

Inquiries of the Ministry

me to finish my point of order. It seems to me that the question has already been asked. As to the argument which the hon. lady puts forward, I doubt whether it is in accordance with the practice of the House to put to the ministry the same question day after day. This having been said, rather than listen to a point of order or a question of privilege, the minister might like to reply.

Mrs. MacInnis: The minister does not seem to want to reply? Does he wish to reply?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I have noted the contents of the question.

Mrs. MacInnis: May I raise a point of order? My point of order, with great deference, is that I have not been asking the same question based on the same material day after day.

Mr. Speaker: I have allowed the question, so no point of order can arise.

Mrs. MacInnis: This is my point of order. I waited for you to finish yours, Mr. Speaker. My point of order is that I have two brand new pieces of evidence here which have not been mentioned before.

Mr. Speaker: The Speaker has the last word, and I say that is not a point of order. I believe the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate wishes to ask a supplementary to a previous question.

[*Translation*]

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

MONTREAL—PRESENCE OF PRIME MINISTER AT CELEBRATION OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister whether he will attend the St. John the Baptist Day celebrations in Montreal next Wednesday.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, next Wednesday I hope to be in a locality of the province of Quebec which will remain unnamed.

[*English*]

MANPOWER

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS—EFFECT OF SCHEME TO TEACH TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): My question is for the Minister of Manpower [Mr. Speaker.]

and Immigration. Some two weeks ago the hon. gentleman announced in this chamber a program to hire approximately 6,000 more students. I should like to know how many students have already been hired, and the target date by which all the students will have been engaged.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The hirings are to be made by individual departments which have been authorized to do so. Finances for doing so have been made available. I will check and make a report as to the number hired so far.

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Can the minister indicate how the program announced by the Secretary of State under which students may receive summer instruction in one or other of the two official languages will alleviate the employment situation? Are these paid jobs?

Mr. MacEachen: The program administered by the Department of the Secretary of State will apply to 1,000 students who wish to study either French or English. Their accommodation and instruction will be paid for but they will not receive an educational allowance.

Mr. Baldwin: They will be able to make their applications for jobs next year in both English and French.

PUBLIC SERVICE

ESTABLISHMENT OF FRENCH-SPEAKING UNITS

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): My question is for the Prime Minister. On June 11, I asked whether the government had yet made a decision on the report of the B and B Commission. At that time, the right hon. gentleman said the cabinet had considered the matter but had not reached a decision upon it. I should like to know whether the Prime Minister will be in a position to make an announcement to the House concerning the cabinet's decision before, hopefully, we rise within a week for the recess.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The position of the government will be made known within a very few days.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INFLATION—EFFECT ON PENSIONERS AND UNORGANIZED WORKERS

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I have a question for the Prime Minister.