Inquiries of the Ministry

question. Can the minister say whether any of these cattle are eventually destined for shipment to the United States?

Mr. Greene: Once the cattle are clear of quarantine, being the property of the purchasers they will be disposed of as the purchasers see fit. If they are admissible to the United States they may be sold there.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister consulted with the United States department of agriculture in order that there will be no repercussions to our exports of Canadian cattle to the United States?

Mr. Greene: We have received no objections from the United States in this regard. I believe that when this program was entered into it was done with consultation with United States authorities.

WATER RESOURCES

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER-REQUEST FOR ACTION ON POLLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reg Cantelon (Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Since Health Minister Steuart of the province of Saskatchewan said at North Battleford that the serious problem of water pollution in the North Saskatchewan river is the responsibility of the federal government, when may we expect some action from the government on water pollution?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This appears to be a very general question and I do not believe it should be asked at this time.

Mr. Cantelon: With all due respect, sir, this is a matter of some urgency, because unless something is done immediately these people along the North Saskatchewan river will have to drink water throughout next winter which is certainly unfit for human consumption.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member would like to debate the matter on the adjournment motion.

COAL

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT ON ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister placed on the order paper. [Mr. Greene.]

Mr. Starr: I have a further supplementary of Mines and Technical Surveys where the Donald report is.

> Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): It is on its way, Mr. Speaker.

> Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the answer, if the minister gave one.

Mr. Pepin: It is on its way.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

CONTROL OF IMPORTATION OF MISLABELLED FOREIGN DRUGS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether he has an answer now to the question I asked last week.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman asked last week whether checks had been completed concerning the importer of mislabelled drugs, and whether the importer had been delisted as an authorized supplier of drugs to Canada's armed forces.

The answer to the first part of the question is yes. Further checks have been completed, and the department has been advised that the firm in question is no longer in conformity with the Canadian government specifications board standard on the manufacture, control and distribution of drugs for supply to agencies of the government of Canada, including the Department of National Defence.

UNITED NATIONS

SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLITERACY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, asking him whether the government will give consideration to the implementation of a policy such as that announced by the Shah of Iran under which an amount of money equal to one day's expenditure for defence would be allocated to the United Nations campaign against illiteracy.

Mr. Speaker: This question should be