

EDUCATION

LEGISLATION RESPECTING SCHOLARSHIPS—LOANS
TO STUDENTS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister which arises out of an announcement made yesterday that loans are going to be provided for university students. I would like to ask him whether there is any possibility at this session, in these days of decision, to introduce the legislation promised during the election covering the provision of the 10,000 university scholarships for which so many are waiting and hoping.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have something to say about this tomorrow which I hope will satisfy my right hon. friend.

Mr. J. E. Pascoe (Moose Jaw-Lake Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Well, I cannot quite see what sort of supplementary arises, but let us try.

Mr. Pascoe: Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister in regard to the proposed loans to university students. Will the Prime Minister clarify statements in the press this morning referring to interest free loans to university students? Does this mean that there will be no interest charged for these loans at any time, or will there be interest covering the period needed for repayment after graduation?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, this will be cleared up when we have a chance to discuss this very interesting and progressive proposal.

Mr. Diefenbaker: May I ask a supplementary question. Have the provinces been consulted in regard to this plan?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, in the speech from the throne there is a reference to consultation with the provinces. Of course this is a matter strictly within the jurisdiction of the federal government, but following our normal policy in dealing with matters of concern to the provinces we thought it would be only courteous to consult the provinces before implementing it.

SPORTS

FAILURE OF CANADA TO SECURE 1968
OLYMPIC GAMES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister advise the house why there was apparently no high ranking Canadian external affairs

range aircraft. I was not seeking to draw any inferences from that with regard to future policy.

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temisca-tingue): A supplementary question. Did the minister say it was imperative that that be done?

Mr. Pickersgill: Imperative that what be done?

Mr. Martineau: That the regional carriers replace the national carriers on these small lines?

Mr. Pickersgill: I made no statement about any future replacement at all. I merely referred to a replacement which had already been made.

Mr. Nielsen: Would the minister inform the house what runs cannot be handled by modern aircraft in use today?

Mr. Pickersgill: I think it is better to leave expert matters of this kind to experts.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

LONDON, ONT.—REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE
OF CAR REPAIR SHOPS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. A. Thomas (Middlesex West): Has the Minister of Transport received representations from the city of London seeking the retention of the Canadian National car repair shops at that point? If so, has any action been taken in connection with the matter?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): The answer to both questions is yes; representations have been received and transmitted to the management of the Canadian National.

MATANE-STE. ANNE DES MONTS—
CANCELLATION OF PROJECT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Theogene Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport?

What reasons led the cabinet to cancel the construction of the railway section between Matane and Ste. Anne des Monts?

[Text]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): The hon. gentleman has raised a very large subject, which it would be very difficult to discuss intelligently on the orders of the day.

Mr. Ricard: You will have a chance some other time.