

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Chapdelaine: —his right, in his turn, from the government—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking exactly the same questions put by other hon. members.

Mr. Chapdelaine: Mr. Speaker, it is just to give an answer to those in my county who are asking where they should go.

An hon. Member: Answer them directly in writing and not here.

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: If I could count ten I would do so. May I suggest we get off this subject on to something much more pressing and urgent, as should be the case in the question period.

Hon. Theogene Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Could the minister tell the house whether necessary measures have been taken in order to prevent possible abuses by the wholesalers when the rate of tax passes from 4 per cent to 8 per cent, and so on?

Mr. Garland: Mr. Speaker, I do not think I can go beyond the answer I have made, on orders of the day.

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES**PROVINCIAL REPLIES TO LETTER RESPECTING ROYAL COMMISSION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the premier of British Columbia has as yet made a written reply to his letter of May 15 on the question of the royal commission on biculturalism.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Not yet, Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge. I will inquire when I go back to my office, but one had not arrived up to this morning.

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF BURSARY PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): In view of the fact that many students in Canada are making plans for the next university year, can the Prime Minister inform the house when the bursary program announced by the government last April will be implemented?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I will be able to announce that when we get through the business now on the order paper.

[Mr. Chapdelaine.]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**REQUEST FOR REPLY TO REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING RUN-THROUGH PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport when he expects to have a clear response to the request put to him more than three weeks ago by the joint running trades committee regarding the need for executive action to postpone the C.N.R. run-throughs in western Canada.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I prefer not to accept the premise of the hon. member's question; but as to the latter part of the question, I will take it as notice and try to give him an answer tomorrow.

Mr. Fisher: I have a supplementary question Mr. Speaker, and I apologize if there was any premise in my original question. I would ask the minister whether he remembers giving an undertaking to this group, which was presented to him by members of all parties, that he would give them a reply to their request?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I remember meeting with the delegation, but I would not describe the delegation as the running trades of the railway unions; that was the point I was wishing to make.

(Translation):

DEFENCE PRODUCTION**MONTREAL—REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS FOR CANADAIR**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Defence Production. Can he inform the house of the results of his meeting this morning with the mayor and a delegation of the city of St. Laurent concerning contracts to be obtained for Canadair?

(Text):

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Defence Production): As a consequence of the efforts of my colleague the hon. member for Dollard, I did have a meeting with the mayor and some of the members of the council of the city of St. Laurent apropos the possibility of continuing a high level of work at Canadair. I was able to assure the mayor and the members of council that their interest and that of the government, namely to continue to see a high level of employment at Canadair, was the same, and we are both working toward the same end.