

had peripheral effects resulting in further unemployment in respect of other concerns which could not obtain supplies from companies that were on strike or supplies that were normally delivered by rail. One cannot expect that strikes, which are supposed to produce an adverse economic effect on the country, will not result in a statistical fall-out as well. This is exactly what happened.

Mr. Stanfield: If it is not the weather, it is something else, obviously. I should like to ask the minister whether this experience during the last six months since March—5.5 per cent unemployment in March, seasonally-adjusted and 5.5 per cent seasonally-adjusted in mid-August, amounting to virtually no change as far as married men over 25 are concerned—corresponds with the hon. gentleman's definition of sustainable growth?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I think sustainable growth is reflected by the fact that, as I have said, August over August, 464,000 new jobs have been created in this country. Despite the interpretation the hon. gentleman would like to place upon the figures, the trend of unemployment, discounting monthly variations, has been downward and is well below the figures last year.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE—POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia): I have a supplementary for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In light of the fact that the adjusted rate, particularly for those in the 14-24 age bracket, has risen from 9 per cent to 9.7 per cent—

An hon. Member: You share the blame!

Mr. Knight: —can the minister inform the House whether the government is considering increasing the funds allocated to the Local Initiatives Program?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Not at this moment, Mr. Speaker.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE AMONG YOUNGER PERSONS—INQUIRY AS TO YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM NEXT SUMMER

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State. In light of this report, and in view of the unemployment rate among those in the younger age bracket would the Secretary of State inform the House whether the government intends to operate a youth employment program over the next summer?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, that will be announced in due course, but I imagine that there would be a student summer employment program next summer.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

SUGGESTED APPLICATION OF COMPREHENSIVE CONTROL OF PRICES AND SALARIES

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): I wish to put a supplementary to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Speaker.

Is the Minister of Finance now contemplating the implementation of a "comprehensive" prices and wages freeze program?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, according to the definition given by the hon. member to the word "comprehensive" yesterday the answer is no.

[English]

PROPOSED TAKEOVER OF ACKLANDS LIMITED BY UNITED STATES COMPANY—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It arises out of a report this morning of a United States takeover bid for Canada's largest wholesale automotive supply dealer in Winnipeg, Acklands Limited. In view of the employment implications in particular of this takeover bid, would the Prime Minister assure the House that the government is taking some steps at least to hold back this takeover bid?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Acting Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleague, absent on government business, and as Acting Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce I would be glad to take the question as notice, study it very carefully, and give an answer to the hon. member.

Mr. Broadbent: In view of the imminence of this decision as reported in the press—it appears that the decision may be reached within a matter of days, if not hours—I ask the minister or the Prime Minister whether they will assure the House that steps will be taken by the government to ensure that this takeover bid is not completed before there is a thorough investigation by the government in terms of the implications of this takeover for the Canadian economy?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, in seeking an answer for the hon. member I will give full note to his representation.

GOVERNMENT INTENTION RESPECTING PROCEEDING WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BILL—POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the government any intention of shortly reintroducing Bill C-132, which deals with such matters as this; and in light of the information given may I ask the minister whether it is the intention of the government to introduce any changes to this legislation, or will it come before us in its original form?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Acting Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I will endeavour to