

Inquiries of the Ministry

retrograde step. This is argument, and a question should not be asked in those terms.

Mr. Simpson: I will rephrase the question. Has the Prime Minister anything to report to the House with regard to the specific recommendation in the report of the Committee on Youth to which I have referred?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. As the Secretary of State told the House, we are looking at the report and studying specific aspects of the recommendations it contains, but there is nothing we can tell the House at this time.

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MANPOWER**ACTION RESPECTING REFUSAL OF APPLICANTS FOR WORK TO ACCEPT SUITABLE JOBS**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. On September 23 I addressed a question to him with regard to the skyrocketing cost of welfare in the country and what co-ordination was being established between manpower offices and welfare offices. The minister indicated that he would like to report fully to the House on this matter. I wonder if he is now in a position to do so.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I do not think I would be permitted to make what might be called a full report to the House at this point, but I will be glad to discuss the matter with the hon. member.

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GRAIN**PAYMENTS BY GOVERNMENT UNDER TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT SINCE JULY 31, 1971**

Mr. Arnold Peters (Temiskaming): I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of events which took place yesterday, is it now the hon. gentleman's intention to make the monthly payments to the Canadian Wheat Board as required by law under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act, and has he done so up to date?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): As far as I know, the only payment which has been made up to this point is the \$62.1 million. I will look into the other matter.

Mr. Peters: My inquiry was concerned not with the 1969-70 payment but with the payments which have fallen due on a monthly basis under the terms of the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act since July 31 of this year.

Mr. Benson: That is what I offered to look into.

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CITIZENSHIP**REPORTED HOLDING OF COURT IN BEER PARLOUR**

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State responsible

for citizenship. It has to do with a report appearing in the *Globe and Mail* to the effect that a citizenship court was held in a beer parlour. I should like to ask the minister whether permission was granted by his department for a citizenship court to be held in such a location?

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of State): I will take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE**INCLUSION OF CONSTRUCTION POLICY ON AGENDA OF FORTHCOMING MEETING**

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Will an item having to do with the construction policies of the federal and provincial governments as a means of creating employment appear on the agenda of the meeting of first ministers?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I cannot guarantee that construction will be on the agenda, but certainly the total package of measures with which we can proceed, including construction, will be on the agenda. It might not be detailed, but certainly it is a subject upon which governments will be free to speak.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): The Prime Minister has referred to this program on a number of occasions, including today. In view of the importance of this program being available as soon as possible, can the right hon. gentleman inform the House now whether we may expect an announcement within the next day or so or whether it will be some weeks hence?

An hon. Member: Very soon.

Mr. Trudeau: As was just said on this side of the House, I said "very soon". It will not be some weeks hence.

Mr. Lewis: You said "very soon" two weeks ago.

Mr. Trudeau: No, I did not. I said "soon" two weeks ago.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS**POLYMER—PREVENTION OF FURTHER LAY-OFFS**

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Supply and Services who is looking after the situation in Sarnia in connection with Polymer. I wonder whether he has anything to report to the House on any solutions he may have in mind?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): I have very little to report apart from what I told the House a day or two ago. I talked with the president of Polymer this morning and he advised me that no further reductions in the work force are contemplated, at least at the present time.