

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Garland:** With respect to the question now posed by the hon. gentleman, may I say there have been no increases in elderly citizens projects since I made my announcement around the middle or early part of September.

**PENSIONS**

## INQUIRY AS TO CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION THIS SESSION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the assurance given yesterday to the national Liberal women's federation by the Minister of National Health and Welfare that the Canada pension plan will be proceeded with either at this session or at the next session, will the Prime Minister tell us which it is to be, this session or next?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to confirm what I have said more than once, that it will be proceeded with as soon as possible. My hon. friend asked the other day whether I would be in a position soon to make a statement on this matter.

I propose to do that next Monday, and to relate this statement to our proposals for the future conduct of the work for the remainder of this session.

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth):** May I ask a supplementary question. Would the Prime Minister care to indicate what steps the government is taking to negotiate a Canada pension plan with the province of Ontario?

**Mr. Pearson:** We have been having some discussions with the province of Ontario and other provinces which have brought up points arising out of the last meeting we had with them on this matter.

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** I should like to ask the Prime Minister if in considering this statement he proposes to make on Monday next he would consider announcing the intention of the government in respect of the projection of family allowances beyond the age of 16 for educational purposes?

**Mr. Pearson:** I will be talking about the business of the house, Mr. Speaker, and what we wish to do during the balance of the session.

**WORLD FAIR**

## POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO ACT OF INCORPORATION

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Georges Valade (St. Mary):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime [Mr. Speaker.]

Minister concerning the world fair. Does the Prime Minister intend, in the near future, to suggest amendments to the act to establish the Canadian world exhibition corporation?

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**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Valade:** May I ask a supplementary question. Can the Prime Minister tell us what the nature of these amendments will be?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Wait and see.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

## TRANSFER TO PROVINCES OF JURISDICTION OVER HEALTH MATTERS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare what progress she is making in attempting to have the jurisdiction over health and related services in relation to Indians transferred to the various provinces.

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** I am afraid the question is too broad to be answered on orders of the day. I shall be very happy if my hon. friend would raise it at the time my estimates are before the house.

**Mr. Howard:** May I ask a supplementary question. Will the minister tell us whether her estimates are going to be brought before the house by herself, or will there be some other minister answering for the department?

**NORTHERN AFFAIRS**

## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gene Rheaume (Northwest Territories):** My question is for the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, and it arises out of press reports to the effect that the executive vice president of the Liberal association of the Northwest Territories is in the process of being appointed commissioner of the Northwest Territories. Will the minister take the house into his confidence and advise whether he intends to make this appointment, or whether such a commitment has been made?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):** The hon. member should know that I would refuse to answer such a question. There are bills that are still to come before this house, and which must pass this house, before any commissioner for the territories can be appointed. I accept no responsibility for the statements in the