

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the census report will be divided into several stages and I do not remember them all. Some figures will be issued in April, others in June, and others in July. If my hon. friend would wait a while I could supply him with the dates when we expect to receive various parts of the census results.

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**MANPOWER****LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICANTS BE CANADIAN OR LANDED IMMIGRANTS**

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday I put a question to the Minister of Labour regarding eligibility for LIP grants. The minister replied that he was not sure of the answer but would look into the matter. The question was whether non-Canadian citizens who did not become landed immigrants would be eligible for grants. Is the minister in a position to give an answer today?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, two circumstances prevail. In the case of sponsors, the requirement is that if they are receiving remuneration they must conform with the laws of Canada. That is spelled out. They must be either citizens, landed immigrants or if neither of those, they must have work permits. The same would apply for persons employed on a project. They must be citizens or landed immigrants or have work permits. The question of citizenship is not directly asked. The requirement is that all employees be paid and sponsors conform to all the laws of the competent authority, and that includes the labour laws.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall allow the hon. member's supplementary but I think I should draw to the attention of hon. members that I shall attempt to recognize some of those who were not recognized yesterday. I think they can identify themselves or perhaps go back to *Hansard* and see whether or not they were reported yesterday. I shall make the effort today to recognize some of those who were not given the opportunity to ask questions yesterday. For the moment, the hon. member for Oxford may ask a supplementary.

**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF PARTICIPANTS IN CERTAIN TORONTO PROJECTS**

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Will the minister undertake to investigate the LIP projects in Toronto which have been under discussion lately, both in this House and outside, in order to ascertain whether all the recipients come within the three categories that he has just mentioned, and will he report to the House?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour):** I do not think I shall give that undertaking, Mr. Speaker. I do not understand these opposition attacks on Toronto. I would invite the opposition member to be specific with respect to any project that he thinks does not conform. I do not propose to terrorize the city of Toronto.

[Mr. Laprise.]

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**Mr. Nesbitt:** Mr. Speaker, I cannot have the minister twisting my words like that.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member rises on a point of order. I will recognize him. Certainly, I agree with the hon. member that that is debate.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that the hon. minister, who is new at his job and until now has been very agreeable, would take this opportunity of clearly twisting my words—although perhaps he does not hear very well—by stating that I am making attacks on the city of Toronto. The minister knows perfectly well the projects that I have in mind. They have been mentioned time and again in this House, in the press and everywhere. I hope the minister will reconsider his remarks.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I hope we do not have the same situation as we had yesterday when most of the 40 minutes were taken up with points of order. That is why I have an obligation today to many hon. members who were not recognized yesterday, including the hon. member for Greenwood.

**Mr. Brewin:** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I apologize to the hon. member. The hon. member for Gander-Twillingate rises on a question of privilege.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lundrigan:** I hope Your Honour will give me at least a minute in view of the fact that we have taken two hours today on questions of privilege. The fact is we have asked about a \$150 million program brought into effect on October 1. I have had calls today from people who received \$20,000 cheques in the mail with no strings attached. They could use the money to go to Spain as far as the government is concerned. We have a responsibility, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that there is at least some control and some evaluation of the procedures to make sure this money is well spent.

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. What that has to do with a point of order is beyond the comprehension of the Speaker. This is debate. There are many opportunities for debating these points. This is what I have tried to point out to hon. members. Certainly, we are not using the question period the way it ought to be used if we spend five or ten minutes on every question. I am not condemning any individual member because I appreciate that the hon. minister himself gave a response which gave rise to debate. However, we are certainly not helping hon. members who are trying to ask questions if we raise these questions of privilege or points of order. The hon. member may have a valid point and I will recognize him in a moment for a question, if he wants to ask one.