

Inquiries of the Ministry

National Health and Welfare whether he is meeting with a group of hockey executives tomorrow with a view to setting up a structure for a more effective national hockey team and, if so, what part if any will the recommendations of the task force on sports play in this issue?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubt as to whether the question is one of urgency. If hon. members are agreed that the question and an answer should be allowed I have no objection.

Mr. Hees: Let him answer.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings having suggested the question is urgent, it shall be allowed.

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member, I am meeting tomorrow with the hockey executives and other people interested in the hockey situation in Canada, with the end in view of improving the Canadian position in international hockey. We will be considering the matter of bringing in those people to see whether the situation can be improved. As to what effect the task force recommendations will have on this development, we will have to wait until that force completes its findings and makes a report. It is bound to have some effect. Whether one of the courses of action will be a reference to a parliamentary committee to study the whole question, is something I do not know at this time.

Mr. Simpson: Mr. Speaker, can the minister say whether the government intends to have the whole relationship between professional and amateur hockey examined by a parliamentary committee?

Mr. Munro: As I have indicated, Mr. Speaker, this is a course of action to which the government will have to give consideration.

WATER RESOURCES**STEPS TO PREVENT POLLUTION OF BOW RIVER**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, my question relates to an oral answer today in respect of a question appearing on the order paper. Pollution is a very important national problem facing Canada. The parliamentary secretary admitted that raw sewage from Banff township, which over

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1,500,000 people visit each summer, is being poured into the river. Will the government now build the necessary facilities to make certain that the Bow River will be kept pure, in view of the fact that this affects some 750,000 people?

Perhaps in the absence of the minister I might redirect a question to the parliamentary secretary. In the event he has no answer I should like to ask the Prime Minister this question, because I know he has studied pollution and considers it one of the most important national problems facing Canada.

Mr. Hees: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that from a government which professes to be in favour of increased dialogue we are getting an awful lot of non-answers and silence.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONS OF MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO**

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of both ministers involved with Indian Affairs and northern development I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he can enunciate clearly at an early date what the responsibilities and duties are of the hon. member for Port Arthur (Mr. Andras) in respect of his association with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, because there is a great deal of doubt about this in the minds of the native Indian people. They should like to know what his functions are.

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EXHIBITIONS**MAN AND HIS WORLD—REQUEST FOR INTEREST-FREE LOAN**

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Finance.

Since it has been reported this morning that Canada has just agreed to a \$2 million loan to Ceylon for 40 years without interest, could the Minister of Finance give the house the assurance that a similar loan could be granted to the city of Montreal in order to save Man and His World?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Charlevoix.

Mr. Dumont: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.