

Inquiries of the Ministry

this matter. I thought I should make a short statement in reply today, because the inspection will be taking place this week end. I would advise the hon. member that the conditions of eligibility stipulate that to provide the maximum employment during the winter months, construction must not proceed beyond the first floor joist stage prior to December 1, 1963. To provide for the processing of applications and the undertaking of the necessary on-site inspections by that date, applicants have been requested to mail their applications to the Department of Labour by November 10. I am advised that this date was selected to encourage the submission of applications well before November 30.

Applications can, of course, be submitted after November 10, and it may be of interest to the hon. member as well as to other members of the house to learn that up to November 10, some 19,000 applications were received. Since that time an additional 5,000 applications have reached the Department of Labour. I am happy to report that all applications to date have been processed and every effort will be made by the staff of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to inspect all these houses this week end.

Any applications received after December 1 will also be accepted. Construction, however, in these cases should not exceed the first floor joist stage before an inspection has been arranged and an applicant informed of the result of this inspection. The Department of Labour is asking that applications be mailed at least 15 days prior to the date on which an inspection is desired.

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister inform the house whether there is any unreasonable delay in the inspections, or does it appear that the department has enough inspectors to carry out these inspections quite speedily?

Mr. Garland: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I heard the hon. member correctly, but inspection is not to take place until this week end, and it will take place at that time.

PUBLIC SERVICE**ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FRENCH SPEAKING UNIVERSITY GRADUATES**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Maurice Côté (Chicoutimi): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Has the Secretary of State taken steps to set right the situation revealed in a collective letter to the newspapers, signed by eight federal civil servants and denouncing the

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treatment of French speaking university graduates, who are deprived of their rightful positions in favour of English speaking candidates who never went beyond high school?

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Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am not familiar with the subject, but I will look at the hon. gentleman's question and answer it at the first opportunity.

PENSIONS**REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE OF LEGISLATION
NEXT SESSION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question either to the Acting Prime Minister or the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Can the government give to the House of Commons the assurance which the Prime Minister is reported as having given to the press, that legislation respecting the Canada pension plan will be presented to parliament at the next session?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I thought I had given that assurance as warmly, as vehemently, as categorically as I could on a previous occasion.

Mr. Knowles: Would the Minister of National Health and Welfare take this opportunity, having regard to yesterday's sessions of the federal-provincial conference, to confirm that assurance?

PUBLIC BUILDINGS**REPRESENTATIONS FROM HULL RESPECTING
FEDERAL BUILDINGS**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): My question is directed to the Minister of Public Works.

Following many articles published in the Ottawa newspaper *Le Droit* by Mr. Gerard Morin, did the minister receive the brief prepared by the city of Hull requesting federal buildings, and does he intend to take action?

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): The matter is under study, Mr. Speaker.

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SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

At one o'clock the committee took recess.