

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

CANADA PENSION PLAN**INTEGRATION WITH CIVIL SERVICE AND ARMED FORCES PLANS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of the general concern of civil servants over the proposed integration of their pension plan with the Canada Pension Plan, will the minister give assurance that amendments to the Public Service Superannuation Act will be referred to a standing committee or special committee which may be established?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): I would not undertake to give that assurance, but I will certainly take this suggestion into consideration.

Mr. Chatterton: Can the minister advise if a decision has been taken as to whether members of the armed forces will be brought into the Canada Pension Plan and their own pension act amended accordingly?

Mr. Sharp: My recollection is that the matter is being studied. It is very complicated, as are all these matters.

WATER RESOURCES**ONTARIO—ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR CONSERVATION PROJECTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I should like to ask the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys if he has yet been in negotiation with his opposite number in the province of Ontario concerning federal contributions to conservation projects.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): I am to meet soon the Ontario minister to discuss with him all kinds of problems presently pending between the federal government and the provincial government.

STEPS TO IMPLEMENT REPORT ON GREAT LAKES POLLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. On Wednesday the minister, in reply to a question which I put, commenced to read a fairly long statement on water pollution, and Your Honour decided that that statement should not be completed.

In view of the strike which began Wednesday at the nuclear research establishment at Whiteshell, Manitoba, has the minister involved himself in any steps or action leading to an eventual settlement?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): No, Mr. Speaker. The nuclear establishment at Whiteshell comes under the jurisdiction of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, which now reports to parliament through the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Mr. Schreyer: Then may I ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. Has that minister involved himself in any steps or taken any action to help settle the strike at this research establishment?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): May I take this question as notice.

[Later:]

Mr. Schreyer: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys whether certain directives have been issued operators at the Atomic Energy plant at Whiteshell, Manitoba. My question is, has the minister or the government issued any directive to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited relative to wage levels and wage differentials to be paid as between the Chalk River plant and the Whiteshell plant? Perhaps the minister may not want to answer at this time but would like to take this as notice.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is asking whether certain directives have been issued to employees of the government. I suggest that in that form the question cannot be accepted at this time.

[Translation]

QUEBEC—WAGES PAID TO WORKERS IN GOLD MINES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Is the Minister currently considering the situation in the gold mines of northwestern Quebec where employees must work for starvation wages because of the price of gold.

Mr. Speaker: This is a question of a general nature. I presume the minister has noted the representations of the hon. member.