Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of Privy Council): (a) The column was based on excerpts from a speech prepared and delivered by the President of the Privy Council in the House of Commons on October 9th, 1974. The material for the column was provided to the national office of the Liberal party for editing and mailing. (b) Insofar as the minister's office is concerned, Jon Church assisted the minister in editing the material. The names of the persons involved in the national office of the Liberal Party are not known. (c) Do not know. (d) It was not distributed to newspapers by the minister's office except for a small number of copies provided to members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

LABOUR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Question No. 1,010-Mr. Herbert:

Does the Department of Labour have a Labour Management Advisory Council considering more effective ways of labour management negotiations and, if so, what progress is being made?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): No, the Department of Labour does not have a labour management advisory council. However, as I have announced on more than one occasion, a study is presently in progress regarding the feasibility of setting up some such body.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVANTS IN MARITIME PROVINCES

Question No. 71-Mr. McGrath:

1. How many people are employed by the government in (a) Newfoundland (b) Nova Scotia (c) Prince Edward Island (d) New Brunswick?

2. How many people are employed by the Marine Division of the Department of Transport in (a) St. John's (b) Halifax (c) Saint John (d) Charlottetown?

3. (a) How many regional offices are there in the Department of Transport (b) in what cities are these regional offices located (c) what regional office includes Newfoundland?

4. How many departments of the government have offices in Newfoundland?

5. What departments or divisions of departments located in Newfoundland still report directly to Ottawa?

6. (a) For what reason was the St. John's office of the Public Service Commission closed down (b) what office of the Commission looks after Newfoundland?

7. (a) How many Crown corporations have offices in (i) Newfoundland (ii) Halifax (b) what are these Crown corporations?

Return table.

GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN CROWN CORPORATIONS

Question No. 81-Mr. Fortin:

1. For each proprietary Crown corporation, what was the investment of the State, as at December 31, 1973 (a) in capital stock (b) in long term loans (c) in medium term loans (d) in short term loans?

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2. What is the rate of interest for each category of loan?

3. During the past three years, has the government granted loans under Section 82 of the Financial Administration Act and, if so (a) to whom were these loans granted (b) for what period of time (c) at what rate of interest?

Return tabled.

FISHERIES PRICES SUPPORT BOARD—APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE

Question No. 85-Mr. Marshall:

How many applications were received by the FIsheries Prices Support Board since July 30, 1974 under (a) cold storage assistance (b) inventory financing and, in each case, from whom and for what amount?

Return tabled.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZATION OF CANADIAN SAFETY COUNCIL

Question No. 95-Mr. Allard:

Does the government subsidize the Canadian Safety Council and, if so (a) for how many years (b) through what department (c) what amounts were granted in 1971, 1972 and 1973 (d) did the government make a grant as capital for the Council at the time it was created or at some later stage of its development?

Return tabled.

TESTING OF FISH FOR MERCURY CONTENT

Question No. 202-Mr. Holmes:

1. (a) What species of fish were tested for mercury content in Lake St. Clair (i) prior to the year 1970 (ii) for each year 1970 to 1974 (b) what were the results of these tests?

2. (a) What species of fish were tested for mercury content in the Great Lakes system other than Lake St. Clair (i) prior to 1970 (ii) for the years 1970 to 1974 (b) what were the locations, species of fish tested, mercury contents and dates samples were obtained and tested?

3. For the years 1970 to 1974, what was the mercury content of the following species in Lake St. Clair (a) bullhead (b) carp (c) catfish (d) sheephead (e) pike (f) rock bass (g) sauger (h) sturgeon (i) suckers (j) sunfish (k) white bass (l) yellow perch (m) yellow pickerel (n) dogfish?

4. (a) How many Lake St. Clair commercial fishermen and members of their families have been tested for mercury intoxication (b) what are the results of the tests on blood and hair samples (c) have the results of these tests been communicated to the families involved and/or to responsible individuals in the community?

5. (a) What level of mercury in fish is considered to be a hazard to health (b) how many cases of mercury intoxication due to the ingestion of fish from the Great Lakes have been reported?

6. (a) What investigations are being carried out at the present time to determine feasibility of recommencing commercial fishing in Lake St. Clair (b) have the studies been completed and (i) if not, on what date will this be done (ii) if completed, what are the results and on what date will they be made public?

7. Has the Lake St. Clair Fishermen's Association been informed of the results of these studies and, if not, for what reason?

8. What liaison was established between the government and the Lake St. Clair Commercial Fishermen's Association following the ban imposed by the Health Protection Branch in 1970?

9. Was compensation paid by the government to the Lake St. Clair commercial fishermen for the years 1970 to 1974 inclusive and, if so, in what amount?