

hon. friend that in this dispute the Minister of Labour will accept his responsibilities as Minister of Labour.

Mr. MacINNIS: I am not questioning that point.

STRIKE AT MASSEY-HARRIS PLANT, BRANTFORD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. CLARENCE GILLIS (Cape Breton South): Has the Minister of Labour been advised of the work stoppage at the Massey-Harris plant at Brantford, to which his department authorized the movement of some two hundred Nova Scotians to take employment because of the current labour shortage? Will the minister's department make arrangements for the maintenance of the personnel taken from Nova Scotia to the Brantford area, for the duration of the work stoppage?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): The unemployment of the men brought from Nova Scotia apparently is due to a shut-down of the Massey-Harris plant at Brantford, caused by a labour dispute. Disputes in industries of this nature come under the jurisdiction of the department of labour of the province of Ontario. Knowing the provincial minister, Hon. Mr. Daley, and the officials of his department as I do, I am sure this Brantford dispute will be dealt with promptly and justly. However, I have given instructions to the officials of my department to obtain information as to the extent of the work stoppage in question and its effect upon the men from Nova Scotia. I shall be glad to let my hon. friend have such information when it is received, but I should point out that the national employment service does not provide for the maintenance of men who have become idle because of labour disputes.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. C. I. MERRITT (Vancouver-Burrard): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. I have not given him notice, but I do not think he will need it. On April 29 the minister announced that the Royal Military College of Canada would be opened in September, 1948. Will he assure the house that entrance to the college will be open to youth with matriculation; in other words, will he assure us it will be an educational as well as a purely service training institution?

Hon. BROOKE CLAXTON (Minister of National Defence): The present plan is that entrance to both Royal Roads and the Royal Military College, when opened again, will be senior matriculation or its equivalent.

WAR ASSETS CORPORATION

CHANGE IN SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. CASTLEDEN (Yorkton): I should like to ask the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply whether it is true that the War Assets Corporation has discontinued the priorities system as of yesterday, April 30. If so, what action has been taken with regard to requests for priorities already filed and not yet dealt with?

Right Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply): A change has been made in the system of priorities; the premiers of the nine provinces were advised accordingly some weeks ago. There is no change in the system as it affects real estate and buildings. In connection with other material, priorities are honoured if the material is in stock at the time; but the old principle of listing priorities against future receipts has been abandoned. As far as existing priorities are concerned, if they have not been filled up to the present they will be subject to new applications at the time the material is received.

UNITED NATIONS

ACTION BY COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS RESPECTING ARTICLE 41 OF CHARTER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): May I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs what British commonwealth governments have introduced legislation purporting to give their governments powers similar to those contained in Bill 132, an act to amend the charter of the united nations? Normally this question would go on the order paper, but the urgency arises from the fact that this legislation may come up for consideration before an answer could be given to a question on the order paper.

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Secretary for State for External Affairs): Even Homer nods, Mr. Speaker. My hon. friend asks what other government has introduced legislation to amend the charter of the united nations.

Mr. GRAYDON: No.