

Inquiries of the Ministry

3. What, if any are the present financial commitments of the federal government for hospitals in Canada for (a) construction (b) facilities (c) research (d) teaching, and what are the names of each hospital and, where are they located?

4. Does the federal government provide any grants to university medical faculties for (a) construction (b) facilities (c) research (d) teaching and, if so, how much and to which universities were amounts paid for the years 1960-68 inclusive?

Return tabled.

RETURNS ON INVESTMENT FROM
CROWN CORPORATIONS

Question No. 980—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. What was the annual return on investment over the last seven years for each of the proprietary Crown corporations?

2. What steps has each corporation taken, or will it take, to increase its return in cases where it was less than 7%?

Return tabled.

CANADIAN OIL INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT
AND CONTROL

Question No. 1,002—**Mr. Harding:**

1. What was the total capital investment in the oil and gas industry in Canada, by province, for the years 1961 to 1967 inclusive?

2. What percentage of our total Canadian oil industry is (a) foreign-controlled (b) Canadian-controlled, as of the latest available date?

Return tabled.

[Translation]

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notice of Motion No. 66 for production of papers is acceptable to the government.

Mr. Speaker, would you kindly call notice of motion No. 62?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining notices of motions be allowed to stand.

[English]

NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT CROSSING—
ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY

Motion No. 62—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all surveys, reports and enquiries respecting costs and benefits and engineering feasibility of the Northumberland Strait Crossing project received by the Government of Canada since September 1, 1967.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, previously the hon. member had agreed to drop this motion if the Stanford Research Institute report was tabled. This report and its supplements will be tabled with the return for the Motion for Production of Papers No. 61. Therefore I would request that the hon. member for Egmont withdraw his motion.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion, subject to the conditions and reservations referred to by the minister, or is it to be dropped? Agreed?

Motion withdrawn and order discharged.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

HOUSING

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE BUILDING MATERIALS TAX

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance a question. In view of the recommendations contained in the report of the task force I should like to ask the minister whether it is his intention to bring legislation before the house reducing or eliminating the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials used in housing construction?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, anything that the Minister of Transport proposes I will study with care. I have no present intention to do what the hon. member is suggesting.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question. In view of the fact that the recommendations of the task force included some relating to provincial taxation, has the minister any intention of discussing provincial taxation on building materials with the appropriate provincial authorities?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that this report will be studied very carefully by the government.

SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST THAT WELFARE POLICIES BE REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare and is based on the release made today by the Canadian Welfare Council of its document