

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

interests of these officials. My question is, would the Prime Minister give consideration to similar safeguards with respect to his Government?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think any special arrangements of that kind are required.

WORKING CONDITIONS OF POSTAL  
EMPLOYEES IN PRINCE RUPERT,  
B.C.

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity with the Treasury Board, asking the Minister whether he has any knowledge of a brief submitted by the Canadian Postal Employees Association and the Federated Association of Letter Carriers some time ago relating to wages and living allowances of postal employees in the City of Prince Rupert, who are suffering under extremely difficult circumstances in this regard. I should also like to ask the Minister whether he can expedite the answer in respect of that brief.

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I have some knowledge of the brief, but I should like to take this question as notice and provide an answer tomorrow.

**BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM**

REPORTED ARRANGEMENT FOR ENGLISH  
SPEAKING STUDENTS TO STUDY IN  
QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the hon. member for Fort William in his capacity as parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

I should like to know whether there is any basis to the newspaper reports according to which Mr. Gilles Desmarais, president of the "Société St. Jean Baptiste de Québec", is alleged to have stated that an agreement has been reached between the "Société St. Jean Baptiste de Québec" and the federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration for the bringing of students from the Atlantic and western provinces to Quebec City to enable them to take French courses?

If so, could he tell us what is the nature of the agreement and whether the directorate

[Mr. Mather.]

of Quebec's immigration service has been consulted?

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**Mr. Hubert Badanai (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of any such arrangement. However, I shall bring the question to the attention of the Minister upon his return.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

INQUIRY AS TO NATIONAL MEDICARE  
PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may welcome the hon. Minister of National Health and Welfare back to Canada following her important travels in Europe.

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

**Mr. Knowles:** May I ask her this question. In view of what she saw and learned in Britain and in the Scandinavian and other countries, and in view of her experience at the assembly of the World Health Organization, has she come back to Ottawa determined to push for medicare legislation at this session?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I thank my hon. friend very much for the fact that he has missed me.

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

**Miss LaMarsh:** Perhaps I should say, "noticed my absence". I should like to say to my hon. friend that I am very grateful for the facilities offered to me in the Scandinavian countries and in West Germany to study their national health schemes, and for the opportunity to have been present with representatives of 117 nations, of which about 35 were represented for the first time by Ministers, at the assembly of World Health Organization in its first week. I return as I went away—determined.

**WATER RESOURCES**

BRITISH COLUMBIA—INQUIRY AS TO SPRING  
RUN-OFF

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, as one determined to stick to the rules, I do not intend to make a campaign speech in the question period.