

Inspection Services are able to ensure that they fully meet health and safety requirements.

Government officials are currently exploring the impact of the removal of these products from the marketplace and are continuing to make every effort to identify the nature and extent of the toxicity problem. It is, therefore, too early at this point to speculate on the question of compensation.

### THE ENVIRONMENT

#### POLLUTION OF GREAT LAKES—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, on December 9 a question was asked by the Honourable Senator Haidasz regarding the Environment—Pollution of Great Lakes—Government Action.

*(The answer follows:)*

The federal government places a high priority on the preservation and improvement of water quality in the Great Lakes.

On November 18, 1987, new provisions to the 1978 Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement were signed by the Minister of the Environment and by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Lee Thomas, in Toledo, Ohio.

The new provisions are aimed at addressing all sources of pollution to the lakes including: contaminated groundwater, contaminated sediments, and airborne toxic substances.

In addition, new requirements for improved implementation were agreed to whereby the parties will meet twice a year to coordinate work plans and review progress.

Under the 1987 amendments to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, Ontario and Environment Canada are developing remedial action to address the 17 areas of concern in the Canadian portion of the Great Lakes Basin.

Environment Canada is also providing support to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Municipal and Industrial Strategy for Abatement (MISA) Program which will establish stringent pollution abatement requirements for municipalities and all major industrial point source discharges.

In February 1987, Environment Canada, the Province of Ontario, New York State and the U.S. federal government signed the Declaration of Intent relating to the Niagara River Toxics Management Plan. Under the Management Plan, the four jurisdictions committed themselves to achieve a 50 per cent reduction in toxic chemical loadings from sources along the river over the coming decade.

Several federal and provincial government agencies responsible for fisheries, natural resources, health, agriculture, transportation and public works are also

involved in studies and programs for Great Lakes water quality protection and enhancement.

Environment Canada will continue working with Ontario, and U.S. federal and state authorities in addressing problems in the Niagara River, Upper Great Lakes Connecting Channels and Lake Ontario.

### HEALTH

#### TAINTED MUSSELS—DATE OF AVAILABILITY OF EVIDENCE AND DATE OF WARNING

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, on December 10 a question was asked by the Honourable Senator Stewart (Antigonish-Guysborough) regarding Health—Tainted Mussels—Date of Availability of Evidence and Date of Warning.

*(The answer follows:)*

November 29, 1987

The Health Protection Branch, National Health and Welfare, advised two major mussel distributors on Prince Edward Island to cease further distribution of mussels.

December 1, 1987

A joint news release by the Ministers of National Health and Welfare and Fisheries and Oceans was issued to alert the public against consumption of Prince Edward Island mussels.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### NEW BRUNSWICK—FATE OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS ANNOUNCED DURING PROVINCIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer in response to a question asked in the Senate on October 14 last, by the Honourable Eymard Corbin, regarding Economic Development—New Brunswick—Fate of Federal Government Projects Announced During Provincial Election Campaign.

*(The answer follows:)*

Listed below are announcements made in New Brunswick that involved the federal government from August 2 to October 13, 1987.

August 30—Approval of construction of New Brunswick Botanical Garden in Saint-Jacques, Madawaska County.

August 31—Expansion of the Hanshaus Bavarian Brewery in the Dieppe Industrial Park, Dieppe.

September 20—New federal program for the creation of community radio stations in official language communities.

September 25—Upgrade of the water distribution system that serves the Sussex Industrial Park, Sussex.

September 25—Expansion of the Grandview Industrial park plant of NovaStran (1986) Ltd., Saint John.