

Inquiries of the Ministry

I should like to ask him whether or not he is aware of the impact the closing down of the Dunlop company in Toronto will have on the textile industry in Yarmouth and also what steps are to be taken by his department to curb unemployment in Yarmouth which is a designated area.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, as far as the Dunlop company is concerned, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and not under the Department of Regional Economic Expansion.

Mr. Comeau: Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a supplementary question.

I should like simply to ask the minister, since there will be unemployment in Yarmouth, whether he is studying the problem in order to reduce to a minimum the number of employees who will be laid off.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): It is the constant concern of the officials of my department, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

REFUSAL OF BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF B.C. BUILDING TRADE UNIONS

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare which arises from a situation in British Columbia where the locked-out members of seven building trade unions have been refused welfare payments, contrary to the terms of the Canada Assistance Plan. In view of the television refusal of welfare minister Gaglardi to comply with the federal minister's request that the terms of the plan be met, can the minister say what action he plans to take to enforce the terms of the legislation?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I indicated the provisions of the Canada Assistance Plan to the minister to whom the hon. member has referred, and also that any such obstacle placed in the path of recipients in terms of receiving benefits would be contrary to the plan. All I can say is that if we have specific instances where recipients are denied benefits contrary to the plan we will have no choice but to take appropriate action in terms of reducing the moneys payable to that province under the Canada Assistance Plan.

Mrs. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. In view of the fact the provincial government got its own way, which was not in accord with the terms of the plan, in connection with the people involved in the longshoremen's strike, is there any guarantee that things will be different this time?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether the supplementary is in order. I would not think that the question, in the terms it was asked, would be acceptable.

[*Translation*]

LABOUR RELATIONS

QUEBEC—REPORT ON STRUCTURE AND POWERS OF UNION MOVEMENT

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I want to put a question to the Minister of Labour.

Could he say what are the terms of reference of the experts conducting a study and preparing a report on the structure and authority of the union movement in the province of Quebec, particularly on the CNTU?

[*English*]

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice and review the terms of reference in order that I may be accurate.

Mr. Ricard: At the same time, would the minister be kind enough when he gives the answer to tell us whether the report dealing especially with the CNTU is to be confidential or made public?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Mackasey: With pleasure, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

FILM SHOWN ON PROGRAM, "THE NATION'S BUSINESS"

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Was the film shown last night on the CBC program, "The Nation's Business", sponsored and paid for entirely by the Liberal party?

An hon. Member: It was a pretty good one, wasn't it?