

5. The fishermen when interviewed were being advised that the information requested was in connection with the establishment of a National Park.

#### BEEF EXPORT MARKET

Question No. 2,001—**Mr. Southam:**

In view of the recent report of Statistics Canada that the Canadian beef cattle population is at an all-time high, what initiatives is the government taking to expand still further our export markets for beef and beef products with a view to keeping this industry in a healthy state economically?

**Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** The Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is actively promoting beef products in export markets through various means such as: (a) Incoming and outgoing missions program; (b) exhibits at international shows and exhibitions; (c) export oriented training program; (d) incoming businessmen's program; (e) special promotional functions initiated by individual Trade Commissioners; (f) identification of potential export markets through market surveys.

#### FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO CONSTRUCTION OF GLACE BAY HEAVY WATER PLANT

Question No. 2,007—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

Did the government contribute financially to the construction of the heavy water plant in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia and, if so, what amount was involved?

**Mr. Allen B. Sulatycky (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Atomic Energy of Canada Limited advises as follows: No.

#### HIGHWAY SAFETY—MOTOR VEHICLE REAR VISION

Question No. 2,018—**Mr. Ryan:**

Is the Department of Transport going to instal rear vision scopes on its cars in different locations in Canada to test their feasibility under our differing weather and driving conditions with a view to requiring their installation in all motor vehicles?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The Department of Transport has purchased vehicles for experimental purposes and various rear vision aids will be installed for evaluation. Upon completion of this study, the Department may propose improved performance standards for rear vision.

#### CANADA COUNCIL—GRANT FOR THE "WHOLE EARTH PROJECT"

Question No. 2,020—**Mr. Penner:**

1. Has the Canada Council made a grant of \$10,000 to Mr. Patrick Watson for the "Whole Earth Project" and, if so, for what reason?

2. How many people are to be employed on this project?

3. How is the money to be used?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: 1. Yes. A special grant was made in November, 1970, to assist the research stages of an innovative programming concept

for television, being developed by Mr. Watson and his associates.

2. Four people received support from the grant.

3. The grant was used for the remuneration of persons involved in the development of the project, and to defray certain costs associated with efforts to interest other organizations in the financing of a pilot program and in eventual full-scale production.

[English]

#### FLOUR MILLING INDUSTRY

Question No. 2,023—**Mr. Southam:**

Has the statement of Mr. Ken Sarsons, Director of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool's Industrial Division that "the Canadian flour milling industry is facing a serious economic situation due to rising freight costs, inflation and stronger competition in other countries" been brought to the attention of the government and, if so, what steps is the government taking to save this industry?

**Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** The statement of Mr. Sarsons has been brought to the Government's attention. The Government has assisted this industry as follows: (a) increased the quantity of flour in the foreign aid program; (b) encouraged Canadian flour milling companies to establish mills in foreign countries in order to preserve their markets overseas; (c) encouraged companies to diversify; (d) offered to assist in the rationalization of the industry; (e) conducted a seminar to explain the full range of government services available to assist the industry in adjusting to changing environment; (f) conducted a study of the entire grain distribution system and is now holding discussions with grain handlers and railways on ways to attain greater efficiency in this area.

#### CRIMINAL CODE—AMENDMENT TO SECTION 237

Question No. 2,026—**Mr. Robinson:**

Is the government considering an amendment to section 237 of the Criminal Code so that all references to therapeutic abortion committees will be omitted?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Consideration of proposals of this nature is being left in abeyance until after the special debate on abortion is held.

#### POST OFFICE—OVERTIME WORK HOURS

Question No. 2,031—**Mr. Mather:**

1. To date what has been the number of overtime work hours of employees of the Post Offices of Canada in 1971?

2. What was the number of overtime work hours in 1968 for the same service?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** Overtime records are maintained on a fiscal year basis and answers are therefore prepared on the same basis. 1. 867,518 overtime hours for first six months of current fiscal year.

2. 1,793,002 overtime hours for fiscal year 1967-68.

#### CANADIAN TRADE WITH FRANCE

Question No. 2,038—**Mr. Robinson:**

What was the total of Canadian exports to France in 1970 and 1971 and what was the total of imports from France in each of the same years?