

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not sure that this is a question of privilege, but it is a very interesting change of pace.

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CYC IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

Question No. 521—**Mr. Godin:**

Are any former members of the Company of Young Canadians on the staff of the Prime Minister's office and, if so (a) what are their names (b) in what parts of the country have they worked as members of CYC?

**Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister):** There are no former members of the Company of Young Canadians on the staff of the Prime Minister's Office (a) and (b) are therefore not applicable.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CARRAGEEN EXTRACTION PLANT IN P.E.I.**

Question No. 616—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Is the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and/or any other government department investigating the feasibility of establishing a carageen extraction plant in Prince Edward Island as suggested by the hon. Member for Cardigan on October 15, 1970?

2. What is the estimated cost of such a plant?

3. Has the Government of Prince Edward Island requested the construction of such a plant?

4. For each of the past ten years, what was the amount and dollar value of the Irish moss harvested in each of the Atlantic Provinces?

5. What proportion was shipped to (a) Denmark (b) United States for extraction of carageen?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, the Department of Fisheries and Forestry and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics as follows: 1. The Department of Regional Economic Expansion has agreed to pay 75 per cent of the cost of a study by the province.

2. Unconfirmed estimates have indicated costs up to \$4,000,000 depending on capacity of facility.

3. No.

4. The amount and value of Irish moss harvested in each of the Atlantic Provinces for the years 1960 to

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1969 inclusive as reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, is as follows:

Amount ('000 lbs. wet weight)	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Total
1960.....	—	12,498	9	15,432	27,939
1961.....	—	19,039	307	20,608	39,954
1962.....	—	17,341	874	25,281	43,496
1963.....	—	10,559	109	26,187	36,855
1964.....	—	7,124	432	20,651	28,207
1965.....	—	17,139	—	22,152	39,291
1966.....	—	24,464	949	25,596	51,009
1967.....	—	47,926	1,142	30,262	79,330
1968.....	—	53,656	1,244	32,149	87,049
1969.....	267	51,789	3,756	40,851	96,653

Value to harvesters (\$'000)	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Total
1960.....	—	162	(1)	211	373
1961.....	—	316	5	460	781
1962.....	—	288	14	481	783
1963.....	—	163	1	468	632
1964.....	—	109	6	360	475
1965.....	—	258	—	346	604
1966.....	—	402	14	556	972
1967.....	—	1,216	25	1,062	2,303
1968.....	—	1,168	27	1,081	2,276
1969.....	10	1,209	99	1,438	2,756

(1) Less than \$500

**5. EXPORT OF IRISH MOSS, SEA GRASSES, PLANTS, N.E.S.**

Year	Quantity '000 Lbs. (dry)	(a) Value \$000	Quantity '000 Lbs. (dry)	(b) Value \$000
1965.....	3,063	289	6,245	681
1966.....	6,903	634	7,252	793
1967.....	4,560	602	9,066	1,270
1968.....	6,970	979	11,384	1,619
1969.....	6,936	1,032	10,857	1,626

**NUMBER OF WORK DAYS LOST IN 1968, 1969 AND 1970**

Question No. 681—**Mr. Orlikow:**

How many days of work were lost in each of the past three years as a result of (a) strikes (b) unemployment (c) illness and/or accidents?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Labour and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics as follows:

	Federal Jurisdiction	Provincial Jurisdiction	Total
(a) 1968	498,960	4,583,770	5,082,730
1969	472,960	7,584,100	8,057,060
1970 (Prel.)	345,740	7,458,740	7,804,480

(b) This information is not available.

(c) Officials of the Department of Labour have participated with those of other interested departments in