

*Order Paper Questions*INDIAN PEOPLE—ENGLISH-WABIGOON RIVER, ONTARIO—TESTS
ON MERCURY CONTAMINATIONQuestion No. 792—**Mr. de Jong:**

1. Were tests conducted on the mercury contamination of Indian people in the English-Wabigoon River area of Ontario and, if so, what were the results?
2. Were the results kept from the public and, if so, for what reason?
3. Will they be released and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Yes.

Total results of mercury levels to December 31, 1978 are as follows:

	Total tests	Tests < 20 ppb	Tests 20-99 ppb	Tests > 100 ppb	Individuals > 100 ppb
Grassy Narrows	1,607	1,102	380	125	59
Whitedog	1,653	1,242	344	67	39

< 20 ppb is an acceptable level
> 100 ppb is regarded as being "at risk"
ppb (parts per billion)

2. No.

3. All results from the mercury program across Canada, including those from the English-Wabigoon River area, were released in National Health and Welfare news releases between September, 1976, and May, 1979. At that time, work commenced on a major review document which consolidated the results of all mercury testing carried out by, or on the behalf of, the department from 1971 until December 31, 1978. The document entitled Methylmercury in Canada—Exposure of Indian and Inuit Residents to Methylmercury in the Canadian Environment, was released to the public on March 17, 1980. A follow-up to this report, reviewing the 1979 data, is now being prepared.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—VICTORIA HEALTH CENTRE, N.B.—BEDS
FOR DISABLED VETERANSQuestion No. 829—**Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1978, was consideration given, by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to acquiring more beds to supplement the beds presently used for disabled veterans in the Victoria Health Centre, Fredericton, New Brunswick?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): No. There has been no change in the total number of beds negotiated at the time of the transfer of the then Lancaster Hospital to the Province of New Brunswick. 57 beds were acquired by the Victoria Health Centre in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Geographical distribution of the remaining beds is Saint John—83; Campbellton—25; Moncton—35.

TRAINING ON THE JOB PROGRAM—FREDERICTON, N.B.

Question No. 835—**Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1978, how many persons have benefited from on-the-job training under the manpower training programmes in Fredericton, New Brunswick?

Mr. Dennis Dawson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): The Training-on-the-Job

Program and the Training-in-Industry Program were combined in June 1974 to form the Canada Manpower Industrial Training Program. Training under this program may be given on the job, in a classroom or special training area, or as a combination of the two. From January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1979, 1,935 trainees received training under the Canada Manpower Industrial Training Program in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

U.I.C.—FREDERICTON, N.B.—BILINGUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
EMPLOYEESQuestion No. 838—**Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1978, did a change take place in respect to bilingual requirements for employees at the Fredericton, New Brunswick office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission?

Mr. Dennis Dawson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Yes. Since integration of the Canada Employment Centre in Fredericton, N.B., (January 1979) two additional bilingual positions have been created.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—VICTORIA HEALTH CENTRE—
FREDERICTON, N.B.—CHAPELQuestion No. 899—**Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1978, was consideration given by the Department of Veterans Affairs to the establishment of a chapel for use by veterans in the Victoria Health Centre in Fredericton, New Brunswick and, if not, will consideration be given?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Provision of a chapel was not included in the conversion of the Victoria Health Centre for use as a long-term care unit for veterans. A room is available in the veterans unit of the centre for quiet meditation, and religious services are conducted there by pastors from the Everett Chalmers Hospital, on request.

PROPOSED LABOUR INFORMATION BUREAU

Question No. 948—**Mr. MacKay:**

1. Does the Department of Labour's proposed bureau of labour information plan to give access to income tax records held by National Revenue or give access to Statistics Canada's data base which has already used National Revenue income tax data and, if not, what would be the effect on the maintenance of its data base?
2. Will the new bureau use Social Insurance Numbers (SIN) to give access or to link with records of other departments, especially National Revenue?
3. Does the new bureau plan to assume responsibility for the administration of that part of the Corporation and Labour Unions Returns Act (CALURA) relating to labour unions, that part of Statistics Canada's labour division responsible for the monthly employment and payroll survey, and all the activities of the pay research bureau and, if so, what would be the effect of such a move on Statistics Canada's gross national product (GNP) data and other essential components of its system of national accounts?

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of Labour): 1. The proposed labour information bureau will not give access to Income Tax records.

2. No. Given the nature and use of the collective bargaining and labour-related data that the labour information bureau