

Inquiries of the Ministry

arrived will find appropriate accommodation in Canada. As far as the others are concerned, we have not received too many complaints yet, and I see no major problem at this stage.

Mr. Saltsman: Regardless of the number of immigrants expected, has it not been drawn to the minister's attention that immigrants to this country trying to find housing are encountering serious difficulties?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question is not allowable on the orders of the day.

Mr. J. H. Horner (Acadia): A supplementary question. Is the government taking any special steps to encourage immigration from Great Britain in view of the austerity program in that country at the present time?

Mr. Marchand: We receive immigrants from all parts of the world, many of them from Great Britain, and we shall continue to receive them in about the same numbers as last year.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): But is the government making any special effort or taking any special steps in view of conditions in Britain today?

Mr. Marchand: We do not take any special steps. I know that some of the provinces do, as the hon. member read in the newspaper. I think the province of Manitoba is sending a group of men overseas who will look for immigrants, but we are not making any special effort this year with respect to immigration from Great Britain.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

In view of the way Mr. Fouchet, the French Minister of Education reacted to French immigration to Canada, does the minister intend to take special action to get around the difficulties brought to light by Mr. Fouchet and to stimulate French immigration in accordance with a policy he announced previously?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, if I am not mistaken, the French Minister of Education stated that his country favoured immigration, not emigration. He indicated that he was not anxious, nor was the French government anxious to see French workers

[Mr. Marchand.]

leave the country. We knew that. Besides, all we want, notwithstanding the French government policy, is that where there are Frenchmen who wish to immigrate, we would like them to come to Canada, and we will concentrate our efforts in that direction.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): One further question, Mr. Speaker.

The minister stated on television the other night that immigration was as much a provincial responsibility as a preoccupation of federal authorities, and I agree entirely, because section 95 of the British North America Act—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Does the hon. member have a question?

Mr. Caouette: Is the minister making the necessary arrangements or consulting with the province of Quebec so that the latter may assume its responsibilities with regard to immigration?

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, I was inaccurately quoted in the preamble to the question—it is not my wish to engage in debate over this, but I at least want to point out that the quotation was inaccurate, since there is no jurisdictional equality—however, I have already met with Quebec representatives and I invited them to do like Ontario and the other provinces are doing, namely deal with immigration within the limits of their jurisdiction.

[*English*]

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

APPLICATION OF CANADIAN LAWS TO HOCKEY PLAYERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ralph Cowan (York-Humber): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Solicitor General of which I have given him notice. Will he be notifying that slave-holding state known as the National Hockey League that the free laws of Canada apply to hockey players as well as to all other men in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: I have the impression that the hon. member is aching for an opportunity to discuss this at ten o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Cowan: Ten o'clock.