

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**Mr. Grégoire:** With all due respect, Mr. Speaker, my question had no direct relation to the Munsinger case—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I accept the hon. member's explanation but his question, as put, is not urgent enough to be considered at this time.

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, I will put my question in another way so that it will be urgent enough to be considered at this time.

Can the President of the Privy Council tell us if other similar files were handed to him or the Prime Minister and if they will be made public shortly?

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is not any more urgent now than it was when asked the first time.

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, may I discuss the matter on the ten o'clock show?

[English]

**FINANCE****NOVA SCOTIA—REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Finance, who is responsible for the Tariff Board. I have given the hon. gentleman notice of this question. In view of the fact that the voluntary economic planning board of Nova Scotia now warns that the infant automobile industry in Nova Scotia may fail unless an extension of tariff arrangements is made, would the minister lend his good offices to help this industry?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That question cannot be accepted. The hon. member may wish to place it on the order paper.

**INDUSTRY****BEAVERTON, ONT.—CLOSING OF AUTO PARTS PLANT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria (Ont.)):** My question is to the minister of manpower, and relates to a question I asked of the Minister of Industry last Friday. Will the minister advise the house if his department is looking into the lay-off of approximately 225 employees of Lake Simcoe Industries Limited, at

Beaverton, Ontario, and assure the house that all employees affected by this lay-off will be given all possible assistance in finding new jobs, if possible in the area in which this plant is located?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** I will take the question as notice, but the hon. member can be sure that if this lay-off is taking place now, we will make all our services available to this group of men.

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** May I address a supplementary question to either the minister of manpower or the Minister of Industry. Has either minister received a request from certain of the employees to purchase the particular business which is being closed down? Has the government considered giving them a loan to assist them in that purpose?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** No such proposal has come to my attention. I do not know whether it has come to the attention of my colleague the minister of manpower.

**MANITOBA—REQUEST FOR DECLARATION AS DESIGNATED AREA**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. R. Schreyer (Springfield):** I have a question for the Minister of Industry. I should like to ask the minister if he has received a resolution passed virtually unanimously in the Manitoba legislature last week calling on the federal government to declare the entire province of Manitoba a designated area under the designated area program of his department? If he has, how has he considered this request?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** I can understand the desire of the legislature of Manitoba to be brought under the umbrella of this really quite successful program, but I have not received any such resolution.

If and when it is received it will be replied to, but it will have to be pointed out to the sender that this program calls for designation of areas suffering from high chronic unemployment. It is difficult to find that metropolitan Winnipeg, for instance, is suffering currently, I am glad to say, from high chronic unemployment.