

Inquiries of the Ministry

The headquarters of maritime command has actually been investigating the disclosure of a confidential service message which was released on a national television program from the Halifax area. We are endeavouring to find out how it happened that a confidential service message became public property. I am told nobody has been intimidated, but many people have been questioned. We are trying to ascertain how this thing happened.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, instead of going into a long supplementary, I think I will give notice for ten o'clock tonight.

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he would assure the house, as further reported in connection with the Halifax incident, that indeed the telephones of members of parliament are not being tapped in order to ascertain information in this regard.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): My supplementary question is as follows: Would the Associate Minister of National Defence not agree that there are ways of questioning which can give an impression of intimidation, and that there are questions—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question is argumentative.

[Translation]

HIGHWAYS**LABRADOR—CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD TO CHURCHILL FALLS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker. I wish to put a question to the hon. Minister of Finance. Can he tell us whether the federal government is contributing toward the construction of a road from some point in Labrador to Churchill Falls, part of which would run through the province of Quebec?

Mr. Speaker: Order. That question should be put on the order paper.

[English]

OLD AGE SECURITY**SUGGESTED PUBLICITY ON SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION BENEFIT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I might ask the [Mr. Cadieux (Terrebonne).]

Minister of National Health and Welfare a question having in mind the numerous inquiries now being received by members of parliament concerning who gets what under the proposed supplementary old age pension legislation. Would the minister give consideration to the preparation and issuance of a simple easy-to-follow leaflet which would contain information in line with the proposed legislation.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Just as soon as we can get the legislation approved we hope to take appropriate steps so that the public will be informed of the beneficial effects of this program.

TELEVISION**MANITOBA—FURTHER INQUIRY CONCERNING ADDITIONAL COVERAGE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Has the Secretary of State now received the information which she said on November 14 she expected to have during that week, and which would allow her to announce a definite date for an extended C.B.C. television service into northern Manitoba.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Simpson: Would the Secretary of State indicate when she thinks she may have this information available.

Miss LaMarsh: Mr. Speaker, it seems to be a long distance from the C.B.C. headquarters office to my office. I cannot understand by what means of transportation the information is coming, but as soon as it is received I will be glad to let my hon. friend know.

WINTER WORKS**SYDNEY, N.S.—FEDERAL PROJECTS TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. the Prime Minister. May I ask him whether he is in a position today to reply to the question I posed several days ago regarding a communication he received from the president of the steelworkers union at Sydney. At that time the Prime Minister asked whether I would allow him to check and said that