

Inquiries of the Ministry

and use of snowmobiles in Canada, and the tremendous increase in accidents that are caused by these machines, is the minister or his department preparing regulations with regard to safety features that could be incorporated in these machines?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. A number of features are being studied at the moment to see whether, under the proposed bill now before the House, we can introduce these safety measures at the manufacturing stage.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**DEVELOPMENT OF FARM MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Mr. A. C. Cadieu (Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. He is not here very often and the Parliamentary Secretary has been carrying on. Possibly he might answer this question. In the light of a recent statement by a Saskatchewan agricultural expert that there could be twice as many acres of Saskatchewan Indian reserves under cultivation as there are at present, has the minister or any member of his department taken steps to speed up the development of farm management training programs for Indians?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, the minister has been here every day. Today, he is in Quebec city speaking with his counterpart there with reference to national parks in that province. To answer the hon. member's question, Mr. Speaker, this is part of the economic upgrading program for the Indian people.

Mr. Cadieu (Meadow Lake): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister asked for any guarantees that this type of program will be continued, if and when the new Indian policy he proposes comes into effect?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the question is much too general in terms and slightly hypothetical.

Mr. Cadieu (Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I think it should be answered at this time. It is very important and urgent. What further plans are being made by the government for reduction of the acreage put into wheat this crop year on land that has been under cultivation in former years?

[Mr. Howe.]

Mr. Honey: I am not prepared to answer that question, Mr. Speaker. I shall have to take it as notice and give a definite answer tomorrow.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS**SALE OF GASOLINE BY OCTANE RATING**

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo): I should like to ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs whether his attention has been drawn to a proposal by the United States federal trade commission that gasoline be sold by octane ratings clearly listed at filling station pumps? If so, is it his intention to consider similar action in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: I do not know how urgent this question may be. I would think it could easily be placed on the Order Paper.

FISHERIES**ATLANTIC SALMON—REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO DENMARK CONCERNING CONTROLS**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): My question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that fishing off Greenland by Danish fishermen is resulting in the wholesale destruction of Atlantic salmon spawned in North America, will the minister consider making representations to the Danish government urging that controls be placed on the Danish fleet before Atlantic salmon stocks are completely destroyed?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I understand the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry has been particularly concerned about this matter and has been making representations in various places. I am sure that if this is a problem he will be doing so.

Mr. Crouse: A supplementary question to the Minister of Fisheries, then. Since Norway and Britain have also accused Denmark of sabotaging international fishing conventions drawn up to protect the Atlantic salmon, will the minister take up this matter at the international level and request that a maximum quota be placed on salmon taken off Greenland?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): We have taken up this question at the international level and all but two countries have agreed on abstention, as the hon.