

*Inquiries of the Ministry***FINANCE****INQUIRY AS TO REGULATIONS RESPECTING
INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Minister of Finance could advise the house when he intends to publish and table the regulations concerning interest disclosure, as provided for under section 92 of the Bank Act.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will answer that question tomorrow after I have made inquiries.

[*Translation*]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**MONTREAL—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON
UNEMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, my question is intended for the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

As the Economic Council of Canada foresees a marked increase in the number of unemployed this fall, and in view of the Canadian Press report which outlines special steps to alleviate the consequences thereof on Montrealers, can the minister make a statement on his plans to avoid an unfortunate situation this fall?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking the minister to make a statement which can be allowed only on motions.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, may I put my question in another way?

Does the Minister of Manpower and Immigration intend to take steps in order to avoid a sharp drop in employment in Montreal this fall?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, in so far as my own responsibility is concerned, we have a new manpower training program as well as a manpower mobility program, and there is no doubt that my department will make every effort to improve the situation forecast by the hon. member.

Mr. Valade: Has the minister approached the authorities of the city of Montreal or the province of Quebec to discuss this situation which is expected to be rather serious?

Mr. Marchand: No, Mr. Speaker.

[*Mr. Marchand.*]

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a complementary question.

Is it not the opinion of the hon. minister that it would rather be important to lengthen the winter work period instead of—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is not asking a question but making a suggestion.

[*English*]

FISHERIES**INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF
GEOGRAPHICAL CO-ORDINATES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, asking him whether during the time he was recently in the United States he was able to get the authority and permission of the United States government to establish the geographic co-ordinates from which the straight base lines will be drawn.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it was not necessary to ask the United States for authority to establish either the co-ordinates or the straight base lines system. This is something that depends entirely on the policy of the government of Canada. I hope to be able to make a statement about this matter very shortly.

Mr. Howard: I have a supplementary question. I understand the hesitancy on the part of the minister to be more precise in view of the fact that he was precise earlier in the year and was unable to meet the deadline. However, can he tell us when—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**FORT CHIMO—INQUIRY AS TO MANUFACTURE
OF OOKPIKS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Are the current difficulties being experienced in respect of the Eskimo handicraft industry responsible for the cancellation of the manufacture of Ookpiks at the Fort Chimo cooperative?