

sioner Service, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce sponsored a show and exhibition of beef quality and grades in Japan in late 1968. This was followed by a Canadian Food Fair in early 1969 where meat products were exhibited. A mission to Canada of a group of Japanese meat industry representatives in October and November, 1969, was sponsored by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, during which Japanese officials were shown Canadian meat production from the ranch to the table. In the fall of 1970, in conjunction with a large departmental store in Tokyo, a promotion of Canadian products is being held which will feature Canadian meat products. In early 1971, a promotion directed to the hotel and restaurant trade, and featuring beef products specifically, is being planned. This promotion will take place in Tokyo and Osaka.

2. A meat trade study was conducted in Europe early in 1970 by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the results of which are presently being published and are scheduled to be released within a few weeks. This study covered the major meat importing countries of Europe. On the United States' and Caribbean markets, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce has participated in a variety of food shows and has assisted Canadian exporters in establishing contacts with importers in these areas.

PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

Question No. 303—**Mr. Robinson:**

What percentage of the total budget is allocated for research purposes of one kind and another?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): General reply for the Public Service at large: Data pertaining to expenditures on scientific activities in the physical, engineering and life sciences are collected annually by DBS. This compilation includes expenditures identified functionally under Physical Sciences Research and those expenditures on scientific activities in support of other functions. In 1970-71, funds allocated to scientific activities account for approximately 5.8 percent of the budgetary Main Estimates. Complete data pertaining to expenditures on scientific activities in the social sciences are not available, but expenditures functionally identified under Social Science Research, account for approximately 0.4 percent of the 1970-71 budgetary Main Estimates.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Question No. 314—**Mr. Comeau:**

Has the overall study of transportation requirements for the Atlantic Provinces been completed and, if not, when is it expected to be completed?

Mr. Gerard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Federal-Provincial Committee on Atlantic Region Transportation submitted its initial report in May of this year. The report recommendations dealing primarily with disposition of the M.F.R.A. intra-select territory rail subsidy have been

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accepted in large measure and action to implement the recommended changes is in hand. It has been proposed that the Committee continue to function; as soon as representation on the Committee has been confirmed by the provinces involved, it is expected that further meetings will be scheduled. The work of the Committee, therefore, is ongoing.

CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE STUDY

Question No. 327—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. What is the status of studies concerning the possibility of creating a Canadian merchant marine?
2. Is the feasibility study conducted by Hedlin, Menzies and Associates Ltd. completed and, if not, what is the anticipated completion date?
3. Will the studies be Tabled in the House of Commons and (a) if so, on what date (b) if not, for what reason?

Mr. Gerard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. A report prepared by Hedlin Menzies and Associates Ltd., in conjunction with George C. Sharp Inc., on the economic feasibility of developing a Canadian merchant marine will be submitted to the Canadian Transport Commission by the end of the year.

2. See Answer to Part 1.
3. Consideration will be given to tabling the report when it is submitted to the government.

NON-AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA

Question No. 349—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government consider the advisability of urging the United Nations to explore fully North Korea's proposal of the non-aggression pact?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Government is cognizant of the proposals of the North Korean authorities in Pyongyang for a non-aggression pact between the governments of North and South Korea. Similar proposals in slightly varying form have been put forward on a number of occasions in recent years, most recently in June 1970.

Common to all of the North Korean proposals for a non-aggression pact is the pre-condition of prior withdrawal of all foreign troops, i.e. U.N. forces, from the Korean peninsula. Canada is a member of the "Participating Nations Advisory Group" to the United Nations Command in Korea and the Canadian Government is in agreement with the Government of the Republic of Korea that such a pre-condition to negotiation is unacceptable at this time—at least until North Korea demonstrates by its official statements and its actions that it is seriously interested in peaceful co-existence with its southern neighbour.

The Government believes that there is perhaps more merit in the proposals for Korean re-unification made by President Park Chung-hee of the Republic of Korea in his statement of August 15, 1970. Unfortunately the Pyongyang regime has dismissed these proposals out-of-hand.