

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Diefenbaker: I do not think the answer would require much information or research. Can the Prime Minister answer? Does the monarchy cost Canada anything directly?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question ought to be placed on the Order Paper.

Mr. Diefenbaker: All right.

EDUCATION

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FRONTIER COLLEGE

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the excellent work Frontier College has done in educating people in the outlying regions of Canada and in view of the current cutback in funds, would the minister, as one method of increasing student employment, reconsider his department's decision not to provide the funds requested of his department by Frontier College?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there is some misunderstanding. The Department of Manpower and Immigration is currently making a total grant of \$10,000 to Frontier College. This is a doubling of the grant that we made available previously. The college was supported in the past by the Department of Labour and now will be supported by this department at that level for the time being. In addition we are increasing our course purchases from Frontier College, which we hope will be another helpful step in the direction of strengthening its valuable work.

[Later:]

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration that is supplementary to the one asked a few minutes ago by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby. In view of the universal agreement on the part of federal and provincial authorities that Frontier College does really good work in the field of manpower training and in view of the crisis that organization is experiencing and its request to the minister's department for a one-shot grant of \$50,000 to help it over its crisis—

Mr. Speaker: Would the hon. member kindly ask his question?

Mr. Orlikow: Could the minister give further consideration to granting the amount requested by Frontier College?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, naturally I would be glad to consider any suggestion, but my commitment to consider should not be regarded as an indication that the decision might be favourable.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPRESENTATIONS TO DENMARK RESPECTING ATLANTIC SALMON

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can he indicate whether Canada took a negative position against Denmark's involvement in the North Atlantic salmon harvest? Also, would he be prepared to table the contents of the message forwarded to that nation?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is right in assuming that we are opposed to the sort of action that Denmark has been taking. I do not think it would be in accordance with established practice nor good for relations between countries to table the note. I might perhaps be able to table a summary of the representations as I have done in other cases.

CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED STATES REGARDING POLLUTION OF ALASKAN COAST

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his co-operation on that matter. In view of the question he took as notice last week, could he indicate whether Canada is involved in experimentation and investigation, with United States authorities, in regard to the pollution of the Alaskan coast?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I have asked the department to inquire but have not received a reply yet.

CANADA PENSION PLAN

EXEMPTION OF OLD ORDER MENNONITES

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the very friendly and successful meeting he held with the Mennonite representatives in Winnipeg, is he prepared to reconsider their request that Mennonites be granted exemption from the provisions of the Canada Pension Plan?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think this question was sub-