

*Inquiries of the Ministry***INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY**

**Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Would the minister demand from the president of the CBC an explanation for the terrible mistake in programming which occurred last night when *The Forsyte Saga*, a good program, was actually scheduled in prime viewing time?

**BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM****TERMINATION OF COMMISSION'S WORK—  
FINAL REPORT**

**Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the right hon. Prime Minister. Has the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism ceased functioning, and when does the Prime Minister expect to receive any final reports, including one dealing with the role of cultural or ethnic groups other than English and French, in accordance with the terms of reference?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I can only answer in general terms. Some months ago I did meet the co-chairmen of the Royal Commission who told me that they could finish their work by March 31 but that there may be some problems of printing or editing thereafter. I believe their main task on the substance of the report was finished by March 31 and that the subject referred to by the hon. member has been dealt with. At what precise moment it will be printed I cannot say, but it will obviously be very soon.

**POLICY FOLLOWING THIRD REPORT OF  
COMMISSION**

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Prime Minister can tell the House and the country if the government has made up its mind yet on the third report of the B and B Commission?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Nowlan:** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When can the House and the country expect a policy statement on that portion of the B and B work?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of implementation to be proceeded with on the

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other portions of the B and B report and we still need some time ahead of us before implementing every part of the reports.

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**Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact a Spence Bay Eskimo has been charged with bear hunting on the ice off the Northwest Territories, will the minister say if he thinks Jimmy Tootalik will come out of his trial with a "bare" skin?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**FISHERIES****BOUNTY FUND—DISTRIBUTION TO PROVINCES**

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Has the minister received resolutions from the legislative assemblies of the Maritimes asking that the fund designated or known as the fishermen's bounty be distributed to the provinces? Also, has he plans to accede to this request?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, I have not seen any such representation. If it has, in fact, been made I will consider it, even though it be ill advised.

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION****SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS WITH NEW BRUNSWICK AND NEWFOUNDLAND**

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. When does he expect to sign the agreements with the provinces of New Brunswick and Newfoundland in connection with the special areas program he announced on March 15? In anticipation of the minister's answer, will he define "soon" for us?

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**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** For all practical purposes, Mr. Speaker, the negotiations with New Brunswick are complete. Only formalities have to be approved. As to Newfoundland, the matter should be settled soon.