

fever, mentioned on page 9891 of *Hansard*. The question deals with the distinct possibilities of the fever being transmitted to Canadian Olympic personnel by athletes coming from areas where the disease is endemic. Does the minister anticipate any interference from the World Health Organization on which there are athlete representatives from affected countries? Also, will the minister's quarantine bill effectively eliminate any risk of this disease hitting Canada, with disastrous results?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated last week in the House, I intend to propose during the forthcoming session a number of changes to the Quarantine Act. Under these changes, a quarantine officer would be authorized, with the minister's approval, to detain any person who is really suffering from a contagious disease. This would include both the incubation and contagious periods. There is no such provision in the current act, and we feel that such an addition would provide quarantine officers with the necessary powers to prevent any individual suffering from a disease similar to that mentioned by the hon. member from entering Canada. As to the first part of the question concerning the World Health Organization, I do not foresee any interference from this organization in this area.

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#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ASSISTANCE WITH HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE BUILDING PROGRAMS IN NEW BRUNSWICK—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Following the meeting yesterday between the minister and Premier Hatfield of New Brunswick, which resulted in seven news releases today disclosing among other things some helpful and badly needed assistance with highway construction in northeastern New Brunswick and the phaseout of New Start and Multiplex, did the minister discuss with the premier apparent differences over the highway and bridge building proposals by the province which the premier referred to in his legislature and, in particular, is the minister considering a comprehensive five-year program of assistance with highways and bridges in all parts of the province?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I will certainly draw the minister's attention to this when he returns. He can undoubtedly give a reply in detail.

ALLEGED SLOWNESS IN IMPLEMENTING POLICY IN NOVA SCOTIA

**Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, I welcome the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce back to his old job. I have a supplementary question. Is the minister aware of the comments made by the Nova Scotia minister of finance about the apparent slowness of DREE

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policy implementation in that province, and is the minister prepared to take some new initiatives to move the program forward?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I can only respond in the same way. I will make sure this is drawn to the minister's attention.

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#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ALLEGED RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON CO-OPERATION WITH FORCE BY MR. MARCHAND—EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF CHARGE OF LEAK TO PRESS

**Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. Has the minister discussed with the Minister without Portfolio the restrictions which that minister is reported to have placed on his cooperation with the RCMP and does the Solicitor General consider these restrictions in keeping with the kind of cooperation the force might rightfully expect from a Privy Councillor?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I do not make public my discussions with cabinet ministers.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

**Mr. MacKay:** Mr. Speaker, I have a brief supplementary. Since the Minister without Portfolio saw fit in an interview published today to again state his feelings with regard to an alleged press leak by the RCMP, can the Solicitor General tell us whether his colleague has turned over to him any evidence whatsoever to support those feelings? Has the situation changed from the last time?

**Mr. Allmand:** Mr. Speaker, I can only say that the police investigation is proceeding as scheduled.

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#### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Now that the government seems to have got its anti-inflation program into sufficient difficulty with conflicting decisions and rather complicated regulations, does the government now intend to appoint an administrator? If so, do they have the name of the administrator and when will the appointment be made? Also, can the Prime Minister undertake that it will not be a civil servant who will be subject to possible influence by the government in light of the very difficult position the administrator will have?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate these representations. Perhaps the hon. member could give me a list of the people who he thinks