

its requirements for executives where this appeared most practical or necessary to find the talent required to fill the position and no advertising was considered necessary, particularly in the case of urgent and limited term requirements in this period of transition, where personnel with known skills and experience were immediately available from within the fishery and the fish trade community.

2. The Freshwater Fish Marketing Act. Appointments were approved by the board of directors on the recommendation of the president.

BOW RIVER—CONTROL OF RAW SEWAGE

Question No. 288—Mr. Mahoney:

1. Has the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development completed its plans for the installation of facilities to prevent the escape of raw sewage into the Bow River from the Banff municipal sewage system?

2. When is it proposed that these facilities be in operation?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Plans are underway. There has been a pre-tender call and there is considerable interest by companies.

2. It is intended that the project get underway early in the next fiscal year for completion in the fall of 1970.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

TAXATION

SALES AND SPECIAL COMMODITY TAXES— INQUIRY AS TO REVIEW

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question relating to finance. I do not know whether as a result of the white paper on taxation the Prime Minister and his finance minister have sought refuge or are away celebrating. In view of the statement by the Minister of Finance that the government will review its sales and special commodity taxes as soon as Parliament and the country have digested the white paper proposals, will somebody say when the review will get under way and how it will proceed? Will we have a white paper with regard to these taxes and, if so, when?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the department will be responding to questions tomorrow.

Inquiries of the Ministry

An hon. Member: Tomorrow?

Mr. Stanfield: The department is supposed to be responding to questions today, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Woolliams: We might as well have had a holiday today. They are all away.

Mr. Crouse: You are the government; you are running the country.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Give your leader a chance. He needs it.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I must say I am delighted by the co-operative attitude shown by the government house leader. I have a supplementary question for the appropriate minister when he comes into the House to answer. Is it the position of the government of Canada that Parliament should be asked to consider proposals like those in the white paper without having had an opportunity to examine and consider in the same context changes in the sales and special commodity taxes, which the government intends to consider?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, if I may correct my previous answer, the House will not be sitting tomorrow so it will respond to the question on Wednesday.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

FOREIGN TAKE-OVERS OF CANADIAN FIRMS

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs arising from a report by the anti-combines branch which showed an alarming increase in take-overs in Canada as well as an alarming increase in the merger of Canadian firms. Is the minister considering the establishment of an agency or other body within his department to supervise foreign take-overs of Canadian firms and to limit such take-overs if it is in the public interest to do so?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the comment in the report tabled the other day arose out of a study prepared for the Economic Council of Canada which was published some months ago. The recommendations of the study were taken into account in the recommendations that the Economic Council of Canada made with regard to competition policy. The implications of the report, the implications of the merger movement in