

*Oral Questions*

Canada? If he is not aware of it, will he undertake to make an inquiry and inform the House as to that fact?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council):** I am not aware of any such situation. I will discuss the matter with the Prime Minister, and if there is any further report to be made to the House it will be done.

POSSIBILITY OF GUIDELINES FOR CABINET MEMBERS  
DISTINCT FROM THOSE FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSE

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. I should like to ask him whether it is intended to produce any guidelines in respect of members of the cabinet as such as distinct from ordinary members of the House of Commons, and whether it is intended to do this by the publication of guidelines or by statute?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, following the answer just given by the President of the Privy Council, my answer would be yes, we do intend to make public guidelines applying to ministers as well as to members of the House, senators, public servants and, indeed, appointees in general by order in council. As to the second part of the question, legislation is not contemplated at this time for any of the other categories but Members of Parliament and Senators who, as the President of the Privy Council said, are presently dealt with by legislation.

APPOINTMENT IN 1968 BY FORMER MINISTER, EDGAR  
BENSON, OF FIRM WITH WHICH HE HAD BEEN  
ASSOCIATED AS CMHC AUDITORS

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know if there is a follow-up question, but I would like now to correct an error I made in answer to a similar question on Friday or Thursday when I said that Mr. Benson had resigned or severed any connection with a chartered accountants firm upon his entry into politics. The answer should have been that he resigned or severed such connection when he became a member of the cabinet. There is a two-year period between the two dates. I might have said also that the appointment was made by cabinet rather than by the minister, as indeed it is an order in council appointment.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Benson would still have a benevolent interest.

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[Translation]

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—ROLE OF  
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN SELECTING PROJECTS—  
FURTHER APPROVALS

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State.

Some ten days ago the minister sent to the members a list of Opportunities for Youth projects definitely

[Mr. Lewis.]

approved by his department. Could he tell us what effect could the members' recommendations have on projects from their own constituency?

[English]

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, that is a matter of opinion. As I have said before, the responsibility for rejections is in all cases one that I assume as Secretary of State and is not a responsibility of Members of Parliament. We consulted Members of Parliament who were free to offer advice if they wanted to. Some took advantage of the opportunity and some did not. But I want to emphasize that the refusal was my own and that of my department.

[Translation]

**Mr. Matte:** Could the minister tell us whether another list of approved projects will be drawn up?

[English]

**Mr. Faulkner:** No, Mr. Speaker.

ALLEGED PROMISE OF REINSTATEMENT OF  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROJECT AT LAC MEGANTIC  
IF CROWD PROVIDED FOR PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

**Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Has the minister ordered an investigation into the report in Saturday's *Globe and Mail* that sponsors of an OFY project at Lac Megantic were promised by a Liberal organizer that their program would be reinstated if the project sponsors provided a crowd for the Prime Minister's visit, and will the minister undertake to advise the House of the full results of that investigation?

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**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, that is the first I have heard of it. It sounds like patent nonsense to me, but I will look into it.

**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):** As a supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for his supplementary, but I think we should try to proceed in an orderly fashion if we can. There are still supplementaries on the first and second questions and further supplementaries on the third question. Perhaps we should set a full 40 minutes aside just for supplementaries. However, the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Rocky Mountain for his supplementary and then we will have supplementaries on the first question asked by the Leader of the Opposition.

**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister tell the House, categorically and for the record, that no Liberal organizer is in a position to cause any OFY application to be accepted, rejected or reinstated, and will he introduce a statute for the opportunities for youth program to help avoid this kind of abuse?

**Mr. Faulkner:** Mr. Speaker, I answered the first part of that question in my response to the hon. member for Champlain. The decision was taken by myself and the people in my department. With respect to the second part