

Inquiries of the Ministry
ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PROPOSALS
FOR REVISION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister, but before doing so, I would say I am pleased to see him back after what must have been a very pleasant weekend, and the realization that the report attributed to one of his colleagues that somebody disliked him proved to be quite unfounded.

I would ask the Prime Minister whether he has reached any decision regarding the establishment of a parliamentary committee respecting the question of constitutional reform.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): On the congratulations of the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank him very much. I told the people in Quebec I believe in federal-provincial co-operation. They were down here at the first part of the week, and I was in Quebec for the balance which is a good way of co-operating. The carnival will go on; it has not finished.

An hon. Member: Which one, here or down there?

Mr. Trudeau: Yes, that is the one I am referring to.

I have not reached a decision about setting up any parliamentary committee. I must say that my first reaction on hearing the speeches on Friday and reading *Hansard* for that day was not one that led me to believe that we would have a great deal to gain from listening to the views of members of the other parties as to the constitution, but I am willing to re-assess this.

Mr. Stanfield: As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether he thinks it might not be useful for the government house leader to confer with the other house leaders with a view to reaching some more precise formulation for this question?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I will say that I undertake to discuss the matter with the government house leader, and in fact I intend to discuss it in cabinet this week. I repeat that I am not averse to the idea. I do know that the committees of the house are extremely busy,

2. How many workers in Canada earn between \$3,000 and \$4,000?

3. What measures has the government taken, or does it intend to take, to deal with the problem of poverty in Canada?

4. Does the government intend to set up a commission to make an exhaustive study of the problem of poverty in Canada, and to suggest to the House ways of correcting the present situation and, if not, for what reason?

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PUBLIC SERVICE—LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY
EMPLOYEES

Question No. 840—**Mr. Fortin:**

Among the employees earning \$17,000 per year or more, in the case of each of the following: Department of Trade and Commerce, Comptroller of the Treasury, Department of Finance, Treasury Board, Department of Fisheries National Research Council, Board of Transport Commissioners, Polymer Corporation Limited, Air Canada, Canadian National Railways, how many are (a) Canadians whose mother tongue is French (b) Canadians whose mother tongue is English (c) others (d) bilingual?

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EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

Question No. 880—**Mr. Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo):**

Does the Department of Manpower and Immigration or any other federal department have any special plans to employ or stimulate employment for students, particularly university students, in the coming year and, if so (a) what is the nature of the program(s) (b) what is the estimated number of students who would be assisted by the program(s)?

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WAR AND PEACE—GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES
FOR STUDIES

Question No. 998—**Mr. Rose:**

1. What is the amount of federal money granted to universities for strategic studies each year?

2. How much money is being granted for studying causes and methods of preventing war?

3. Are the federal government computers suitable for processing peace research data?

4. If so, would the government consider making available from time to time its computer facilities to responsible persons engaged in peace research?

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