

CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF
LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): I have a question for the Minister of Finance which relates to the Canada Development Corporation. In view of the growing concern on the part of many in Canada in relation to this proposed legislation and the failure of the government to accede to requests that it be included in the program, can the minister tell us what the government's plans are in so far as introducing this legislation is concerned?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): The government has been quite forthright in its attitude. The Canada Development Corporation was included in the Speech from the Throne and on a number of occasions I have stated it is a part of our program. We will proceed as soon as the opposition gives us an opportunity to proceed with legislation.

COMBINES

AGRICULTURE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY—INQUIRY
AS TO POSSIBLE PROSECUTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. R. Schreyer (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice or the President of the Privy Council, whoever is in charge of this matter. According to the last report of the restrictive trade practices commission, the agriculture chemical industry appears to be guilty of gross irregularities in its pricing policy—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Schreyer: My question is—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that he cannot preface his question in the way he is doing, that is by making an allegation. This is highly irregular.

Mr. Schreyer: With your permission I will rephrase the question and ask the minister if, as a result of the tabling of the last report of the restrictive trade practices commission, he is contemplating taking any action under the Combines Investigation Act against certain firms in the agriculture chemical industry.

Hon. Guy Favreau (President of the Privy Council): I first want to thank the hon. member for having given me notice of his intention to put this question. I may say that the report of the restrictive trade practices commission, together with the evidence that

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led to the report, are being referred to counsel to consider whether the evidence warrants proceedings.

PUBLIC WORKS

TORONTO—PLACING OF FILL IN
LAKE ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ralph Cowan (York-Humber): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Has the minister made such an effort to legalize the fill in lake Ontario south of Long Branch, placed there in contravention of the Navigable Waters Protection Act, that the Ontario provincial government is now considering a revision of the Territorial Division Act—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question is not in order and cannot be asked at this time.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

NANAIMO, B.C.—REPORTED INTENTION
TO CLOSE HOSPITAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): My question, Mr. Speaker, is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare and arises from a letter I had from him today, for which I thank him, informing me of the intention to close the Nanaimo general hospital. My question is this. Before reaching that decision did the minister have an assurance from the B.C. hospital insurance services that adequate beds would be supplied in the regional general hospital to take up the slack?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): My understanding is that consultations with the British Columbia authorities revealed that adequate service could be provided in other hospitals in the area. There would be no reduction in service as a result of the proposed closing of the hospital.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I ask a supplementary question. Do I understand the minister had that assurance from the B. C. hospital insurance service?

Mr. MacEachen: That is my understanding, but I shall be glad to check the matter further and make doubly sure.