

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baldwin: Would the Acting Prime Minister get down to answering the question I asked, even though it may be embarrassing, and repudiate the erroneous statement made yesterday by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration that there was no new method?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): I should like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whether by using the new method adopted on January 1 there would have been any difference in the results during the month of January, 1970, from the results under the old method and whether in fact it is legitimate to compare the results in January, 1971, with the results of the statistics since the year 1954 computed under the old formula?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): That is exactly what DBS says in the statement which I tabled this morning. I am in a funny position, Mr. Speaker. If I told DBS how to compute their statistics I would be accused of telling them how to establish statistics, which is the last thing I would do. For one reason among many, I would not know how to do it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): That never stopped you before.

Mr. Lundrigan: While agreeing with the minister's last statement, may I ask further whether in fact the statistical formula which came into use on January 1, 1971, made any difference in the regional computations in view of the fact that in August when the old formula was used the figure for Atlantic Canada was 8.5 per cent while under the new formula the figure is 8 per cent. I ask that in view of the statement made yesterday by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Mr. Pepin: I will ask DBS to establish that and I will also ask them to issue a communiqué which I will table on Monday.

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AIRPORTS

TORONTO—ACTION TO RELIEVE CONGESTION OF FACILITIES

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): I would like to ask the Minister of Transport what action he will be taking to relieve the intolerable congestion of facilities at the Toronto International Airport.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I do not think that you would permit me sufficient time to give in detail all of the steps that are being taken. Perhaps, however, you will permit me to indicate

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to the hon. member that arrangements were finalized yesterday for the building of a special temporary terminal at Toronto which will be used exclusively for charter flights beginning, I think, on June 16, and which should significantly relieve the pressure on the current terminal.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

NOVA SCOTIA—CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES ON RESERVES TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): My question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The minister may recall my question of a few days ago when I brought to his attention the statement by Mr. Noel Doucette, the president of the Union of Nova Scotia Indians, that 90 per cent of Indians in Nova Scotia were unemployed. The minister stated that he would inquire to see whether there was a special problem in Nova Scotia in regard to new housing starts and said he would be glad to report to the House. I wonder if he is in a position to do so now.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report to the House that in 1970-71, we have spent \$195,000 to build houses in that area and that this year we have decided to bring up that item to \$246,500, which will ensure the construction of 29 new houses in the area mentioned by my hon. friend. As for the other reservations in Nova Scotia, the president of the Indian Association has asked us to delay our program, because the Indians would like to consider the situation before we proceed.

[English]

Mr. Muir: The translation came through that \$185 million had been expended. I would be glad if that were so but I assume it was wrong. May I ask the minister whether he is aware that the latest so-called increase of \$100,000 was for all of the Atlantic region and that Nova Scotia only received \$47,000? Is he also aware that as many as two, three and even four families are living in one house, if I may be so bold as to call some of these shacks houses?

Mr. Chrétien: I just said that we will construct 29 new houses on the area to which the hon. member referred. As far as other areas in Nova Scotia are concerned, the Indian Association of Nova Scotia asked us to delay because they themselves are conducting a survey of the situation.

Mr. Muir: I wonder if the minister is aware of the fact that the president of the Indian Association has completed his survey and it has been sent to the department. He said the other day that he wants houses built for all