

Inquiries of the Ministry

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Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we should go on to another subject. If the hon. member for Annapolis Valley has a further supplementary he will be recognized, and then I will recognize the hon. member for Moose Jaw.

Mr. Nowlan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was not able to ask my supplementary earlier because my colleague had one. Is there any relationship between the decision of the commissioners of the B and B Commission not to proceed with the fourth and fifth volumes of their report and certain remarks by Premier Bourassa at the conclusion of the last federal-provincial conference which would indicate there may be a move away from the original basic principle of the whole B and B concept?

Mr. Drury: I am not familiar with the motivation of the commissioners on this subject, but if it interests the hon. member I will inquire of them.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY**LEVEL OF ACCOMMODATION ON PASSENGER TRAIN, THE CANADIAN, DURING SUMMER MONTHS**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): I have a question for the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker. Given the fact that Canadian Pacific officials have admitted that even on the basis of a greatly extended passenger train they cannot meet the effective demand for places on the Canadian in the summer months, and given the fact that the CPR has announced that it intends to operate a train of limited size this coming summer, can the minister tell us how the government intends to move Canadians who are being urged to travel this summer by every means possible?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): That is much too complicated a question for me to try to answer in a few words. I will take it as notice and try to answer the hon. member later.

Mr. Speaker: May I suggest to the hon. member that perhaps the question should be asked in a different way? He might inquire of the minister whether a statement will be made. I agree with the minister that it would not be in order for him to make that kind of general statement at this time.

Mr. Skoberg: Very well, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister tell the House whether he will make representations to the Canadian Pacific to have this train remain as it is at present operated?

Mr. Jamieson: It would seem to me that the basic requirement is that there should be facilities offered commensurate with the traffic offering.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Jamieson: If there is traffic offering, obviously the way in which it should be accommodated would be to provide adequate service.

[Mr. Drury.]

PUBLIC SERVICE**NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE EMPLOYED THIS SUMMER—APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): My question is to the Acting Prime Minister in his capacity as President of the Treasury Board responsible for the Public Service Commission. As the press release by the Public Service Commission on March 15 was unclear in two specific areas, would the minister tell us approximately how many students will be employed directly by the Public Service this summer and, second, what will be the deadline dates for applications for career-oriented positions and for non-career-oriented positions?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Prime Minister): I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question. I should like to correct one slight misapprehension. The President of the Treasury Board is not responsible for the Public Service Commission nor does the commission report to Parliament through the Treasury Board. This is a responsibility of the Secretary of State. To answer the two specific questions which were asked, as announced by the Secretary of State on Tuesday, it is anticipated that federal Public Service hiring will be at approximately the same level as in 1970, that is, about 23,500 students. With respect to the distinction between career-oriented and non-career-oriented jobs, the Public Service Commission issued a poster in late December, 1970, to all universities, community colleges and CGEPS outlining the procedure the students should follow in seeking summer employment. This poster stated that the deadline—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that the minister, while giving important and relevant information to the House, is making the kind of statement which should normally be made on motions. It seems to me the minister is going beyond the requirements of the question put to him by the hon. member for Ontario.

Mr. Cafik: Would the minister state specifically what are the deadline dates for those two types of position?

Mr. Drury: Yes, Mr. Speaker. For the career-oriented programs the poster announced a deadline of February 12, 1971, but the commission is still accepting applications in this field and will do so until March 26, 1971. With respect to the non-career-oriented jobs, there is no deadline.

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MANPOWER**SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAM—INQUIRY AS TO ISSUING OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PLAN GUIDELINES**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Can the hon. gentleman tell us when we may expect, and when the students may expect, to receive the further release the government proposes in connection with the Opportunities for Youth program which was announced only in