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some 250 men out of work, will the minister assure the House that the unemployment insurance records of these men will be immediately obtained from the company and that special provision will be made to expedite the filing and payment of unemployment insurance claims of those who wish to apply?

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I assure the hon. member that his question will be brought to the attention of the minister and that a reply will be sought to this important inquiry.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the President of the Privy Council would tell us the nature of the business of the House for the balance of this week and the beginning of next week.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, first of all I wish to advise the House concerning how we propose to conclude the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. Today is the last full day, the eighth appointed day, but there is a period of two hours owing to the debate arising from the interruption to deal with the establishment of the Constitution Committee. It is proposed that these two hours will be provided tomorrow afternoon from three o'clock to five o'clock and that the question on the main motion will be put then and if a division is requested it will occur on the following Monday after the oral question period. I suggest that this arrangement might be made an order of the House.

Apart from the arrangement I propose in respect of the termination of the debate on the address, the business for tomorrow will be called in the order listed on the order paper. The first order of business is government order No. 7, Bill C-2, in respect of the Canada Shipping Act—pollution. The second is government order No. 8 in respect of Bill C-3 concerning investment companies. The third is government order No. 9, Bill C-4 respecting the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act. The fourth is government order No. 10, Bill C-5 respecting Deuterium of Canada Limited.

Monday's business will be a continuation of Friday's business in the same order. Tuesday will be an allotted day under the auspices of the Official Opposition. On Wednesday we will deal with the report stage of the federal court bill which was restored to the order paper last evening. On Thursday we will conclude the federal court bill and follow with any outstanding business left over from Monday. I hope that on Monday next we will deal with the five references to committees standing in my name on today's notice paper. This, however, will be subject to further discussions with the parties opposite.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Peddle.]

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed, from Wednesday, October 21, consideration of the motion of Mr. Jacques-L. Trudel for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Halton.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rud L. Whiting (Halton): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to thank hon. members who greeted my rising to speak in the way they did. This is greatly appreciated, I assure them.

When I visit, as I regularly do, the communities of Acton, Erin, Georgetown, Milton and Oakville in my riding which I have the great honour to represent I try as often as I can to visit the local news media in these communities because I find that the people who represent these media can provide me with further information concerning what is happening in these communities. I also like to think I can provide them with additional information concerning various government policies. However, Mr. Speaker, I do from time to time receive calls from the news media. Sometimes I am asked to come down and visit the newspaper offices in my riding if there should be something in particular the people in these offices wish to discuss with me. This happened last April.

I received a call from the daily *Journal-Record* of Oakville. I was asked if I would come down to their office as they had something of importance to show me. When I arrived there I was taken to a room which I thought was a storage room. I was right; it was a storage room. There were boxes piled high containing envelopes, books, folders, brochures and everything imaginable made out of paper. This is what they had received from the federal government and various federal agencies over the last 12 months. It amounted to 185 pounds of paper which had not been opened, which had not been looked at, which was not wanted and which could not be used by this particular newspaper. To say that I was shocked or surprised is a gross understatement. Upon leaving the newspaper office I did a quick survey of other newspapers in my riding. I found out that they received the same material the Oakville daily *Journal-Record* had received. What did they do with this material? They put it in file No. 13, the wastepaper basket.

● (12:00 noon)

This prompted me to place on the order paper last March four questions which I would like to read to the House at this time if I may. Question No. 1: How many newspapers across Canada, both weeklies and dailies, received unsolicited materials such as newsletters, press releases, books and other documents from the various government departments during the year 1968-69? Question No. 2: What were the actual mailing costs involved?