

*Inquiries of the Ministry***EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****BIOLOGICAL WARFARE—TRANSFER OF MATERIALS ACROSS CANADIAN TERRITORY**

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, on June 23 and again last Thursday on July 3, I asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs to inform the house as to how materials used for research at Shirleys Bay and Suffield, Alberta, in connection with biological and chemical warfare get to either or both of these laboratory grounds from one point in Canada to another, or from the United States to points in Canada. The Secretary of State for External Affairs said the Minister of National Defence would answer the question. May we now have an answer?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): I think I should preface my answer by saying that all activities of the Department of National Defence pertaining to these materials are only of a defensive nature. As far as the particular question is concerned, I am informed that the Defence Research Board does not ship toxic materials by commercial aircraft, and has never at any time shipped disease producing organisms by commercial carriers of any kind. Canadian Forces motor vehicles and cargo aircraft have been used to transport small quantities of toxic materials to Suffield for testing purposes.

Small laboratory samples of chemical materials have been shipped by rail in accordance with Board of Transport regulations. These shipments are in the same category as those made by a hospital or laboratory to another such institution. The samples have been about the equivalent of a tablespoonful, carried in specially designed containers, and the shipments occur very infrequently—on the basis of about one or two a year.

Mr. Lewis: The minister has not stated whether these shipments come from the United States to these points in Canada. May I have an answer as to where they originate?

Mr. Cadieux: Mr. Speaker, I have one example I can give my hon. friend, involving the last shipment of these organisms. They came from the United States in 1965.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that the information given by the minister in reply to the supplementary question asked by the hon. member is the type of information that should normally appear on the order paper.

[Mr. Hees.]

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

In view of the fact that the governor of the Bank of Canada, who appeared yesterday before the committee on finance, trade and economic affairs, stated that the steps to be taken to check inflation will cause the number of unemployed to increase, would the Prime Minister tell us whether he shares that opinion, and also how many jobless he needs to govern the country properly?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member might put this question on the order paper.

[English]

WATER RESOURCES**INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF WATER ACT—POLLUTION CONTROL**

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister without Portfolio in charge of resources. Several weeks ago, in answering a question concerning a water act, the minister advised the house that it would probably not be reached until mid-July. At that time it was believed the house would not be sitting in July. Will the minister now be presenting the proposed water act during the current session of parliament, so that we may know what he proposes concerning water pollution.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I believe that my words to which the hon. member refers indicated I would present the water act in July, and that is still my expectation.

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**RESIGNATION OF MR. DOUGLAS FULLERTON, CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to advise the house whether Mr. Douglas Fullerton, chairman of the Cape Breton Development Corporation has resigned and, if so, will he provide the house with the reason for his resignation?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I am aware that he has sent a letter to the Prime Minister.