

Inquiries of the Ministry

the end of it. Exactly the opposite is the case. Opinions can be heard with regard to the projected guidelines which are proposed by the CRTC.

Mr. Nowlan: In view of the far-reaching implications of some of the pronouncements and proposals of the CRTC concerning Canadian content, which will be the subject of the hearing that starts tomorrow, would the minister use his good offices to have the CRTC attend before the Committee on Broadcasting after these hearings have been completed in order to explain these proposals before any final decision is made?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, I can say the CRTC does not need any encouragement from me in that regard. Indeed, representatives of the CRTC promptly accepted any invitation of the Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts to appear before it. Furthermore, they have always been happy to do so.

[English]

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

INQUIRY AS TO INCLUSION OF TOURISM

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Is the government considering the introduction of amending legislation this session so as to include tourism under the Regional Development Incentives Act?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): No, Mr. Speaker.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

CORNWALL—CONSIDERATION OF INCLUSION IN SPECIAL AREAS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): I have a question, Mr. Speaker, arising out of a question asked a moment ago. Two or three weeks ago I raised a question concerning Cornwall. Cornwall has now been described as "Canada's worst job-depressed city" and it is stated that in the tri-county area of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry the picture is no brighter, with 13.7 per cent of a labour force of 30,000 currently out of work. In these circumstances has the minister or the government given further consideration to the inclusion of Cornwall under the provisions of the recently announced plan?

[Mr. Pelletier.]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I know that my deputy minister visited Cornwall a few weeks ago and that this is a situation which we are following very seriously.

Mr. Stanfield: A sort of vice-regal visit.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): If the right hon. gentleman is speaking about unemployment figures, I can produce many other cities in Canada where unemployment is more serious than that.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: We know that.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, that was the greatest admission that we have had from the government, that unemployment in Cornwall has soared to 20 per cent. There are a lot of other cities that are worse, replies the Minister. We thank him for that revelation.

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby.

PUBLIC SERVICE

TORONTO—LAY-OFF OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Is the minister aware that the Toronto district of his department is currently laying off some 19 people with seniority ranging from 5 to 10 years? If the minister is not aware of this, would he investigate the situation and report back to the House in the near future?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, there were some projected lay-offs of employees in all departments of government; I think my total was 37. If the hon. member now tells me that there are 18 or 19 employees being laid off, they are probably included in the 37. We have told these people that they will have priority for returning to the department when we require them.

POLLUTION

WATER—ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROL

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime