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reply but I gather that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre has a supplementary. Perhaps we should try to get this matter under control before we go to another one.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** The reason I sought to get to my feet on a supplementary was that I anticipated the minister might be about to go to another subject. May I ask the minister—let me start over again—

**An hon. Member:** While you are on your feet.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** That is right. In view of the fact that the government has put the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway on the same footing so far as the arrears owing to their pension funds are concerned, will the minister make an appeal to the Canadian Pacific Railway to do exactly what the Canadian National has done for its retired employees?

**Mr. Jamieson:** The hon. member knows that I certainly can and will make that kind of representation but that this is first of all a matter for negotiation, I would assume, between the CPR and its employees. Of course, it is also a private company and in a sense the government has no leverage, if one wants to use that word, to do it.

What I was about to do when I was—I won't say rudely interrupted, Mr. Speaker—was to say that the hon. member has today moved one year closer to being pensionable himself but he sure as Hell doesn't show it.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I suppose the minister means that I looked as old when I came here as I do now.

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**LABOUR CONDITIONS****UNEMPLOYMENT—ADDITION OF THOSE TEMPORARILY EMPLOYED ON CENSUS TO MAY FIGURE**

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. As the minister has now had 24 hours to confer with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics since the matter was brought up in the House yesterday, can he now advise as to the exact number of people unemployed in Canada during the month of May when the number of those temporarily employed on the census is added to the figure submitted to the country by the DBS yesterday?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** This was answered yesterday, Mr. Speaker. I said that when people were hired, most of them housewives and students, to do the census they were not asked if they were employed, unemployed or otherwise. They were just hired.

**Mr. Hees:** Was the only requirement that they had to be followers of the Liberal party—good ward heelers?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**PUBLIC SERVICE****ELIMINATION OF ZONE RATE WAGE SYSTEM FOR CANAL WORKERS**

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board and deals with the practice of setting wage levels for the Trent and other canal systems on a zone rate system. Would the minister say whether the government would consider eliminating the zone system for Trent canal workers and other canal workers as other departments, such as the Post Office, have done?

**Mr. Speaker:** While the hon. member's question is being considered the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

[Later:]

**Mr. Scott:** On a question of privilege, as the minister does not seem to have grasped the point of my question, I should like to debate the matter at ten o'clock.

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**AIRPORTS****BRANDON—UPGRADING OF INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM**

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** My question is for the Minister of Transport, and arises from the closing of the Rivers air base and the need to provide alternate all-weather landing facilities in western Manitoba. Would the minister indicate when the instrument landing system at Brandon airport will be upgraded to meet this situation?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not sure that this is a question that can be asked at this time. Normally, this kind of question is placed on the order paper. However, the question having been asked perhaps the minister might reply briefly.

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I will take it as notice and give the hon. member a reply on Monday or Tuesday.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** A supplementary—

**Mr. Scott:** A question of privilege—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have a question of privilege and a supplementary question. It might be easier to allow the hon. member's supplementary and return to the question of privilege of the hon. member for Victoria-Haliburton in a moment. The hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** A supplementary question. When the minister replies to this question, would he also indicate when he will be making his pilgrimage to western Manitoba to open the new terminal there?