

*Inquiries of the Ministry***DRUGS****LSD—ADVERTISEMENTS RESPECTING IMPORTATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of his statement to the house on May 16 concerning the drug LSD and his suggestion that his department was in consultation with the R.C.M.P. regarding special measures which would permit more effective control of that drug, can the minister tell us whether his department has had any discussions with the R.C.M.P., considering the large advertisements placed in newspapers across Canada dealing with the importation of a recording by the leading exponent of that drug, Dr. Timothy Leary?

Mr. Speaker: I am not too sure whether this question should be ruled out of order at this time, in view of the fact that previous questions have been asked on the same subject. The hon. member may feel that the question as asked may not be too urgent, and he may want to place it on the order paper.

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

INDIAN AFFAIRS**GLEICHEN, ALTA.—DEATH FROM FIRE OF CHILDREN ON RESERVE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the minister in charge of Indian affairs. In view of the tragic death of five children on the Indian reserve at Gleichen would the minister look into the whole matter of the fire fighting equipment available and the organization for fire fighting on this and other reserves?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, one of the early things I did as minister of Indian affairs was draw to the attention of all Indian bands in Canada the very regrettable tragedies that can be caused by fire. We circulated a request earlier this year to all bands and councils to take this matter into consideration. The fire marshal for Canada also made suggestions along this line.

This was a very tragic accident which caused the loss of five children. Let me draw

to the hon. member's attention that this is the first of the kind that has happened for some time. If the hon. member checks the records I am sure he will discover that there were many more last year than there have been so far this year. I think we are doing something to better these conditions.

Mr. Harkness: I have a supplementary question. Have any steps been taken by the department to supply fire fighting equipment to these reservations in the form of portable pumps and other articles?

Mr. Laing: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and that was partly the result of the move we made earlier this year. Indeed, today most of these reserves have fire fighting equipment, and we are endeavouring to have certain persons on the reserves responsible for and competent to operate such equipment.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): I have a supplementary question. In view of the question asked by the hon. member for Calgary North, will the minister also look into housing conditions on this reserve, because apparently there were 14 persons living in a four-room shack. This seems to be a fairly common thing on this reserve.

Mr. Laing: I will look into that situation, Mr. Speaker, because one of the contributing factors to this terrible tragedy was the fact that although there were two doors, only one was operative.

GRAIN**QUOTA FOR NO. 1 WHEAT—STATEMENT RESPECTING MARKETING AND STORAGE**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask whether the Minister of Trade and Commerce is now in a position to answer the question I asked on Friday last respecting quotas, and particularly with regard to No. 1 wheat?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Yes I am, Mr. Speaker. Producer marketings of grain during the first three months of the current crop year are well ahead of the comparable period in 1965-66, and the annual average for the past five years. Shipments from country elevators have pretty well kept pace with producers deliveries and considerable space is still available in them.

There are, however, some areas in which the elevators are congested mainly because of the predominance of stocks of No. 1 northern