

Brome-Missisquoi rises on a point of order. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. Grafftey: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to interfere with the answer to that question, but in relation to my question I would point out—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Grafftey: A little courtesy is not always out of order in this House. In relation to my question it is obvious that the translator did not keep up with it so the minister could understand it. Therefore I will put it in the other official language. My question to the minister is—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I recognized the hon. member on a point of order. I appreciate the difficulty he has, but perhaps for the sake of order we ought to allow the minister to reply to the supplementary asked by the hon. member for Lisgar and then the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi could be allowed to rephrase his question in English. Then we will try to get on with the next question. We are running short of time already.

An hon. Member: En français.

Mr. Speaker: The minister may reply in any language.

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Monsieur l'Orateur, I thought the translation was perfect. I thought my answer was fair. However, I wish to make one correction in the answer to the hon. member who asked me the question previously. I said August 15. It should have been September 15.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member rises on a point of order.

Mr. Murta: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry but I must also rise on a point of order and attempt if possible, with the indulgence of the House, to get an answer from the hon. member for Bruce in respect of the question I asked him concerning the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Ross Whicher (Bruce): Mr. Speaker, we will look into that matter immediately.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG CANADIANS— EFFECTIVENESS OF OFY AND RELATED PROGRAMS IN CREATING JOBS—NEW MEASURES

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Since unemployment among young Canadians continues at almost double the national rate in a month when all of the make-work projects of the government are operating, can the minister provide the House with any firm evidence that OFY and related programs are creating a significant number of new jobs for young people who would otherwise be unemployed, and in any event has the government any new programs that will break the continuing pattern of high unemployment among young Canadians?

Oral Questions

• (1440)

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the first part of the question got lost in the noise at this end of the House, but I will read the question in *Hansard* and consult my colleague, the Secretary of State.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

SUGGESTED BREAKING UP OF BARGAINING UNIT TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RAILWAY UNIONS AND COMPANIES

Mr. Paddy Neale (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that any contract put into effect under Bill C-217 will expire at the end of December, 1974, and in view of the fact that the House will no doubt be called on to legislate the railroad workers back to work in the event of another strike, would the minister give consideration to breaking up the bargaining unit so that separate negotiations can ensue between the railroad unions and the two major railways, namely, the CNR and the CPR, in order that in the event a strike is necessitated between the workers and either one of the two major companies it would not constitute a threat to the Canadian economy?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, without acknowledging at such an early stage the inevitability of legislation again at the termination of the present collective agreement, may I say, as I indicated earlier, that we will study the history of the present events that led up to the strike we have just experienced to see whether we cannot come up with a formula to reduce the motivation to strike next time. Having said that, may I say with particular reference to the hon. member's suggestion: yes, that is under consideration.

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HISTORIC SITES

PRESERVATION OF BOYHOOD HAMILTON RESIDENCE OF LATE PRIME MINISTER PEARSON—REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT RECONSIDER DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE

Mr. Sean O'Sullivan (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. It arises out of the decision of the federal government not to participate with the city of Hamilton in preserving the boyhood residence of the late Right Hon. Lester B. Pearson and to develop a park in memory of that great Canadian. As the minister has already joined other hon. members in rejecting the reason given that not enough time has passed since the death of the former prime minister to make an objective assessment of his contribution, has the minister reconsidered this decision and can he now assure us that the federal government will participate in a most fitting tribute to the memory of this great Canadian?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!