

in connection with the housing problem. I asked him at that time whether he was in a position to tell the house what response private lenders had made to meet the housing problem, and he took the question as notice. I am wondering whether he is now in a position to give the house a report on this situation.

Mr. Nicholson: In answering this question, which I am very glad to do, Mr. Speaker, may I say that most of the investment or lending institutions—and when I use that term I am referring to the mortgage and insurance companies—have been giving some thought to this problem, as I hope have the banking institutions in view of the amendments to the Bank Act which have been before this house. We know from discussions that the officials of Central Mortgage and Housing have had with some of these institutions, that the lending programs are under consideration and I hope to have a report on the situation within the next 10 or 12 days. I will be making a statement on the subject toward the end of the month; I think it would be premature to do so in advance of that date.

[Translation]

IMMIGRATION

INVESTIGATION OF PROSPECTIVE EMIGRANTS BY MOUNTED POLICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is it true that the R.C.M.P. makes investigations regarding all French citizens who wish to leave their country to settle in Canada? Can the minister tell the house whether the R.C.M.P. makes such investigations regarding prospective emigrants from other countries?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, generally, the R.C.M.P. makes investigations regarding people who want to come to Canada. There are a few exceptions, for instance Great Britain and Ireland. Instructions have been given so that from now on the procedure applicable to Great Britain and Ireland will also apply to France.

[English]

TELEVISION

ALBERTA—PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the minister

Inquiries of the Ministry

may I address my question to the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State. Can he advise the house whether a decision has been reached by the government with respect to the installation and provision of transmission facilities owned by the federal government for the purposes of educational television. If that decision has been reached, when is it proposed that the facilities will be functioning? There are concurrent facilities that would be available to educational networks in the province of Alberta if it were not for the federal government's intention to enter this field.

Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I will see that this question is brought to the attention of the Secretary of State.

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the extensive publicity given to the maturing of the Canada Pension Plan this month, would the minister consider presenting the first monthly cheque of \$1.25 in front of the centennial flame?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Churchill.

Mr. Aiken: While the minister is considering his answer, may I ask him if he would allow the former minister, the present Secretary of State, to present the largest cheque, which will be for \$10.42.

An hon. Member: Not bad.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. As neither the minister nor his assistant is present at the moment perhaps Your Honour will permit me to ask my question tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Enns: Mr. Speaker, I have a question—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I understood that the hon. member for Greenwood proposed to ask a question tomorrow?

Mr. Brewin: Yes, Mr. Speaker, but the parliamentary secretary has returned. Nevertheless I shall ask my question tomorrow.