

and the unemployment insurance commission of Canada to provide for reciprocal treatment of workers moving from one area into the other. As all hon. members know, we have such an agreement with 47 other states.

I received no definite indication from the authorities in Maine though I pressed for a decision at an early date. Once a decision has been made the government and the unemployment insurance commission will then be in a position to assess what further steps ought to be taken.

NATIONAL PARKS

BANFF, ALTA.—REPORTED APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. This is an important question so far as the national parks and our tourist trade are concerned. Is it correct that the present government has abolished the elected Banff advisory council and intends to appoint an administrator to run Banff national park and other parks in Canada?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I always thought it was a somewhat dangerous practice for a private member to announce government policy. I noticed in a copy of the *Albertan* yesterday that the hon. member had announced that this was government policy. I want to tell him that the advisory committee has not been abolished, nor is there any intention on the part of the government to abolish it.

Mr. Woolliams: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the minister was at Banff national park did he not announce that an administrator would be appointed to look after the affairs of Banff? If so, what is the name of that administrator?

Mr. Laing: Mr. Speaker, I announced that it was the intention of the government to appoint an administrator for the townsite of Banff. I announced at the same time that I would expect that administrator to work as closely as possible with the advisory council. I have no names in mind whatsoever for the position of administrator. We are seeking a person with civic experience and who also has some recognition of the long term objectives with regard to the parks.

Inquiries of the Ministry HEALTH AND WELFARE

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—PAYMENT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN OVER 16

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Six months ago in the last political campaign all political parties—

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: I wonder if the hon. member would just state his question.

Mr. Alkenbrack: When does the government propose to implement the promise made to pay family allowances to those over 16 years of age who are still at school?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Government policy will be announced in due course.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—CHECK OF LEVELS OF CAESIUM 137

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gene Rheume (Northwest Territories): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, which arises out of press reports that the level of radioactive caesium 137 is approximately 100 times as high in the people who live in northern Alaska as compared with people living elsewhere in the United States. My question is, what steps is the federal government taking to check the levels of caesium 137 in residents of the Northwest Territories at the present time?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): If I am not mistaken such a question is already on the order paper for answer.

OLD AGE SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF PENSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that government orders Nos. 15 and 19 on today's order paper both call for an increase of \$10 in the old age pension, are we to assume that the total increase will be \$20? Is there any answer, Mr. Speaker?

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

ALASKA HIGHWAY—INQUIRY AS TO PAVING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence whether