

country which can be so arrogant as to refuse to give this information. These questions were on the order paper for two or three months; then we receive these cavalier answers. I ask the Prime Minister as head of the administration to get this information so that we may know how our money is being spent.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker. As head of the administration I would be very glad to look into this matter immediately.

[*Translation*]

[*Later:*]

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I should like to inform the hon. members of the house that the Electoral Boundaries Commission is not a government agency and as a result, the government is not in a position to supply this information. I should like to point out, in this connection—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member rises on a point of order because a question was asked by the Leader of the Opposition to which the Prime Minister replied. Accordingly, there is no point of order.

[*English*]

Mr. Diefenbaker: Have we the parliamentary secretary teaching the Prime Minister?

LABOUR CONDITIONS

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the references the minister made at the Canadian Labour Congress convention this week to the Canada Fair Employment Practices Act and the Female Employees Equal Pay Act, can he say whether the changes he suggested will require legislation to be introduced in this house?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Some of them probably will, Mr. Speaker. The matter is under study. When we have a definite announcement to make, which I hope will be in the relatively near future, it will be made known to the house in the resolution. Some of them are likely to involve legislative changes.

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Mr. Knowles: Will these changes be made at this session of parliament?

Mr. Nicholson: If we continue to make the progress we have made in the last 48 hours of sitting, that is a reasonable assumption.

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REFUSAL OF PERMISSION TO RECORD R.C.M.P. BAND

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. Without wishing to do any kind of a commercial for the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge), has the Minister of Labour considered the representations made by that hon. member on Tuesday night last concerning the R.C.M.P. recordings for the centennial year.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): The minister has, and the minister gave a partial answer last week, but we are still working on it.

PENSIONS

RECONCILIATION OF RAILWAY AND CANADA PLANS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Several days ago when I asked him about the problem of reconciling the Canada Pension Plan with the present railways' pension plans he suggested meetings were taking place. Have these meetings concluded, and has there been a satisfactory solution found in respect of the reconciliation of these railroad pension plans with the Canada Pension Plan?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker. An announcement was made about ten days ago to the effect that a satisfactory solution had been worked out with the company which was accepted by the employees of the railway concerned.

[*Translation*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Labour about the dispute concerning the negotiating unit at the C.B.C.