

Inquiries of the Ministry
NORTHERN AFFAIRS

**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—REPORTED DEPLETION
 OF CARIBOU POPULATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. A. Hardie (Mackenzie River): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources arising out of a report by his department concerning the serious depletion of the caribou population in the Northwest Territories. Of course this report substantiates the warning I gave this house over a year ago.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Hardie: You will get the question. This report stated—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Hardie: This report stated—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member put his question.

Mr. Hardie: Very well, Mr. Speaker. I would like the minister to tell me if it is true, as this report stated, that restrictions against the hunting of this animal by native Indians and Eskimos were being considered by his department, because I am sure—

Mr. Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace): You have asked the question; now stop.

Mr. Hardie: I am sure it is not a question of this department ruling on it in any event, because it is the function of the Northwest Territories council, but should the council pass legislation—

Mr. Speaker: Order. It is very interesting information that the hon. member is giving the house, but as I understood it his purpose in rising was to ask a question.

Mr. Hardie: Mr. Speaker, I just got to my question. Should the Northwest Territories council pass legislation restricting the hunting of this animal by Indians and Eskimos, could the minister advise me what ways and means are being considered to supply these people with meat?

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member's hypothetical question I would like to suggest that we will wait until that circumstance arises.

Mr. Hardie: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister consider that waiting until legislation is passed by the Northwest Territories council is going to solve the problem of feeding these people when it does happen?

Some hon. Members: Order.

[Mr. Starr.]

HEALTH INSURANCE

**MANITOBA—INQUIRY AS TO DISCUSSIONS WITH
 FEDERAL AUTHORITIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Since he assumed his portfolio on August 19—

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): August 22.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Since August 19 when the Prime Minister announced that the minister would be given the portfolio, which I understand he assumed on August 22, have there been any discussions between the government of Manitoba and the minister with respect to the possibility of that province coming into the national hospital insurance plan? If so, what is the status of those discussions at the present time?

Mr. Monteith: There have been no discussions, Mr. Speaker. There has been some correspondence between my department and the minister of health of Manitoba.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Would the minister be prepared to table copies of that correspondence?

Mr. Monteith: Yes, Mr. Speaker, providing I have the approval of the provincial government involved.

CROWN CORPORATIONS

STATEMENT ON DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY OFFICERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) directed the following question to me:

Can the minister now assure the house that there are no instances of heads of crown corporations being at the same time directors of private companies or corporations?

The answer is that in so far as the heads of those crown corporations which report to parliament through me as Minister of Trade and Commerce are concerned, there is one who is also a director of a private corporation.

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