

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

National Defence. In view of the recent report by the Institute for Strategic Studies to the effect that Canada has a smaller percentage of men of military age in the armed forces than any other western country, is it the intention of the government to take steps through an intensified recruiting campaign to bring Canada's forces to a point where a more realistic number of young Canadians may acquire the benefit of military training and discipline—

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

**Mr. Dinsdale:**—adding substantially to the capacity of this nation to defend itself.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member will recognize, I am sure, that the question as asked is out of order.

**BATTLE OF BRITAIN—REQUEST FOR MILITARY OBSERVANCE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Defence of which I have given him notice. It concerns a matter that is urgent to many thousands of Canadians. Will the minister consider restoring the military role to ceremonies observing Battle of Britain on Sunday at local cenotaphs, in light of a week end resolution of the Nova Scotia command, Royal Canadian Legion?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I realize the importance of the question but the hon. member is referring to a situation which will not be arising for some months yet. Therefore I think the question should be put on the order paper.

**DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**

**REPORTED INTENTION TO REVIEW JOINT PROGRAMS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of his reported statement over the week end concerning the desirability of holding a federal-provincial conference to consider cutting down the money spent on certain joint programs, can he indicate what programs he has in mind and also whether this will mean reducing any of the amounts received under these programs by individuals?

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, officials of the federal government and the provincial governments have met in the last two weeks to consult with each other as to which of these programs they might wish to consider jointly. Their reports will be made to the governments, and the governments concerned will establish the agenda. However, as the hon. member indicated, the general purpose is to re-examine all open-ended programs which are costing more than the federal and provincial governments can sometimes afford.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Prime Minister answer the second part of my question, namely whether this will involve the cutting down of benefits or allowances paid to individuals?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Of course this will depend on the subjects which the provinces will agree to put on the agenda. These are programs which are established through joint action, and the federal government wants to discuss each of them before making any announcement.

**HOUSING**

**TORONTO—SERVICING OF GOVERNMENT OWNED LAND**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. He is not here and I am not sure who is his parliamentary secretary. However, I shall address it to the parliamentary secretary.

In view of the urgency of the housing crisis in the area of metropolitan Toronto, and in view of the fact that since 1953 the federal government, together with the provincial government, has been the owner of 1,000 acres of land acquired for housing purposes, will the minister state whether arrangements have been made to service the land and how soon it is anticipated it will be available for actual housing construction?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest to the hon. member that he place this question on the order paper.

**FINANCE**

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF COMMISSION ON TAXATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a