

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

order paper, the minister indicated that he is considering changing the provisions and terms of reference of the PAIT civil development program. Would he consider making a statement on motions in the near future regarding when we may expect changes in this research and development program?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, may I suggest, with respect, that this might be a good subject for discussion when the bill relating to the reorganization of the department is introduced, or at ten o'clock.

**Mr. Lewis:** When will that bill be introduced?

**Mr. Broadbent:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister care to indicate when we may expect that development?

**Mr. Pepin:** Soon, Mr. Speaker.

## SPORTS

## HOCKEY—GAME BETWEEN RUSSIAN TEAM AND MONTREAL CANADIENS

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the Prime Minister's well known interest in sport and the fact that the Russian national hockey team is playing the Canadian national team in Ottawa tonight, will the Prime Minister use his good offices to arrange an exhibition game between the Russian team and the Montreal Canadiens before the Russian team returns to Moscow?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member should know that I am more interested in football than in hockey.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

## NATIONAL PARKS

## BONNE BAY, NFLD.—SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, of which I have given notice. In view of the urgent representations with regard to the suspension of operations in the proposed national park in the Bonne Bay area of Newfoundland, can the minister give me the reasons for this shutdown and can he also disclose whether work on the park will restart this year?

[Mr. Broadbent.]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not sure whether this is the type of question that should be answered now. However, the minister seems very anxious to reply and perhaps hon. members would agree that he might do so.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question.

The discovery of silica deposits in a particularly important area of the projected park incited provincial authorities to launch an intensified mining exploration program. Until the exploration work is completed, the staff of the national parks branch has stopped working in that area and has undertaken other tasks.

As soon as the provincial authorities have completed their assessment of the region's possibilities and decided what area can be put aside for a national park, that is to say late in 1969 according to their forecasts, the Historic Sites and Monuments Branch will study the project in the light of information given by the province.

[English]

## CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

## CANCELLATION OF PROGRAM "FESTIVAL"

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Could the minister tell us why the C.B.C. television program "Festival" was suddenly cancelled last night shortly before it was scheduled to be shown on the air?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this question should be placed on the order paper.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

## MANITOBA—OPTOMETRIC AND CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES IN MEDICARE PLAN

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare and is based on the announcement that Manitoba will enter into the medicare plan on April 1. The minister was here but in his absence perhaps I could ask the question and his parliamentary secretary will take note of it. In view of the report that the cost to Manitoba