

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Later:]

Mr. Gene Rheaume (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources whether he was enunciating his future policy in dealing with the Eskimos, whom he rather casually described as primitives, when he said that in future they shall be advised rather than consulted in a democratic manner.

Mr. Speaker: Order. May I point out to all hon. members that we have discussed this subject at length in two successive days, and I would hope the urgency has gone out of it for at least two weeks.

BROADCASTING**REQUEST FOR PROGRESS REPORT ON WORK OF INQUIRY COMMISSION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether he has received a report or advice from the Jamieson, Stewart, Ouimet trio on broadcasting matters, and if they have recommended an amendment to the Broadcasting Act or a general commission of inquiry.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State): I have received an interim report which I got last week. I have not a copy of it right here at the moment, but if hon. members would be interested I would be glad to make it available and even to lay it on the table if that is the wish of the house.

[Later:]

Mr. Pickersgill: Before Your Honour proceeds to private members' business I wonder if I might have the permission of the house to revert to motions in order that I may table a document which was asked for earlier by the hon. member for Port Arthur.

Mr. Churchill: What document is it?

Mr. Pickersgill: It is a letter signed by Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Ouimet and Mr. Stewart about their discussions on broadcasting.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Has the hon. minister leave to table this document?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK—INQUIRY AS TO WINTER WORKS PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): I have a question for the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. In view of the serious unemployment situation existing in Inverness and Victoria

counties, in which the Cape Breton Highlands national park lies, can the minister advise if a winter works program is planned for this coming winter? If so, how soon would it commence?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): If my memory serves me correctly I think there is a winter works program for allocation in that park. It will be announced very quickly.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—DESIGNATION AS DISTRESSED AREA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry. In view of the answer he gave to a question I asked yesterday concerning the possibility of declaring the Guelph-Kitchener-Galt district a distressed area, and in view of the decision of a company to move from Guelph to Brantford, would he give an answer to this question within the next week?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Yesterday I undertook to give consideration to the proposal made by the hon. member. I do not believe he would wish to press for a hasty or ill considered answer. I have given my undertaking to provide consideration and an answer, and this I will do.

CRITERIA USED FOR DESIGNATION OF DISTRESSED AREAS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Labour a question. Can he tell the house why in the establishment of the criteria for the designation of depressed areas it was decided that an area must have been depressed for eight years before being entitled to government assistance? Does the minister want to indicate that it takes eight years before one can die of hunger in any area?

REPORTED DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN PROPOSALS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct another question to the Minister of Labour, since he did not answer the first one. Can he tell us why his department waited such a long time and is still waiting to release information that would enable contractors to take advantage of the planned and announced forms of aid, such