

it may be that it will be necessary for applications to be made, but I would like to reply in more detail to the hon. member in a day or two.

**Mr. Korchinski:** May I ask the minister how soon he anticipates a decision will be made, and whether he has made an estimate of the amount of money involved.

**Mr. Olson:** The payments for this year to any small cream shipper reinstated during this dairy year will be made at the end of the dairy year, but they will be made for the whole of the shipments that were delivered since April 1, 1971. I do not have the exact figure of the estimated cost.

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### FISHERIES

#### SELKIRK FISH PLANT—INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE CLOSING

**Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk):** My question is for the Minister of Fisheries. I should like to ask him whether or not he is prepared to confirm the announcement made by Mr. Patrick Bertram, manager of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation in Winnipeg, that, contrary to the commitment the minister made in the House a year ago, the Selkirk freshwater fish plant will be closed?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** I should like to take the question as notice.

#### POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO MANITOBA FISHERMEN WHOSE LIVELIHOOD THREATENED BY POLLUTION

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** I have a question for the Minister of the Environment and Fisheries. Is the minister in a position to say whether any agreement has been finalized between the federal government and the province of Manitoba in relation to assistance for fishermen whose business has been sadly threatened as a result of pollution?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Environment and Fisheries):** No, but substantial funds have been invested in the development of new fisheries to which these fishermen could direct their efforts in the future.

**Mr. Simpson:** Can the minister say whether the federal government is still negotiating with the province of Manitoba to come up with a program which will assist the fishermen?

**Mr. Davis:** My department is not. However, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has been assisting, as has the Department of Regional Economic Development and the Department of Manpower and Immigration.

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### Inquiries of the Ministry

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#### NATIONAL PARKS

##### ALLEGED ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PARKS TO CREATE JOBS

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Is it true that he is now negotiating with the Quebec government for the development of new national parks and the creation of jobs in Quebec—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member cannot ask a minister to confirm or deny a news. He should ask a direct question. Being granted that the question was so asked, the minister might reply.

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, we are continuously negotiating with the provinces and I am happy to see that the province of Quebec is interested in the development of federal parks inside its territory.

**Mr. Asselin:** I should like to direct a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Is it true that the hon. minister is considering the establishment of a national park—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that notwithstanding the procedure, it is not in order to ask the minister whether a national park will be established in one area rather than another. I believe that kind of question should be placed on the order paper or debated on the ajournment motion—

**One hon. Member:** I should like to direct a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** That applies to supplementary questions also.

**Mr. Asselin:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

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#### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

##### FOREIGN INVESTMENT—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT DECISION—REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** I want to address a question to the Prime Minister. I should like to ask him whether the government has reached a final decision and has reached an agreement on a statement with regard to Canada's policy on foreign investment and foreign ownership in this country.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would say that this was done many weeks ago. I had indicated to the Conservative party that if their convention had come up with any bright resolutions we might have reconsidered our policy, but we find there is no need to do so.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.