

HOUSING

C.M.H.C.—REPORTED EVICTION NOTICES TO
POLYMER CORPORATION WORKERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works based on a telegram I have just received from the Canadian director of the oil, chemical and atomic workers international union, Sarnia, Ontario. Is it a fact that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has issued eviction notices to a number of workers involved in the Polymer strike? If so, will the minister ask the president of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to reconsider these eviction notices in view of the offer of the union to guarantee the payment of overdue rent following a return to work?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I have had representations on this question from the hon. member for Lambton West, and investigations through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation have already been started. I hope to be able to give the house a more detailed statement tomorrow.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REQUEST FOR MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ON AUGUST 26, 1958

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alexis Caron (Hull): May I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Would the minister table the minutes of the meeting of August 26, 1958 of the unemployment insurance advisory committee?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member for Hull knows, there is a procedure set out in our daily routine proceedings for such questions.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): May I ask a supplementary question. Does the minister not believe that the request made by the hon. member for Hull is reasonable, in view of the fact that the minister himself the other day, when tabling certain other reports, did table the minutes of at least one other meeting of the unemployment insurance advisory committee?

Mr. Starr: Yes, I believe it is a reasonable request, but my suggestion to the effect that there is a routine procedure to be followed is also reasonable.

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Inquiries of the Ministry
NATIONAL PARKS

SELF-GOVERNMENT OF TOWNSITES—TENURE
OF LEASES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. M. Horner (Jasper-Edson): I understand the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources has been looking into the possibility of an inquiry into the prospect of self-government for the townsites in national parks, and also into the matter of leases and length of tenure in the national parks. There is a great deal of public interest in this question, and I should like to ask the minister whether anything definite has yet been done in this regard.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): This is a matter of great interest in the western parks. I have had representations from the hon. member for Lethbridge, the hon. member for Bow River and the hon. member for Jasper-Edson. I want to thank the hon. member for having raised this point with the department last fall, and thus we were able to take advantage of it. I have approached the institute of local government at Queen's University, Kingston, and Dr. K. Grant Crawford and his associates will undertake an impartial study, not only in the three towns of Waterton, Banff and Jasper but also in the town of Whitehorse, where the situation is somewhat the same.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPORTED ESTABLISHMENT BY U.S. OF AERIAL
TOWERS ACROSS CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Yesterday the Minister of National Defence, in reply to a question by the hon. member for Laurier on the establishment in Canada of short range tactical air navigational facilities for the United States, stated that the newspaper reports were inaccurate. I wonder if the minister could tell us in what regard the newspaper reports were inaccurate.

Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence): I was asked yesterday to comment on a report to the effect that a series of aerial radio towers were being established across Canada. From the way the question was framed I could not connect this with the TACAN agreement which had been tabled just recently. The description of the navigational instruments of TACAN as aerial radio towers is quite inaccurate. It is inaccurate also to suggest that these are being established across Canada, because they are confined to the Atlantic and Pacific areas.