

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood):** I say that. Does the minister want me to repeat it three or four times?

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the house completed its discussion of this subject?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

**Mr. Rene N. Juras (Provencher):** Mr. Speaker, my purpose in moving to adjourn the house was to bring this matter respecting flood conditions in Manitoba to the attention of the house. Before withdrawing my motion I wish to thank Your Honour and to express my sincere gratitude to the minister and all hon. members who have spoken today. I can assure the house I am very pleased to note the unanimity of opinion expressed, and I am sure my people back home will appreciate it. With permission of the house, I withdraw my motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the hon. member leave to withdraw?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

Motion withdrawn.

**PUBLIC WORKS****UNEMPLOYMENT—SURVEY OF  
GOVERNMENT PROJECTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, before the orders of the day are called—indeed as a matter of privilege—may I put a question to the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Resources and Development (Mr. Prudham). My question relates to an answer given by the parliamentary assistant in response to a set of questions I placed on the order paper as recorded at page 1569 of *Hansard*.

My questions had to do with a certain survey of government projects. Among other questions, I asked these two: When was this survey made, and what was the date of the report? The answer indicates that the survey was made between April and September, 1949. Then the answer goes on to indicate that I can find a summary of the results of the survey in the annual report of the department of reconstruction and supply for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1949.

Perhaps the house does not get the significance of those dates. However, as it appears in *Hansard* it indicates that the report was made before the survey was undertaken. Perhaps the hon. member would straighten it out now or tomorrow.

[Mr. Garson.]

**Mr. George Prudham (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Resources and Development):** Mr. Speaker, I shall take the hon. member's question as a notice and give a full answer as soon as possible.

**CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT****REPORTED PROVISION FOR COMPULSORY BLOOD  
TESTS OF INTOXICATED DRIVERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Justice having to do with a report in this evening's issue of the *Ottawa Journal* to the effect that consideration is being given by the Department of Justice to introducing amendments which would permit of compulsory blood tests being taken in respect of persons accused of driving motor vehicles while intoxicated.

It further states that submission is being made to the various provinces in this regard to the effect that loopholes now existing which deny convictions in many clear cases will thereby be avoided and convictions more readily obtained. Is the minister in a position to say whether the report is correct, and whether it is expected that legislation to this effect will be introduced, provided the provinces have no objection, at the present session of parliament?

**Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I did not have any leisure in which to read newspapers this evening because I was reading copy from *Hansard* and having my dinner right up until eight o'clock.

However, I shall be glad to look at the report in question and bring down a statement tomorrow as to whether or not it is correct. I think offhand that it is not correct. However, I shall look at the report and make a statement concerning it tomorrow.

**FLOOD CONDITIONS****QUESTION AS TO EXTENSION OF TIME FOR  
FILING INCOME TAX RETURNS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Robert H. Winters (Acting Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, on Friday last the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Juras) asked for a statement as to what consideration would be given to the late filing of returns by those persons in the flooded area in Manitoba?

It would be impracticable for the Department of National Revenue to extend the filing time for returns due today. In accordance