

Inquiries of the Ministry

hold a more adequate position in our society. I believe that we should try to establish new programs so that the Indian people can find employment instead of receiving welfare allowances.

[English]

SCIENCE SERVICES**RATIONALIZATION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH
COUNCIL FOLLOWING OECD REPORT**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, in view of the question I asked yesterday I should like to address this question to the President of the Treasury Board. Will the minister make an announcement in the House early in the new year on whether it is government policy to rationalize our medical research council as recommended by the United Nations Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, as has been pointed out, the OECD committee has made some recommendations, as have other bodies. These are now being studied with a view to co-ordination. I hope it will be possible to make an announcement some time in the new year.

OIL**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON INVESTMENT
IN PANARCTIC OILS LIMITED**

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources assure the House that he will make a statement on motions regarding further government investment in Panarctic Oil and, if so, when?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, Panarctic Oil comes within the jurisdiction of my colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we are presently considering the matter and, if any announcement is to be made, it will be made at the proper time.

AGRICULTURE**INQUIRY RESPECTING BUTTER STOCK**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture.

[Mr. Chrétien.]

Could he tell us whether there was more or less butter in storage at the end of November 1969 than at the end of the same month in 1968?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is asking for statistical information and, in my view, the minister cannot answer such a question now.

[English]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, over the Christmas recess will the Minister of Finance, and I appreciate he probably needs a holiday more than any of us, ascertain whether anybody who is living on \$30 a week can operate five television sets as he says he is?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): I was misquoted, Mr. Speaker.

TRADE**POTASH—REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING
DUMPING IN UNITED STATES**

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, in view of the United States Treasury Board's determination that there has been dumping of potash in the United States, will the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce indicate what representations were made by Canada on this matter and whether any agreement or conclusion was reached following consultation with the United States government?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Many representations were made by my department to the government of the United States in this regard. I was just explaining to my neighbour some of the concessions obtained in the last days from the United States. There has been an improvement in the way the dumping is being assessed and an improvement also with regard to the period of time the anti-dumping measures will be applicable. Canadian shipments will now be examined by the U.S. customs to determine whether anti-dumping duties are applicable since June 18, 1968, which is a shorter period of time than at first anticipated. Dumping duties will be assessed against future imports of potash from Canada only if they are sold at less than Canadian prices. So I think that this should give some satisfaction to the Canadian industry.