

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INQUIRY AS TO STUDY OF INFLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Acting Prime Minister. Is it the intention of the government to establish a committee or commission to study the cause and effect of the present inflationary situation in the hope of finding a solution?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): The government takes a very serious view of this problem, Mr. Speaker, and when the Minister of Finance is given an opportunity, immediately after the disposition of the transportation bill, the government's views on that and other questions will be made known.

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Labour.

It has to do with the railway strike. Is the minister aware that the senior officials of the railroads got a 5 per cent salary increase retroactive to January pending final readjustment? Does he feel that that is normal?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question is inadmissible in its present form.

[English]

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

INQUIRY AS TO REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of Labour advise the house if the International Labour Organization conference is to be held on Monday and if members of this house will be able to sit in on this conference?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): The short answer, Mr. Speaker, is yes. All hon. members who are interested will be welcome. The session will open in the Commons chamber on Monday morning but where it will continue after that time, whether here or in room 200, will depend on the decision or action of the house later this week. I certainly hope that interested members will take advantage of this opportunity.

This is the first time a regional conference of the Inter-American members of the ILO has been held in Canada. I hope all interested members will take advantage of the opportunity to attend as many sessions as possible. It is to begin on Monday morning, and I might say it will be opened by the Acting Prime Minister.

INDUSTRY

POSSIBLE CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES OF DESIGNATED AREAS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, since he has had to decline an invitation to attend a meeting of the Georgian Bay Development Association. Does the minister intend to make any changes in the near future in the boundaries of the designated areas?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, a statement will be made to the association meeting in that connection.

REPORTED GRANT TO SUBSIDIARY OF CANADIAN JAVELIN COMPANY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Industry whether it is a fact that the government of Canada has granted \$5 million to one of the Doyle companies, Melville Chemical and Cellulose, a subsidiary of Canadian Javelin?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, the terms in which the question is phrased make it somewhat difficult to answer. If the enterprise to which the hon. gentleman refers is a manufacturing or processing enterprise intended to be located in a designated area it will qualify like any other manufacturing or processing enterprise located in a designated area for the incentives approved by parliament under the area incentive program.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

VISIT BY MINISTER TO MARITIME COMMAND

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence regarding his proposed visit to maritime command