

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

As everyone knows, Mr. Speaker, the department under my jurisdiction is seriously getting to work.

We have received a great many applications concerning new industries. We have reached an agreement with the provinces about the creation of growth centres. The effect of our new policy will undoubtedly begin to be felt early next year.

[English]

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question. Has the minister honestly not got anything more than these general hopes and wishes for the future? Can he not give us some concrete plans?

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, when the Golden Eagle Company builds a plant at St. Romuald and the federal government pays them a \$10 million grant, I think it is more than a general statement. In addition, when the McCain Food Company sets up a plant in New Brunswick, it is also more than a general statement. On the contrary, these are concrete solutions.

[English]

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. What does the government propose to do about the growing and serious unemployment problem in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces?

Mr. Speaker: The previous question, as I understood it, was whether the minister would make a statement on motions. I would think that the information now sought by the hon. member for St. John's East would normally be given to the House by way of a statement on motions and not by way of answer to a question at this time.

BROADCASTING**SALE OF TELEVISION STATION CKLW—
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT**

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. It concerns the sale of Windsor television station CKLW. Is the minister giving favourable consideration to permitting the CBC to purchase this station in Windsor?

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier.)]

Mr. Speaker: The question should be placed on the order paper. If there is urgency it can be considered at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Rose: On a supplementary, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member might ask a related question.

Mr. Rose: This is a related question, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Secretary of State when he feels he can make a statement on motions, as he indicated in the House on November 26 he would consider doing?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): All I can say in reply, Mr. Speaker, is that the matter is being studied concurrently by several agencies, and this will not allow us to give answers or to come to decisions as quickly as if there were only one agency concerned.

[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**CAPE BRETON—INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT
OF CHAIRMAN OF CO-ORDINATING
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional and Economic Expansion. I would ask the minister if the government has yet decided on a chairman for the co-ordinating committee in respect of development in Cape Breton?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, is the hon. member speaking on behalf of the president of Devco?

[English]

Would you repeat the question?

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, might I be allowed the observation of calling the attention of the House—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. My understanding is that the minister asked the hon. member if he would kindly repeat the question as he did not understand or hear the question.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, it would appear I got an answer before I asked the question and I was asked