

*Oral Questions**[English]***CANADA POST CORPORATION****REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP**

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Madam Speaker, my supplementary is directed to the Minister responsible for Canada Post who recently announced the issuing of a postage stamp, jointly by Canada and France, for 1984, to commemorate the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Jacques Cartier's voyage to America. Has the Minister or his officials considered the issuing of a joint Canada-United States stamp commemorating the bicentennial of the migration of loyal Americans to Canada, for the 1984 stamp program?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Madam Speaker, as you know, there is already one joint stamp issue being planned with the U.S. authorities. I am not ruling out the possibility that there could be another joint issue, and I think the Hon. Member's suggestion could be referred to the committee which advises the Minister on the selection of subjects for Canadian stamps.

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*[English]***AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY****CANADIAN CONTENT REQUIREMENT—MOVEMENT OF PLANT
FROM HAMILTON**

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry. Allen Industries were located in Hamilton. They have decided to move their plant to Richmond, Virginia. They make moulded insulation and they intend to sell by far the bulk of the moulded insulation they will make at that plant, to Ford, at Oakville. Will the Minister meet with Ford and Allen Industries and point out to them that, under the auto pact, there is indeed a requirement for some Canadian content, and that we are not going to tolerate this continuous moving away of plants from Ontario and other parts of Canada to the United States?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for giving me advance notice of the question. I would like to advise him that my officials, as well as my colleague, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, are already on top of the situation, and a meeting with the company is planned within a week.

FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I am disappointed to hear about the Minister of Indian Affairs because nothing he has ever touched has ever worked. In the process of meeting with Allen Industries might the Minister be able to report to me on the outcome of meetings with Firestone

Tire and Rubber Company, another company which seems to be running into serious difficulties in Hamilton, to determine whether or not Firestone is ready to go ahead with its expansion and whether it is likely to get the money promised it by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I know the Hon. Member is interested in this issue as are all Members from Hamilton, but again my colleague, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, who has dedicated a substantial portion of his life to the economic betterment of the people of the Hamilton area, is on top of this matter. We are meeting with the Firestone people this afternoon. But I do know of the Hon. Member's interest in this regard, and I hope we will have a positive response for him this afternoon.

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MEDICAL CARE**MOOSE FACTORY HOSPITAL—RATIO OF NURSES TO PATIENTS**

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. On April 22 the Minister wrote a letter to the James Bay Tribal Council regarding the Moose Factory Hospital ward closure, stating that the hospital would be able to operate with the ward closed. Since the closure of the ward the nurse-patient ratio has gone from one to four, to one to eight or nine. Can the Minister tell me if her Ministry is looking into adding additional staff to the hospital to bring it back to the ratio of one to four?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Not to my knowledge, Madam Speaker. The objective I have in the Department is, of course, the health and well-being of people. The ratio might have changed the way the Hon. Member suggests. However, the beds have never been fully occupied in the past and we have adapted to that in deciding on the allocation of staff to the Moose Factory General Hospital. I am satisfied for the time being that the health of the people there is well looked after.

QUALITY OF SERVICE

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Madam Speaker, in checking this morning with the Tribal Council I have been assured that the service since the closure of that ward has decreased. Can the Minister tell me if her officials are prepared to meet with the Council as soon as possible to make sure health care needs are met?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Madam Speaker, I can reiterate to the Hon. Member, as I did to the local community, that there has been no reduction in services provided by the Moose Factory Hospital