

*Inquiries of the Ministry***LABOUR RELATIONS**

REQUEST FOR REPORT OF WOODS COMMITTEE

[Later:]

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that matter was never neglected by the Secretary of State.

Every time the matter was brought up, we considered it still more closely. I, myself, read in the newspapers today allegations, contrary to the reports I have received, that some commissioners had lost benefits or even salary, and I inquired about that at once.

The hon. member for Brandon-Souris may be sure that this is a matter we certainly have no intention of neglecting.

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: Supplementary to my first question, Mr. Speaker, in the light of the growing protests from veterans organizations across the country over the injustice of the arbitrary action taken with reference to the commissionaires, would the minister seize the initiative himself and review this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will realize that at least part of his question was not in order. He can only ask a question, and cannot include in it an expression of opinion.

CANADIAN FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ALLEGED FAILURE TO ASSIST FEATURE PRODUCTION INDUSTRY

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, while I have the floor, I would like to answer the question put to me by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris on January 15, with regard to the allegations of the Montreal Chapter of the Film Makers Association, accusing the Canadian Film Development Corporation of having failed to act. I told him that I would inquire and I am now in a position to give him whatever information I got.

At its meeting of December 17, the Canadian Film Development Corporation approved the investment of about \$500,000 in the production of two feature films. They are "The Blast" and "The Act of the Heart". In addition, the Corporation is considering applications for three other feature films, fourteen feature film projects, two cases of distribution aid and two of film dubbing. The total investments should reach \$1 million by the end of the fiscal year. The board of directors is to meet again at the end of January to discuss further the case mentioned.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour? Has the minister yet received the report of the Woods committee on labour relations and, if so, will he be tabling it in the house before long?

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the Woods committee report is at the present time in the office of the Prime Minister, since this task force was set up by the Prime Minister's office two years ago. I understand that the English version is now available to the Prime Minister's office and is being translated, and that over the next several weeks the French version of the Woods committee report will also be available to the Prime Minister's office. As to its disposition, in view of the fact that its recommendations affect many departments and not only the Department of Labour, I would imagine that the Prime Minister himself would want to outline to the house the procedure that he intends to follow with regard to the publication of the report.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, will the Prime Minister make such a statement now?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether this is the time to do it. I must point out to the hon. member as well as to other members that we are again running short of time, and if the Prime Minister made such a statement I am afraid that would be the end of the question period.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): At least the Prime Minister could tell us whether the report is going to be tabled.

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we will follow the usual practice. First we will have to read it and discuss it, and then we will see if it is in the public interest to table it.

ATLANTIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

REPLACEMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development. In view of the fact that the term of office of the chairman of the Atlantic Development Board expires at midnight tonight, I should like to ask the minister whether a replacement has yet been made, and who it is?