

*Inquiries of the Ministry***HISTORIC SITES**

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—REPORTED DESIGNATION OF PROVINCE HOUSE AS NATIONAL SHRINE

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It is based on news reports following discussions that his Parliamentary Secretary had with ministers of the government of Prince Edward Island and specifically the report that the federal government is considering designating Province House as a national shrine. Can he advise if the Prince Edward Island legislature will still be allowed to function and also what other provincial Houses he has in mind for federalizing and enshrinement?

**An hon. Member:** What about the one in Quebec city?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**MANPOWER**

## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration arising out of the survey of summer employment which he tabled yesterday. I wish to ask the minister whether, in view of the finding that a very substantial percentage of the students who found employment last year were not able to find employment for the whole period for which they were available for work, and the serious effect this had on their ability to continue their education, the department is giving consideration to establishing programs to increase the possibility of providing full employment for the summer period?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have that point under consideration. I mentioned it in reply to a previous question that the hon. member asked. We are attempting to accelerate our program of publicity and to work with employers in every way we can to extend the period of employment. My hon. friend will realize that with such a large influx of students into the labour market as will take place this summer, it may be very difficult to provide all the students, or even a high proportion of them with full-time employment.

[Mr. Davis.]

**Mr. Orlikow:** I wonder if the minister would give consideration to making a statement on this subject in some detail after the Easter recess, in view of the importance of summer employment to students?

**Mr. MacEachen:** I would be happy to consider making a statement after the recess.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

## CLOSING OF DUNLOP PLANT—EFFECT ON YARMOUTH TEXTILE INDUSTRY

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, this is a related question which has to do with unemployment. Can the Minister of Manpower and Immigration tell us whether the department has now studied the effects of the closing of the Dunlop plant in Toronto on related industries, particularly the Yarmouth textile mill, and in the event of the closing of such plant can he tell us what alternative employment will be offered to the Dunlop employees and to those in related industries such as the Yarmouth mill?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have considered the impact of the closure of the Dunlop plant on other industries. At Dunlop we have already instituted a very large-scale effort to assist the employees, and if that plant closes it is our expectation that we will succeed in getting work for all of the employees or nearly all.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

## OFFERS TO PURCHASE AIRCRAFT CARRIER "BONAVENTURE"

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** My question is for the Minister of National Defence. It will be some days before we will have an opportunity to question him again so I wonder whether he could answer this question now because when we come back after the Easter recess the *Bonaventure* will perhaps have been retired. Can the minister indicate whether or not he has received any submissions from any groups whatsoever for the purchase of Canada's aircraft carrier?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Not yet, Mr. Speaker; we have not as yet received any worth-while offer.