

*Inquiries of the Ministry***THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****INFLATION—ELUCIDATION OF SALARY AND WAGE GUIDELINE POLICY**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs whether he will, with a view to making a statement within the next day or so, confer with the Prices and Incomes Commission which reports to Parliament through him so that the minister can elucidate, on behalf of the Prices and Incomes Commission, the current guideline policy with regard to salaries and wages and what this policy consists of.

In view of the apparent effort of the government to maintain a 6 per cent guideline in respect of settlements, will the minister elucidate what the policy in fact is, and how the Prices and Incomes Commission proposes to influence the provinces to bring about settlements within a 6 per cent level when the federal government has just approved a settlement of 10 per cent?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that the minister should not reply to the question now. He might indicate whether he intends to make a statement to the House in due course.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have read the statement the Minister of Finance made in the House last Monday and the statements by the Prices and Incomes Commission. At the moment I do not see the need for a further statement. I will be happy to table the statements issued by the Prices and Incomes Commission. I am sure the Leader of the Opposition has already read them. I see no need for a further statement today.

MANITOBA CENTENNIAL**REDUCTION IN TRAVEL GRANT FOR BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE**

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): My question to the Secretary of State arises out of the second Arctic and Northern Scout Jamboree being held in Churchill this July to commemorate the centennial of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, with over 500 Boy Scouts from southern Canada in attendance. When this jamboree was held in Yellowknife two years ago, the Secretary of State supplied a travel subsidy for scouts attending. Could the minister advise the House why his department has drastically reduced the travel grant for this year's jamboree, preventing many scouts attending?

[Mr. Jamieson.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I appreciate the importance of the question asked by the hon. member. I suggest it is the kind of question that can be considered for debate at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Stewart (Marquette): Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

POLLUTION**SERPENT RIVER—LEVEL OF CONTAMINANTS IN FISH**

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of a press report this morning regarding uranium mines pollution in the Serpent River, can the minister say if tests of fish from that river basin have shown levels of contaminants harmful to people?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there are tests indicating harm to people. However, I have not yet had time to check with my officials on this matter.

MONITORING OF WATERS RECEIVING EFFLUENT DISCHARGES FROM PLANTS USING MERCURY

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Is the Fisheries Department monitoring all those waters in Canada which receive effluent discharges from industrial plants using mercury processes in their operations? If so, how many such monitoring operations are currently under way?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's question could well be placed on the Order Paper. I realize it is important. It could perhaps be considered at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Harding: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

SHIPPING**REPLACEMENT FOR MV "PATRICK MORRIS"**

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister been successful in obtaining a replacement for the CN ferry *Patrick Morris* which sank some time ago?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have received a further report from the team trying to find a vessel in Europe. They have boiled the search