

protest the proposed imposition of an excise tax on natural gas resources harvested in British Columbia.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 86, 390 and 1,232 to 1,247 inclusive.

I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

PUBLIC ARCHIVES—MATERIALS STORED BY CABINET MINISTERS

Question No. 86—Mr. Cossitt:

Did any cabinet minister in the former government who was defeated on May 22, 1979, consign or make arrangements with the Public Archives to accept or store material and, if so, in each case (a) what is his/her name (b) what was the general nature of the material (c) has it been sorted and catalogued and, if not, on what date will it be (d) will it be available for examination by the general public and (i) if so, on what date (ii) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Francis Fox (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Public Archives as follows: The Public Archives Canada offers security storage facilities for the papers of current former cabinet ministers. Under the deposit system the papers remain the property of the particular depositor who also controls access. The Public Archives does not sort or describe the papers, but provides only the storage facility. The final disposition of the papers is determined later by the depositor.

A. The following cabinet ministers who were defeated on May 22, 1979, have placed papers on deposit in the Public Archives.

Name	Extent in Metres
Tony Abbott	40.8m
Norm Cafik	24.0m
Iona Campagnolo	61.5m
Bud Cullen	33.0m
Hugh Faulkner	71.2m
Alastair Gillespie	104.03m
Jack Horner	14.1m
Otto Lang	98.1m
Len Marchand	31.2m
Martin O'Connell	47.7m
John Roberts	18.6m

The following cabinet minister who was defeated on May 22, 1979, has donated papers to the Public Archives:

Barney Danson 100.97m

B. The Public Archives is not apprised of the specific contents of the deposit collections. Experience with collections that have been donated to the Public Archives

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indicate that while the contents vary from one minister to another, the general contents fall within one or more of the following categories:

—papers accumulated as a member of Parliament including constituency correspondence, research and subject files and party files,

—personal and political papers relating to ministerial responsibilities including correspondence, memoranda, research and reference files, speeches, clippings retained in the minister's office,

—papers of a non-political nature, for example family and business matters.

C and D. Collections received on deposit are not sorted or listed by the Public Archives. The Public Archives will approach each depositor regarding the permanent retention of the papers at the Public Archives. Upon donation of the collections Public Archives staff schedule the material to be sorted, listed and described. Papers of lasting historical research value are retained for the permanent collection of the Public Archives. Access provisions are determined by the donor in consultation with the Public Archives.

NOTE: No archival work has been done on the Danson papers at this time.

CANARCH LIMITED

Question No. 390—Mr. Herbert:

- For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of Canarch Limited?
- For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned:

Canarch Limited (Non-Operating)

	(a) 1977	(b) 1978
1. Revenues	—	—
Net Earnings	—	—
2. (a) Grants, Subsidies	—	—
(b) Loans, Advances/Guarantees	—	—
(c) Investment	Nil	Nil

CANADIAN ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY—CONSULTATIVE TASK FORCE

Questions Nos. 1,232 to 1,247 incl.—Mr. Herbert:

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Electrical Industry recommend to the government in July, 1978, that all companies should be measured against a code of business conduct related to Canadian economic and social priorities and firms which qualify should be treated equally by governments irrespective of the nationality of their ownership or control and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?