

INDIAN AFFAIRS

SPECIAL FUNDS TO ASSIST INDIANS AND MÉTIS

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It arises from the fact that some funds seem to be available for special groups of people, as is evident in the report concerning Francophones. Have the minister's department and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development submitted a request to Treasury Board for special funds to be used to meet the problems of the Indians and Métis since 40 per cent to 50 per cent of these people are receiving welfare at the moment?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that the question asked by the hon. member is argumentative. I doubt whether the question as asked is in order. The hon. member may want to rephrase the question in order to make it acceptable from a procedural standpoint.

Mr. Korchinski: Has the minister made a special request for funds to Treasury Board for such a requirement?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The hon. member should direct his question to either the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. I think he will find that some very imaginative programs of assistance to these people have been implemented.

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SPORTS

CANADA GAMES, SASKATOON—PURPOSE OF ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare in connection with the Canadian games at Saskatoon. Will the minister inform the House whether the Prime Minister and other ministers of the Crown will be in Saskatoon at the time of the games to demonstrate their athletic prowess or is the purpose to give the people of Saskatchewan an opportunity to get the "tone" to which the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration just referred? I know that the purpose will not be in any way political, but for athletic purposes only!

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POLLUTION

GRANTS OR LOANS TO INDUSTRIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO COPE WITH PROBLEM

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): My question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. On January 20 I asked the Minister of Finance whether any low-interest loans or grants would be made to industries and municipalities to aid them in cleaning up pollution. The minister stated that he was awaiting recommendations from the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Will

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the minister be making recommendations with respect to grants or low-interest loans to industries and municipalities in order to clean up pollution?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): A number of recommendations will definitely be made, Mr. Speaker. Some have already been submitted.

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ROBERT BURNS

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): I wish to direct a question to the government House leader. Is the government aware of the fact that today is the anniversary of the birth of the world's greatest poet, Robert Burns?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we are aware of that. That is why we have a Scottish Acting Prime Minister today. I hope Your Honour and all hon. members will make private arrangements to celebrate the immortal memory of Robert Burns in a fitting manner.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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AGRICULTURE

ALLEGED TRAFFICKING IN INDUSTRIAL MILK QUOTAS—ADEQUACY OF DATA SUPPLIED

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Approximately 10 days ago I raised a question of privilege with respect to certain data which I had requested concerning alleged trafficking in industrial milk quotas. The minister promised to look into the matter. I wonder whether he has been able to do so.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): We took this under consideration, Mr. Speaker, and I understood that a letter was sent to the hon. member explaining the situation to him. If that was insufficient, perhaps we ought to have more correspondence.

Mr. Nesbitt: I know the minister does not want to create a wrong impression. I suggest that he look into the efficacy of his mail service. No such letter has been received.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the question ought to be directed to the Postmaster General.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

PARTICIPATION BY MINISTER IN NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic