

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): Might I ask a further supplementary question of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. When making his statement would he also say how much of this growing unemployment is due to lay-offs in the building trades.

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, I have already mentioned that before committing myself to making a statement I shall have to look at the details and statistics. When making my statement of course I shall try to make it as complete as possible.

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister investigating or will he investigate the reasons for the 30 per cent rise in the number of women without jobs, a disproportionately high figure?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the minister will take all these suggestions into account. We shall set aside an afternoon for his statement.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

[Translation]

FINANCE**REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. By coincidence, my question is related to those directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration a while ago.

I should like to ask the minister whether, in view of representations by builders and homeowners associations, he intends to remove the sales tax on building materials?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member's question is similar to that which has just been put.

[English]

QUEBEC—DOUBLE TAXATION ON DEPOSIT-RECEIVING INSTITUTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister or to the Minister of Finance. Has an agreement now been reached with the province of Quebec or are meetings planned with that province to deal with the

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matter of double taxation of all financial institutions receiving deposits?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, as the house is aware and as the Prime Minister informed us some weeks ago, a meeting is being arranged to discuss all financial institutions, including those that accept deposits. There has been some difficulty in getting agreement among all provinces for a suitable date. I believe a decision will be reached very soon for a meeting in April.

Mr. Olson: May I ask a supplementary question. I suggest that the Quebec legislature already has a bill of this nature before it, so is there any possibility there will be some double taxation of these institutions before that meeting is held and an agreement is reached?

Mr. Sharp: I am not sure that the Quebec legislature has a bill before it. I have learned what the hon. member has learned from the newspapers and the public broadcasts, that it is the intention of the premier of Quebec to have a bill introduced for this purpose. I cannot answer, therefore, whether there will in fact be so-called double taxation, although I should point out that this house has not imposed a tax upon deposit-taking institutions.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**POSSIBLE OMISSION OF WORD "QUEEN" FROM REGULATIONS AND ORDERS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): My question is for the Minister of National Defence and relates to the Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian forces. Is it the intention of the minister to drop the word "Queen's" or has that already been done, and substitute "Canadian Forces Orders" or some similar words so as to avoid using the traditional title?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker, there is no such intention to my knowledge. I would be surprised if there were.

THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION**REPORTED STATEMENT BY INDUSTRY MINISTER RESPECTING APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the