

### NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

#### CHANGE IN DESIGNATION AND TIMING OF DOMINION DAY

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Will he give serious consideration to bringing in legislation changing Dominion Day to Canada Day and celebrating that day on the first Monday prior to July 1?

**Some hon. Members:** Never.

[Translation]

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE VATICAN

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister.

From now until the end of the session can we hope that the Prime Minister will make a statement showing the progress made by the government in establishing diplomatic relations with the Vatican?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

#### BEEF—PASSING ON OF LOWER PRICE RECEIVED BY PRODUCER

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, arising out of the question asked earlier by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar I wish to direct this question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Will his department investigate the drop in the price being paid for feeder cattle and determine why this reduction has not been passed on to the consumers?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as I made clear to the house previously, the Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act watches all significant price movements, and naturally he will take note of this question.

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct another question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the drop that has taken place in beef prices will the minister withdraw his support for a boycott on the purchasing of beef?

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Basford:** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs is to try to have aware and alert consumers through the provision of information and educational programs. I have urged consumers to exercise care in their purchases. If there are any items they think are too expensive, such as expensive cuts of steak, automobiles, clothing or furniture, my advice is that they should desist from buying them.

### HEALTH AND WELFARE

#### MEDICARE—CHANGE IN POLICY RESPECTING INSURANCE COMPANIES PARTICIPATION

[Later:]

**Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** With respect, Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether you misheard my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I was not asking for a statement of policy. I was asking the minister whether there has been a change in policy.

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, there has been no change in policy. I believe that the carriers to whom the hon. member is referring have to report directly to and are under the supervision of the public authority in the province.

**Mr. Broadbent:** As a supplementary question, would the minister consider tabling all the correspondence that took place between the government of Canada and the government of Ontario on the introduction of the Ontario medicare scheme?

**Mr. Munro:** I will be glad to look into the matter but so far as I am aware there has been no correspondence. The Ontario government is well aware of the terms of the federal medicare legislation, and through discussions that our officials have had with Ontario officials we are fully satisfied that the Ontario act comes within the terms of the federal legislation.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether any different interpretation of the section of the act regarding carriers from that accorded to Alberta and the other provinces has been accorded to Ontario?

**Mr. Munro:** No, Mr. Speaker, no different interpretation.