REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ESTABLISHMENT OF CROWN CORPORATIONS IN PROVINCES

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In an effort to catch up on some outstanding matters before the Prime Minister returns, can the minister now answer the question I asked before Christmas with regard to when the first Crown corporation will be set up in the provinces to deal with regional expansion. If it has not been set up, will he say when it will be?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I have really no idea at this time, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

HEALTH

CHALLENGE OF GOVERNMENT'S POWER TO REGULATE USE OF CYCLAMATES IN FOOD

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of a British Columbia canning firm's challenge of the federal governments power to regulate cyclamates in food, will the minister inform the House as to the nature of the stand that the federal Department of Justice will take on this matter?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows and as he himself has stated, this matter is before the courts. Therefore I cannot say anything about it at this time.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARLIAMENT TO DEAL WITH CONVEN-TIONS ADOPTED BY INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. I gave notice of it to his Parliamentary Secretary. When will parliament have the opportunity to deal with conventions supported by this country and adopted last October at the conference of the International Labour Organization in Geneva?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for his usual courtesy in giving me notice of his question. I investigated this morning and discovered that the conventions were adopted recently at the ILO conference. These conventions will be tabled in the usual manner in the House within the next few weeks.

Inquiries of the Ministry

SPORTS

1976 OLYMPIC GAMES—CANADIAN POSITION ON PRINCIPLE OF NO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Considering the firm decision of the International Olympics Committee to adhere rigidly to the principle that there shall not be racial discrimination in sports, can the minister give some indication to the House of the position to be taken by the government on that principle so far as the 1976 Olympic games are concerned?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would think that a statement in this regard could be made on motions, and not necessarily today.

POLLUTION

GRANTS OR LOANS TO INDUSTRIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO COPE WITH PROBLEM

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In view of the added costs that pollution control represents for industry and in view of the unhealthy effects these costs can have on industries and municipalities, will the government make grants or low-interest, long-term loans available to industries and municipalities in order to help them to cope with this problem?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, action is presently being taken under CMHC to help the municipalities. The general question of industry and pollution will be dealt with by the new minister of the environment. We shall be looking forward to recommendations from him.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

REPORTED UNFAIR PRACTICES BY FRANK HILL LIMITED— REHIRING OF MEN FIRED

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. Has the minister anything to report with regard to my request yesterday that his department investigate the complaint about unfair and highhanded labour practices on the part of a paint contractor presently engaged under a Defence Construction Limited contract at Canadian Forces Base, Petawawa?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether that is a question which ought to be asked at this time. I would think that the hon. member could obtain that information by giving written notice or by having the matter considered at the time of adjournment.