Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Speaker, I should just like to explain out of courtesy to the Prime Minister that I changed my adjective after I rose in my place.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

REQUEST FOR INCREASED EXPENDITURES ON MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare, but in her absence I will direct it to her Parliamentary Secretary. My question is based on the fact that in 1963 we in Canada spent \$1,800,000 on mental health research, whereas in the state of New York, with a smaller population \$14,600,000 was spent on mental health research. Our mental health research here has been described as a creeping catastrophe and a major crisis in mental health research. Will the Parliamentary Secretary draw this situation to the attention of the Minister?

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will.

PENSIONS

REQUEST FOR DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION ON CANADA PLAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): While I am on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer the question put by the hon. Member for Port Arthur yesterday. He inquired whether there would be any type of pamphlet prepared in layman's language explaining the Canada Pension Plan. I am advised by the department that such a pamphlet will be ready some time in the early part of June.

CANADA PLAN—INQUIRY AS TO PROCLAMATION OF ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. As it is now a little more than 30 days since the Canada Pension Plan was given royal assent, can the Prime Minister say whether this Act has been proclaimed and, if so, what was the date of the proclamation?

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Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I should like to check on this, Mr. Speaker. It is my impression it was proclaimed two or three days ago, but I will get the exact date.

Mr. Knowles: May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Prime Minister say whether any province other than Quebec, in that 30 day period, indicated it would opt out of the Canada Pension Plan?

Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker; no other province gave that indication.

TRANSPORT

P.E.I. CAUSEWAY—REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION STUDY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. In March he advised the House, in answer to a question from my colleague from Queens, that the second stage of the Prince Edward Island causeway study would be completed in four to six weeks. Could he indicate what is the new expected date?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, there is little I can add to what I said previously. To my knowledge there has been no delay on the part of the consultants, and I would imagine that the report should be ready very shortly.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

DAUPHIN, MAN.—AGREEMENT RESPECTING WATER SUPPLY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. E. Forbes (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Is he now in a position to advise the House with regard to finalizing an agreement between his Department and the Town of Dauphin, Manitoba, to obtain a water supply for the town?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, we have had a number of representations from Mayor Newton and his council in respect of this matter. I have forwarded a copy of an agreement for the withdrawal from Moon Lake of 30 million gallons of water per year for a 10 year period. Mayor Newton has indicated that he is thoroughly