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comprising the two largest Canadian provinces, namely Ontario and Quebec, the administrative centre for those two provinces is being located in the province of Ontario.

I suggest to the minister that it would have been much more advisable to set up four regions instead, a third one for the province of Ontario and a fourth one for the province of Quebec.

We know that national parks in the various provinces may present different features to tourists. In my opinion, such an aspect should be considered.

May I also suggest that in order to encourage our fellow citizens to visit our national parks, we could try to find some incentive for example: an income tax deduction for expenses incurred by Canadians who spend their holidays in national parks. This would not only allow us to develop national parks in Canada, but would prompt our fellow citizens to take advantage of all their features. It is very fine to have national parks, but we should also give our fellow citizens the opportunity and financial means to visit them and make use of them.

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[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): May I direct a question to the minister of northern affairs. Will the minister say how his statement affects purchasing for the parks? Will orders for materials formerly not purchased locally, about which there has been some criticism, now be placed through the regional office instead of Ottawa?

Some hon. Members: Order paper.

Mr. Bell: The question arises from the statement made today.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): It is the objective of the new arrangement in connection with our parks to facilitate both the making of decisions and purchasing, and to localize these as much as possible.

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[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Dupuis (St. Jean-Iberville-Napierville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the house that the following questions are being answered today: 1,154, 1,189, 1,242, 1,260, 1,262, 1,304, 1,306, 1,307, 1,329, 1,345, 1,350, 1,353, 1,358, 1,361, 1,364, 1,365, 1,376, 1,382, 1,396, 1,397, 1,398, 1,400, 1,405, 1,411, 1,415, 1,419, 1,438, 1,440, 1,453, 1,457 and 1,483.

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If questions 1,280 and 1,369 could be made orders for returns the returns will be tabled immediately. If Your Honour would be good enough to call starred questions 1,134, 1,315, 1,372, 1,385 and 1,445, I would ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

*CONSIDERATION OF WOMEN IN FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS

Question No. 1,134—Mr. Mather:

In the appointments to such bodies as the Atlantic development board, the economic council of Canada, the judiciary, the diplomatic corps and the Senate, is the government giving consideration to naming a due proportion of qualified women for these positions?

Mr. Pearson: The answer to this question is yes.

PETER LABEL, TORONTO—R.C.M.P. INVESTIGATION

Question No. 1,154—Mr. Orlikow:

Is the R.C.M.P. investigating the whereabouts, occupation, friends, etc., of Mr. Peter Label, now a resident of Toronto and, if so, (a) for how long has this surveillance been carried out (b) what is the purpose of such surveillance (c) is the information acquired passed on to anybody outside the department and (d) how long will such surveillance continue?

Mr. Chevrier: It has not been the practice either of this government or its predecessor in office to furnish information of the kind sought by this question.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT

Question No. 1,189—Mr. Latulippe:

Is it the government's intention to establish, during the present session, a federal-provincial secretariat and, if so, when and how will it do so; and, if not, for what reasons?

Mr. Pearson: The question of the setting up of appropriate machinery to ensure continuing liaison between the federal and provincial governments will be considered at the federal-provincial conference in November. It is not possible to anticipate at this stage what the decision of the conference will be.

FEDERAL GRANTS TO DISASTER REGIONS

Question No. 1,242—Mr. Laprise:

1. What is the total amount granted by the federal government since 1949 to regions which have been declared victims of a disaster such as drought, tornado, flood or fire?
2. Out of that amount, how much was granted to regions outside Canada?
3. What amount has been granted each year to the different provinces since 1949?
4. What amount has been granted each year since 1949 to regions outside of Canada?

Mr. Benson: 1. \$34,991,197.

2. \$11,046,729.