

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

by July 1, 1958, if the government of Manitoba had received a reply to its letter addressed to the Prime Minister dated August 1, 1957?

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Well, Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the press report or, if I have, I have forgotten about it. Actually the act is set up as of this moment to go into operation when six provinces have their schemes in force. Now Ontario have notified us that they cannot operate before January 1, 1959, so I have nothing further to say.

**ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES****INQUIRY AS TO FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR RESEARCH**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Claude Ellis (Regina City):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fears expressed by Dr. G. N. Patterson, director of the institute of aerophysics, University of Toronto, and other Canadian scientists, as reported in a front page story in yesterday's *Ottawa Citizen*, that government appropriations for research in this field are to be cut, will the Prime Minister assure the house that any economies will be made through a reduction in conventional defence expenditures rather than in this vital field of rocket and satellite research?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, there is no intention to reduce the grants to universities for research purposes or to reduce the defence research expenditures in general in any way whatsoever.

**Mr. H. R. Argue (Assiniboia):** May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I can ask the Prime Minister if there is any intention to increase the grants for scientific research and for education generally in line with the recommendations of the experts?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, that question of course is a matter of government policy, but I would say this. The whole field of research and scientific expansion and development will receive primary consideration when the 15 nations in NATO meet in Paris in December. I hope as a result of that meeting there will be a general increase in scientific expenditure in order to meet the situation with which all of us are acquainted.

[Mr. Deniset.]

**NATIONAL PARKS****SIGNAL HILL, ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—INQUIRY AS TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Is the minister in a position to make a statement at this time about the government's plans for the development of historic Signal hill in my constituency of St. John's East as a national park?

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):** I wish to thank the hon. member for having informed me of this question just as I entered the house. I should like to take it as notice so that I may look further into the matter.

**Hon. Jean Lesage (Montmagny-L'Islet):** Does the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources not know that Signal hill was established as a national historic park under the previous administration?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Everything was done under the previous administration.

**Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle):** What the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources knows will soon become apparent.

**PUBLIC WORKS****NEW BRUNSWICK-PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSEWAY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. J. Murphy (Westmorland):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Public Works which is really supplementary to my question of yesterday. Will the minister inform the house if the report of Price, Waterhouse and Company, chartered accountants of Montreal, on the economic feasibility of the proposed causeway from Westmorland county, New Brunswick, to Prince Edward Island has been completed, and if so will the minister table the report?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, no such report has come to my attention as yet.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE****REFERENCE TO MINISTER'S STATEMENT RESPECTING AMENDMENTS TO ACT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Labour a question. I wonder if the Minister of Labour has