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through other sources such as friends and their own activities. Last fall we conducted a survey to determine the number because it was impossible to base the information on records from the Canada Manpower Centres. My information from that source would be quite fragmentary at the moment.

Mr. Diefenbaker: A further supplementary question. Is the minister saying to the House that no projection has as yet been made by his department as to the proportion of those students looking for work who will be able to obtain work? Surely the situation cannot be in such a state of disorderly disarray.

Mr. MacEachen: I want to be respectful to the right hon. gentleman, Mr. Speaker. We have not perfected our forecasts to that fine degree where we can supply the precise information the right hon. member wishes.

INDUSTRY

FOOTWEAR—STEPS TO RELIEVE DIFFICULTIES

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Has the minister received representations from the shoe industry regarding the serious situation facing that industry because of low-cost imports? If so, is it his intention to present a policy paper for that industry as was done for the textile industry?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will recognize that this question was asked earlier during the question period in French.

Mr. Saltsman: I wonder if I might be permitted a supplementary to the earlier question? Is the minister prepared to take action under section 7 of the Customs Tariff to impose a surtax on a non-discriminatory basis for the shoe industry as he did for the textile industry?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I said in French, Mr. Speaker, that we had received representations. I might say *en passant* that I thought I had received and accepted an invitation to meet with the shoe industry. It was not so. It has now been arranged that the invitation that did not come will be accepted. I will then be meeting with representatives of that industry in a few days.

Before making any statements on the subject, I wish to listen to these representations so that I will be more familiar with the

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intricacies of the situation. I will certainly make a few sermons on the necessity to rationalize the industry before envisaging the kind of measures recommended by the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Oxford.

Mr. Alexander: A supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Oxford.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

TORONTO—COMMENCEMENT OF WORK IN PROJECT METRO

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. It involves a huge project in the city of Toronto to be known as Project Metro, a joint effort of the CPR, the CNR and to a lesser degree the CBC. Can the minister tell the House how soon a start will be made on this huge project which has apparently been delayed since last fall?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure just what portion of this project is wholly within the federal responsibility, if any. I am going to Toronto tomorrow for meetings with provincial officials on this and a number of related matters. Perhaps I will be in a better position to reply to the hon. member later in the week.

Mr. Nesbitt: Would the minister inquire also through his appropriate colleagues to what extent the project is being held up by the failure of the CBC to gain approval for the expenditure of a relatively small amount of money to erect a tower on the building, in view of the fact that so much money has been spent in Montreal?

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question is in the form of an argument and is not acceptable.

INDUSTRY

ACTION TO COUNTERACT EFFECT OF DUMPING ON SECONDARY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): My question is supplementary to one which was directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce a few moments ago. It concerns a question which I addressed to the