

true that the decision of the government not to make public the names of those arrested under the War Measures Act was made because it would be embarrassing to certain people, and are these people private citizens or are they politicians?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Joliette.

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AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTED FREE DISTRIBUTION OF MILK IN SCHOOLS AND HOSTELS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question of the Minister of Agriculture.

Whereas several recommendations have been submitted to this effect, may I ask the Minister to tell us whether his department is working on the preparation of legislation providing for free distribution of milk in schools and hostels this year?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker.

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HARBOURS

COME-BY-CHANCE, NFLD.—PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTING DOCKING FACILITIES

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, may I address my question to the Minister of Public Works. Can the minister say whether approval has been given by his department to a request from the government of Newfoundland for assistance to construct docking facilities at Come-By-Chance, Newfoundland.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, in this particular matter we are waiting for more particulars.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

INCLUSION OF OPTOMETRIC SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As the minister is aware, optometric services do not qualify at the present time for federal shared-cost benefits under the Medical Care Act. In view of the fact that there are only 660 eye physicians in the country to serve 20 million Canadians and in view of the fact that 65 per cent of eye care is provided by—

Mr. Speaker: Order. This sounds to the Chair like a speech, or at least a mini-speech. The hon. member should get to his question.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Scott: I shall make it brief, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister have any plans to include optometric services in the shared-cost benefits under the Act?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): There are no definite plans at the present time. However, the matter will be discussed at the forthcoming federal-provincial conference of health ministers.

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INFORMATION CANADA

DISSEMINATION OF GALLUP POLL FINDINGS

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of Information Canada and welcome him back to the House and the country. Can he assure us that Information Canada is not inhibiting the dissemination of the findings of the latest Gallup poll which shows a substantial Progressive Conservative gain and a major Liberal decline?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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INDUSTRY

TEXTILES—DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILL ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce?

On May 14 last, the Minister stated that he would soon submit a bill on textiles which would state government policy in this field. Is he in a position to advise when this legislation will be introduced?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, this will depend on the order of presentation of the various bills in this House. The bill involved here is just about ready and I hope it will be passed before Christmas.

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[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

NEWFOUNDLAND—FILING AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF DISPLACED LINCOLN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY EMPLOYEES

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, my question was for the Minister of Labour who was here earlier but seems to have evaporated. I shall address it to his Parliamentary Secretary. With regard to the abrupt closing down of operations due to financial difficulties of Lincoln Construction Company in central Newfoundland, which has thrown