

Inquiries of the Ministry

sure my hon. friend is aware that the provisions of the Ontario air pollution act are capable of dealing with this important situation, and action has already been taken by the government of Ontario. We on our side are preparing considerations that we hope will be reflected in legislative form setting out what we think would be appropriate steps to be taken by the federal government.

Mr. Aiken: A supplementary question in connection with the program the minister has suggested. Will it include both air and water pollution?

Mr. MacEachen: No, Mr. Speaker.

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On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Essex South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Due to the deep concern of the minister over government spending, would he consider as a savings measure the abolition of the Senate or reducing the salary of senators to \$1 a year?

Mr. Knowles: Can we not have an answer, Mr. Speaker?

[Translation]

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, my question was directed to the Secretary of State, but, in her absence, I could perhaps direct it to the Prime Minister, to whom I would apologize for not giving him sufficient notice.

In view of the resignation of His Eminence Cardinal Léger as archbishop of Montreal, and the tremendous loss suffered by the diocese of Montreal, would the government consider, as a centennial presentation, to provide some assistance to the noble enterprise that this distinguished Canadian personality wishes to undertake for the sake of lepers in Africa?

[English]

CANADA PENSION PLAN**INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister of health and welfare and arises out of a news release by his department on

[Mr. MacEachen.]

November 10, when the minister announced the appointment of a committee of 12 members to advise on the Canada Pension Plan, which committee included the former member for Carleton. My question is, is this committee the minister's idea of conformity with the government's recently announced economic guide lines?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question appears to be argumentative.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION****STATEMENT BY BOARD RESPECTING
ACTION BY MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): I have a question for the Prime Minister. Is the right hon. gentleman aware of a statement being issued this afternoon by the full board of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation rejecting the charge of rottenness in unspecified areas of management, censuring the Secretary of State by name, and protesting vigorously the action taken by the minister and the position resulting therefrom? In the light of this unprecedented action of the board of a public corporation set up by parliament, has the Prime Minister any comment to make on this matter for the information of the house?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that a statement has been issued, though coming into the house I was told one was likely to be issued at four o'clock. Apparently my hon. friend has the inside track on this type of information.

Mr. Fulton: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I am flattered by the last words of the Prime Minister, as to my sources of information, but on the basis of the information which the Prime Minister apparently did receive at the same time I did, has the right hon. gentleman any comment to make?

Mr. Pearson: I certainly have not seen the statement, Mr. Speaker. To that extent my hon. friend has the advantage over me.

Mr. Fulton: I have not seen it.

Hon. Michael Starr (Leader of the Opposition): A supplementary question to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Would the issuance of the statement by the board of the C.B.C. have any effect on shaking the confidence of the Prime Minister in this corporation?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.