far too often.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Now that we have settled that matter, the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants.