

constituents of Provencher that eastern Manitoba is not becoming a burial site for radioactive material?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, I am sure if the hon. member would use the information I provided to him by letter he would be able to assure his constituents, as I will assure them right now, that there is no danger to health.

#### STUDY OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER—DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

**Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Will the minister tell the House when the five phase study of Fundy Tidal Power recommended over a year ago will commence? Will the minister consider placing these studies under the over-all direction of DREE which has a physical presence in the area and can study and promote a simultaneous, compatible industrial development in the region?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge that work is already under way and is being supported on a 50-50 basis by the federal government and the two provinces concerned, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The federal government has put up \$1.5 million, payable over two years.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### INDIA—SUGGESTION SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL BE RETURNED TO CANADA

**Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and concerns safeguards affecting India. Is it, or will it be, a condition of any agreement that spent fuel shall be returned to Canada for reprocessing, to ensure that Canadian nuclear material will not be used to produce further nuclear explosions in India and to ensure environmentally sound standards of disposal and storage of nuclear wastes?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, that precisely, is one of the questions being discussed. As I indicated earlier, I have not received the report.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

##### ADVICE OF MINISTER ON DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE RETURNED FROM REACTOR SOLD ABROAD

**Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of the Environment? As the minister stated that he advised the government regarding the return and reprocessing of nuclear waste from reactors sold abroad, has the minister advised the government on the environmental aspects of nuclear waste disposal and storage, as applied to agreements currently being discussed with India?

#### Oral Questions

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I think that question ought to be directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

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#### AGRICULTURE

##### DESTRUCTION OF FRUIT TREES IN ONTARIO BY ICE STORM—REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AID

**Mr. J. R. Holmes (Lambton-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. It relates to the recent damage experienced by the tender fruit industry, particularly in the counties of Kent, Elgin and Norfolk, following the ice storm last week. As early estimates indicate that at least 50 per cent of the trees have been destroyed, what measures has the minister taken to assist the industry, following that disaster?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the matter was brought to my attention by the president of the Canadian federation just this weekend. The usual procedure is to assess the damage, which is very great, especially to cherry and peach trees, and report to the province. If the province sees fit and makes further representations to the federal government, we will certainly give the matter consideration.

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#### COMMUNICATION

##### ACTION TO MAKE CABLEVISION AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF DALHOUSIE, NEW BRUNSWICK

**Mr. Maurice Harquail (Restigouche):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Communications and arises from delays in bringing cable television to the residents of Dalhousie. What action might the minister take to have private television people from CKCW at Moncton and Saint John, New Brunswick, complete the installation of equipment and bring in 100 per cent CBC programming to northern New Brunswick?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, the matter of various people's access to CBC programs is the responsibility of the Secretary of State; I therefore feel that the question should be addressed to him. But with regard to possible applications for cable service in that area, I imagine the CRTC will, eventually, hold hearings in the course of studying such applications.

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#### ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

##### JUSTIFICATION FOR EXPENDITURES OF ADMINISTRATOR

**Mr. Frank Hamilton (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Revenue. As the budget for the Anti-Inflation Board administrator is for \$298,000 for three months, almost \$100,000 a month, and as the administrator has dealt with only one