

Inquiries of the Ministry

that the safeguards that are in the present agreement are very important as far as Canada is concerned. I will not let them go easily; you can be sure of that.

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, in view of the government's brilliantly consistent record of failure to obtain automobile price parity between the United States and Canada, will the minister agree that Canadians are likely to obtain price parity and lower prices for automobiles only by following the suggestion made yesterday by Dennis McDermott, Canadian director of the United Automobile Workers of America, that unions must begin to negotiate such prices with the company?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is an argument rather than a question.

NATURAL GAS

REPORTED DISCOVERY BY PANARCTIC OILS LIMITED

Mr. P. M. Mahoney (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development whether he has been advised of the very substantial discovery by the Panarctic consortium in the Arctic and, if so, is he in a position to advise us as to the nature and the extent of the same?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I shall answer that question. It is true that on Wednesday a substantial discovery was made, at a depth of 3,600 feet, of a gas field of a capacity of 10 million cubic feet per day. Had this discovery been made in Alberta its importance would have been all the greater. But, as it has taken place in the Arctic, its importance is lessened although this discovery does prove that the government's investment in Panarctic consortium was justified.

[English]

TAXATION

WHITE PAPER—DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance what arrangements have been made to distribute extra copies of the white

[Mr. Pepin.]

paper in light of the great interest shown in western Canada by the mining and oil industries?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in light of the great interest shown by everyone in the white paper, individual single copies are available free of charge to anyone who writes to my office.

[Later:]

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I did not complete my answer. I should also have pointed out that copies of the white paper on taxation will be available at all district taxation offices from six o'clock till nine o'clock tonight and again on Monday.

Mr. Diefenbaker: They have already got them? They are subject to secrecy.

FISHERIES

LAMPREY CONTROL—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO LAKE ONTARIO

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Fisheries and his pinchhitter, perhaps I should direct my question to the Minister of National Revenue. Is it the intention of the government to give any consideration to the request made by the Lake Ontario fisheries committee to extend lamprey control operations to the waters of Lake Ontario?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I will make sure that this question is brought to the attention of the minister.

Mr. Noble: Perhaps I should direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has the government made any investigation to determine whether lampricide used in the lamprey control program is making any significant contribution toward pollution?

Mr. Speaker: May I suggest to the hon. member that the supplementary question should normally be answered by way of a statement.

POST OFFICE

DECEMBER SATURDAY DELIVERY

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, in view of the news release issued last night outside the House by the Postmaster General indicating that letter carrier delivery in