

DEFENCE PRODUCTION

INSTRUMENTS (1951) LIMITED—EFFECT
OF LABOUR UNREST

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. N. Ormiston (Melville): I should like to ask the Minister of Industry if the labour unrest at Instruments (1951) Limited is affecting the fulfilling of defence contracts which this firm now has with the Department of Defence Production.

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): I am not aware of the details of this particular transaction. If the hon. member will put his question on the order paper I will be glad to see that he gets an answer.

Mr. Ormiston: I wonder if the minister will inquire whether any delay has taken place in the contracts held by Instruments (1951) Limited.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The minister has taken note of the hon. gentleman's question, and I suggest the hon. member place it on the order paper.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): May I ask a supplementary question?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The ruling of the Chair was that the original question should be placed on the order paper.

[Translation]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

NORTHERN QUEBEC—INCLUSION IN
DESIGNATED AREAS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry.

In view of the fact that the Villeneuve, Chapleau and Témiscamingue areas were struck off the list of designated areas about a year ago, have representations been made to the minister by this area of northwestern Quebec requesting that they be designated, and this for worthwhile reasons?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Yes, Mr. Speaker, representations were made to us by people from these areas, but they were told very clearly that the employment situation in this region is not such as to warrant it being made a designated area.

[English]

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): In view of the answer the minister has given, may I ask him if he is aware of the fact that the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Unemployment Insurance Commission do not have up to date figures or figures which can be accepted for these northern areas? I have checked with them and they say they do not have these figures. Is the minister aware of that?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that this is not a proper question.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

REPORTED STATEMENT BY
DR. O. J. FIRESTONE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement made by Dr. O. J. Firestone, as reported in the Canadian Press under an Ottawa dateline of last Friday, and appearing in most Canadian newspapers, to the effect that downward tax adjustments, reasonable credit terms and adequate money supply are necessary to keep our economy buoyant, and in view of the fact that these views are held by most economists and businessmen in Canada, does the Prime Minister agree with those views and does he expect to lead his government along this path?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

INDUSTRY

REFIT AND REPAIR OF H.M.C.S.
"BONAVENTURE"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, of which I have given him notice. Has a decision been taken with regard to the refit and repair of the *Bonaventure*? If not, in order to dispel any fears, will the minister give every consideration to the unique capabilities of the Saint John shipyard, which has always had this work, which needs the employment desperately, and which does the best job in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

REPORTED SPEECH BY PRIVY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT RESPECTING
REPATRIATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the reports of the speech made by the President of the