

## MINING SECTOR—CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Question No. 231—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

For each province, what was the decrease or increase rate of capital expenditures in the Canadian mining sector for (a) 1978 (b) the first nine months of 1979?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):**

Province or Region	(a)	(b)
	1977 to 1978	1978 to 1979 (per cent)
Atlantic Region	- 4.8	32.8
Quebec	-57.9	2.2
Ontario	-22.7	31.6
Prairie Region	17.9	- 5.2
British Columbia	-19.3	35.4
Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories	- 2.3	-15.6

Notes: (1) Disaggregated data unavailable for Atlantic and prairie regions; (2) Partial-year data for 1979 unavailable; and (3) Data shown for 1979 results from survey of company investment intentions and thus may differ significantly from actual data.  
Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 61-206.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE—APPROVAL OF DRUGS

Question No. 313—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Has the Department of National Health and Welfare received complaints that two departments, cardiovascular and renal and neurological are causing delays in the approval in Canada of compounds that have been marketed in England and Europe for several years?

2. Have some compounds been stalled for more than two years?

3. Is there a manpower shortage and, if so, is it the government's intention to take immediate measures to rectify this situation?

**Hon. David Crombie (Minister of National Health and Welfare):**

1. A number of pharmaceutical companies awaiting completion of reviews of new drug submissions by the bureau of drugs have complained of the delays in the division of cardio-renal and arthritis drugs, central nervous system drugs, and the division that reviews anti-infective (antibiotics) drugs. A four-month backlog of submissions exists in all three divisions.

2. If a drug manufacturer is not issued a notice of compliance for one or two years, it is because of problems with drug quality, safety concerns, or inadequacy of efficacy data.

3. There is a shortage of pharmacologists, pharmacists and physicians to carry out reviews of manufacturers' submissions. In the light of the increasing work load, a review of staffing needs is being conducted.

## RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER—ITEMS REMOVED

Question No. 321—**Mr. Cossitt:**

According to the government records or knowledge, during the period of time that the former Prime Minister vacated the premises of the official residence of the Prime Minister at 24 Sussex Drive, were any items removed that were paid for, belonged to or in any way in whole or in part, the property of the government and, if so (a) under whose instructions were the items removed (b)

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what is a complete list of all the items (c) what was the approximate original cost to the taxpayers of the items (d) did the former Prime Minister pay the government any amount whatsoever toward the cost of the items and (i) if so, in what amount (ii) if not, for what reason?

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Minister of Public Works):**

(a) Items of furniture were moved to Stornoway, the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition. The items in question were mutually agreed upon by the parties concerned after discussions took place between them.

(b) The complete list of items moved is as follows:

- 2 large easy chairs
- 1 sofa
- 3 brass end tables
- 1 brass tea wagon
- 3 lamps
- 2 arm chairs
- 1 wicker lamp
- 2 brass end tables
- 1 floor lamp
- 1 safe
- 3 chairs
- 1 sofa
- 1 night table
- 1 high boy and dresser
- 1 chair
- 1 end table
- 1 brass bed—head board & foot
- 2 end tables
- 1 chair
- 1 dresser and bookcases
- assorted linen for beds
- assorted towels
- 1 canoe

(c) The furniture moved was from the personal living quarters, and not from the "official rooms" at 24 Sussex. The total approximate cost to the taxpayer of the above items was \$14,000.

(d) The former Prime Minister did not pay any money toward these goods that were transferred.

(i) Not applicable.

(ii) As the former Prime Minister is still an MP and the Leader of the Opposition, he is entitled to reside in Stornoway which is the property of the Government of Canada, and as such, has not removed any property belonging to the taxpayer from those designated premises.