

*Inquiries of the Ministry***MANPOWER****CANADA MANPOWER OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM—
INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT—CONSULTATION WITH
AND INVOLVEMENT OF PROVINCES**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Can the minister indicate progress with regard to the announcement of CANMOP, whether he has had co-ordinating meetings with the provinces and whether they will be involved in the over-all program?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Since the basic concept of the new program is maximum input by the provinces, particularly with regard to the social effects of such a program, there has been continuous dialogue at the official stage. With regard to whether there has been any progress, the short answer is yes.

Mr. Marshall: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Public Works. In view of the fact the CANMOP program will be going on with local initiative projects, would the minister advise whether federal works projects have been deferred even though moneys have been allocated in the estimates, why they are being deferred, and why there is no co-ordination between the minister and the Minister of Manpower and Immigration?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): No, Mr. Speaker. No decision has been taken at the present time either to defer or advance works programs. Each project is looked at and considered on its own merits.

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AGRICULTURE**SUGGESTED IMMEDIATE BAN ON USE OF
DIETHYLSTILBESTROL IN BEEF CATTLE**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture but in his absence I shall direct it to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the increasing danger to beef sales in Canada, will the minister place an immediate ban on the use of the controversial hormone DBM rather than wait until January of 1973?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I will bring the representation to the attention of the minister. I believe, however, that in the current situation the interests of our beef producers and the long-term interests in assuring markets for their beef were balanced rather neatly in the date that was determined, but as I say I will bring the matter to the attention of the minister.

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Mr. Nesbitt: If the hormone is dangerous enough to be banned in 1973, why not ban it now so far as the public are concerned?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will appreciate that this is argumentative.

MANPOWER**POSSIBLE EFFECT OF STATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
ACCOUNT ON EXTENSION OF LOCAL INITIATIVE
PROGRAM TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT DURING
WINTER**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact there has been a considerable drain, no matter how the accounting of the financial resources of the Unemployment Insurance Commission is done, will the minister assure the House that this will not interfere with intended plans for dealing with unemployment during the winter months, particularly through extension or improvement of the LIP program? Further, is he in a position now to inform the House whether or not the government intends to go ahead with that program?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I must reiterate that they are separate programs. While unemployment insurance is costing a little more than originally anticipated, this is no embarrassment to the government, and any decision on LIP will be made independent of the unemployment insurance program. We certainly would like to go forward with it on principle. We are ahead on plans by at least a month or two. However, I want to talk to the provinces, and I will probably make a statement on motions next week or the week after.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There are at least three members seeking the floor to ask supplementaries and that would bring us to the end of the question period. For the time being the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby for one supplementary.

Mr. Broadbent: In view of the fact that winter is not far away, can the minister inform the House whether he has consulted with the provinces, or any number of them, and has he obtained agreement with the provinces on some intended program?

Mr. Mackasey: Mr. Speaker, we have consulted with the provinces, in the sense of reviewing last year's successful experiment, to see what criteria would be suitable for the programs of this coming winter if we go ahead with this type of project.

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HARBOURS**CHURCHILL—INQUIRY AS TO DREDGING PROGRAM**

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Can he say whether any recommendation has been transmitted to his department from the National Harbours Board or any other source concerning a very necessary dredging program at the port of Churchill?