

Inquiries of the Ministry

which we are trying to apply with maximum equity. On every occasion, throughout this country, when there are special cases, Mr. Speaker, we try to settle them as such.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for—

Mr. Asselin: I want to put a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has had already the opportunity to put a supplementary question on this matter. There are only a few minutes left before the end of the question period.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

ALBERTA—EQUALIZATION OF FEED GRAIN TRANSPORTATION COSTS

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. Can he tell us whether he is undertaking to equalize feed grain transportation costs in so far as they now affect Alberta producers?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker, we are not contemplating any feed grain transportation costs anywhere within the major production region.

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MANPOWER

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN COUNSELLING STAFF AT CENTRES BECAUSE OF DEMAND FOR SERVICE

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that many applicants are having difficulty receiving counselling services at manpower centres, necessitating long waiting periods and expense to the unemployed who have to travel long distances, would the minister investigate this situation with a view to increasing the counselling staff at those centres where there is an overload of applicants?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member will bring a specific situation to my attention I certainly will be glad to look into it. The offices are indeed faced with a heavy load and are trying to do their very best with it.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PROVISION OF SAFE CONTAINERS FOR HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs which has to do with the tremendous amount of publicity he has given recently to hazardous products. According to his own admission the

[Mr. Trudeau.]

people most affected are children. When does he intend to bring in regulations requiring hazardous products to be put in safe containers and bottled properly?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the publicity dealt with hazardous product containers rather than hazardous products themselves. The Food and Drug Directorate, under my colleague, has already asked pharmacists to prescribe prescription drugs in safety containers. We are now working on and are on the verge of announcing a standard for a safety enclosure for liquids which, when it is perfected and meets the economic tests that must be applied, will be provided for by way of regulation.

REGULATION OF TELEVISION ADVERTISING DIRECTED AT CHILDREN

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs when he proposes to do something tangible by way of legislation in respect of regulating advertisements on television directed at children?

Hon. Ron. Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I was hoping the hon. member's private bill on the subject might come up for debate.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, perhaps the minister would talk to the government House leader—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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POLLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE AGENCY TO DEAL WITH OIL SPILLS

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry I should like to direct this question to his parliamentary secretary. Have any further plans been made for the establishment of a single agency or department, with the necessary manpower, equipment and cash, to deal with oil spills in Canadian waters in accordance with the recommendation in the third instalment of the report of the operation oil task force?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take that question as notice on behalf of the parliamentary secretary.

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BILINGUALISM

REFUSAL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO ACCEPT BILINGUAL LABELLING

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.