

Inquiries of the Ministry

royal commissions to have copies of their studies printed and distributed through the distribution office. I can assure my hon. friend there is no unwillingness on my part, or on the part of the government, that these studies should be made available, because I am sure they are extremely useful studies. They are not all completed as yet, and they are not all—

Mr. McIlraith: I believe 16 of them are.

Mr. Fleming: They are not available as yet in printed form, in a volume, so they could be made available for distribution amongst hon. members. If there are sufficient copies available in the hands of the royal commission for distribution I will certainly be glad to make inquiries and see if copies can be made available to such hon. members as wish them. I have had no indication that it is the intention of the royal commission to have these studies put into a volume for distribution, as was the case with the Massey royal commission.

Mr. McIlraith: I wonder if, in view of the somewhat lengthy answer, I might be permitted a supplementary question. With reference to the practice, I may say the only case I could find was that of the Rowell-Sirois commission report, when the 32 appendices were tabled with the report. That was in 1940. I did not ask that these studies be distributed, but that they be tabled in the house to become part of the records of parliament. They are readily available. The printing bureau has circulated a price list of them, and has been circularizing the country at large. This is within the knowledge of the Minister of Finance.

My question was whether he would table the studies, not whether he would distribute them.

Mr. Fleming: So far as tabling them is concerned, I shall be happy indeed to table copies. So far as distribution is concerned, I shall undertake to look into the matter to see if copies are available for such members as may be interested in having them.

CRIMINAL LAW

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON INSANITY AS A DEFENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West): Would the Minister of Justice table the report of the royal commission on the law of insanity as a defence in criminal cases? I understand this report was completed some weeks ago and is available now.

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Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): I am glad to inform my hon. friend that steps are in hand now to arrange the tabling of this document.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT—EFFORTS TO OVERCOME PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. I apologize for not giving him notice, but I found that impossible because I have only just thought of it. In view of the fact that the report today from the bureau of statistics shows that unemployment in September of this year was 90 per cent greater than unemployment for the same month last year, will the minister consider stepping up the activities of his department in order to overcome the psychological effect of this government publicity on unemployment?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, when I took over the portfolio of Minister of Labour in June of this year I found that the unemployment situation in Canada was not too good. I immediately took certain steps, in conjunction with the government, and in the intervening months we have found unemployment dropping quite a bit from the date when we took over.

Mr. Sinclair: It always does.

Mr. Starr: It is rather unfair to compare this year with last year.

Mr. Sinclair: Why?

Mr. Starr: Perhaps the hon. member would compare it with 1954 and 1955. I think he would find a different picture. I want to assure the hon. member that the labour department is doing everything to keep in close touch with the situation, and doing everything possible to alleviate it.

Mr. Herridge: I should like to inform the minister that I was exercising the same comparison as the government publication in question.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

AIR AND WATER POLLUTION—STATEMENT AS TO FEDERAL ACTION WITH RESPECT TO SHIPS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Yesterday when I was answering a question concerning action being taken in