

*Inquiries of the Ministry***WATER RESOURCES****ELLIOT LAKE, ONT.—REPORTED RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): I have a question for the Prime Minister. Does he intend to make a statement on water pollution by the uranium mining interests?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I have already been in communication with hon. members who asked this question yesterday to explain that while I have the information, I got the last report just before I came into the house. I should like to study it and make a statement tomorrow.

LAKE HURON—ACTION RESPECTING PREDICTED DROP IN WATER LEVEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Loney (Bruce): My question is directed to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Is the minister aware of the recent statement by the United States engineers predicting a further drop of two feet in the water level of lake Huron? If so what action, if any, is the minister's department taking?

Mr. Speaker: If I am not mistaken this question was asked either this week or last week. While it is a very serious question, nevertheless it certainly is a question for the order paper.

FRASER RIVER—REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON TRIFURCATION PLAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Public Works when we can expect an announcement regarding the Fraser river trifurcation plan, which has been under study by his department for some time.

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I think the appropriate time would be when the study of my estimates is resumed, which I hope will be very soon.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**POINT EDWARD NAVAL BASE—ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR WORKERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Associate Minister of National Defence. Will the minister report to the house any progress

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in the alternative work program that was established to help replace men in work who were laid off at the Point Edward naval base?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, there is not very much I can add to what I have already said. The *Swansea* was supposed to have been completed; then I understand two auxiliary vessels were to be refurbished between now and the beginning of March.

Mr. MacInnis: The minister says he cannot add anything to what he has already said. He has already said nothing. I would like to know what are his intentions with regard to the older workers, especially those over 60 years of age, whose employment has been terminated and for whom nothing has been done.

Mr. Cardin: The department has done everything it possibly can to replace the people laid off at the Point Edward naval base and other bases coming under the department. There has been a considerable amount of success in doing this, and our efforts are not completed.

Mr. MacInnis: As a further supplementary question, the minister has indicated that there has been a considerable amount of success. Would the minister name one man or rather one position that has been filled by somebody laid off at that base?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

APPLICATION OF WINTER BONUS TO SUMMER COTTAGE CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour, even though he is absent.

Can the minister tell us whether it is a fact that the \$500 bonus for winter housing can also be applied to summer cottages, as mentioned in some newspaper advertisements at present?

[*Text*]

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I shall bring this question to the attention of the minister.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre.

Mr. Churchill: I have a question for the Minister of National Defence—