

Canada Pension Plan

Minister a question relating to the business of the house. When the motion regarding Canadian periodicals was tabled it was in the Prime Minister's name, and today it is under the name of the Minister of Finance. I wonder whether there is any significance in the change, or what significance there was in the original intention of having the Prime Minister sponsor the motion?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, there is no significance at all. If this matter is dealt with apart from the budget I will deal with it; if it is decided in the budget the Minister of Finance will deal with it.

Mr. Fisher: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Prime Minister explain more fully his comment about it being decided in the budget?

Mr. Pearson: I do not think I can explain it at this time. I will try to make it quite clear to my hon. friend on an appropriate occasion.

INDUSTRY

INQUIRY AS TO LOCATION IN DESIGNATED AREAS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Industry and Minister of Defence Production. Could he tell us whether some progress has been made concerning the setting up of industries in designated areas in the near future?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, we had a good deal of success concerning the setting up of new industries in several designated areas. A rather long report would be necessary to describe in detail what has been done, but I can assure the hon. member that our efforts have been successful.

[Text]

PUBLIC SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT OF FRENCH CANADIANS—REPORTED STATEMENT OF JUSTICE MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I have a question.

Mr. Speaker: I do not want to shut off any hon. member, but is the question really urgent?

Mr. Pigeon: It is an urgent question.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that in Toronto on March 5 he stated that French Canadians, because of their situation in the federal administration, were frustrated, as the minister responsible for justice, what steps—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I find it impossible to ask my question with the noise the hon. member without portfolio is making.

[Text]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I heard the hon. gentleman. The question is for the order paper.

[Translation]

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, I repeat my question. In view of the fact that in Toronto on March 5 the Minister of Justice stated that French Canadians were frustrated because of their situation in the federal administration, as the minister responsible for justice what steps does he intend to recommend in order to remedy that situation he finds unfair?

[Text]

Mr. Speaker: This question is out of order.

Mr. Pigeon: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the minister is ready to answer my question.

Mr. Speaker: I must inform the hon. member that two wrongs do not make a right, and if his question is not in order then the minister is not called upon to reply.

[Translation]

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

I put a question to the Minister of Justice who is now ready to give me an answer.

I would ask Your Honour to allow the Minister of Justice to answer my question.

[Text]

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

PENSIONS

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTRIBUTORY PROGRAM

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure, to be known as the Canada pension plan, to establish a comprehensive program of old age pensions in Canada payable to contributors, and to provide,