

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Bonds against Canada Savings Bonds, could the minister tell us whether he has given instructions to his agents to act like that?

[English]

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** First of all, Mr. Speaker, I do not admit the premise of the question, and would like to take it as notice.

[Later:]

[Translation]

**Mr. Dumont:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. While I was asking earlier—

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the hon. member for Frontenac raising a point of order?

**Mr. Dumont:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

For the information of the Minister of Finance, I tried to give him notice of my question, but unfortunately, I could not get anyone who spoke French at his office or at his assistant's. Because I have been unable to give notice, I cannot get an answer today.

[English]

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, I did not receive notice of the question. As I understood the question, there was some action taken by people selling Canada bonds. I should point out to my hon. friend that at the present time we are not selling bonds in the market; the Canada Savings Bond campaign is completed, and was very successful. The only sales of bonds that can be going on are through dealers, where people are changing investments.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE****REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING  
ACTION RESPECTING HOSPITAL  
CONSTRUCTION GRANT**

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Arising from the minister's answer of January 15 to my question regarding the postponement of the expansion of ten of thirteen medical teaching centres in Ontario, will the minister undertake to make a statement as to what policies will be introduced by the federal government to meet the critical shortage of medical personnel, which the recent postponements will only make worse?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I do not believe any further statement is required. At the last federal-provincial conference of health ministers the federal government

[Mr. Dumont.]

indicated the position we would have to take in the forthcoming year, namely that the expenditures out of the fund for this type of development would have to be limited to \$37 million.

**EXTERNAL AID****REQUEST FOR INCREASED USE OF  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

**Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and relates to his statement in connection with a change of plans regarding foreign aid. I wonder if the minister could say whether there are plans for an increased amount of our domestic agricultural products to be used in foreign aid.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman knows that in general our aid is for the purpose of satisfying the priorities established by the developing country. We would be very happy to fit our agricultural products into a program put forward by those countries, if this is their order of priority.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS****DISMISSAL OF COMMISSIONAIRES FROM  
MUSEUMS**

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. In connection with the cultural happening scheduled to take place in the Laurentians this week, will the question of the 15 commissionaires fired from museums be the subject of any review?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the officials of cultural institutions at their meeting in Val David next Friday and Saturday are to establish their own agenda and I cannot say if this matter will be on it.

[Later:]

[English]

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with reference to the question I addressed to the Secretary of State. Would the Secretary of State, in view of the concern of veterans' organizations over this matter, seize the initiative in conducting a review?