

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

given. Have representations for the establishment of a highway sufferance warehouse in the city of Red Deer been received by the minister? Has a decision been rendered, and if so what was the nature of that decision?

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for having given me notice. The answer is: Yes, the establishment of a highway sufferance warehouse has been approved in principle, pending submission of warehouse plans by the applicant for final approval.

**INCOME TAX****ALLEGED FEE-SPREADING BY SOME MEMBERS OF MEDICAL PROFESSION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of National Revenue. Is a thorough investigation into fee-spreading or "kick-back" now under consideration or is any action being taken because of disclosures recently made and the income tax return manipulations by certain persons in a certain section of the medical profession?

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I have had no notice of this question and I would like to get the full import of it, but if I understand the general import it would imply a disclosure of information with respect to the affairs of taxpayers which, of course, would be contrary to public policy and which I would not consider.

**Mr. Sinclair:** It has all been in the papers, names and all.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS****MONTREAL—UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR 1956-57**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. P. Deschatelets (Maisonneuve-Rosemont):** I wish to ask a question of the Minister of Labour. How many people are registered as unemployed in Montreal? Could I also, perhaps, have the comparative figures for the same period last year?

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** I will take the hon. member's question as notice and get the information for him.

**R.C.A.F. DEPOT, MONCTON—REQUEST FOR INCREASES IN PAY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Henry Murphy (Wesmorland):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance or to his parliamentary assistant. Perhaps the question

could be taken as notice. Will the government consider an increase in the rates of pay for labourers and mobile equipment operators and mechanics at No. 5 R.C.A.F. depot in Moncton, New Brunswick?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we will take that question as notice.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE****EXTENSION OF BENEFITS TO FARM WORKERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Rodolphe Leduc (Gatineau):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Is it the intention of the government at this session to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act in order to extend the benefits of unemployment insurance to farm employees?

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is no. Because of the shortness of this session and the great deal of consideration that must be given to the study of this act there is no intention to have the act reopened during this brief session of parliament.

**Mr. Marler:** Who said it was going to be short?

**Mr. Erhart Regier (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Labour. I noticed he used the words "shortness of this session". Does the minister not agree that parliament and only parliament determines the length of a session, or is the minister aware of any plan on the part of the government to obtain dissolution at a certain date? If so, will he tell us what that date is?

**Mr. Speaker:** That hardly appears to me as a question which is asking for information.

**EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF BENEFITS TO UNEMPLOYED**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for Gatineau (Mr. Leduc). Is it the intention of the minister or his department to extend the period of benefits to the unemployed under the Unemployment Insurance Act?

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, that matter is being given serious consideration by the unemployment insurance commission. As soon as we have a report the government will decide what action to take in that matter.