

Inquiries of the Ministry

Welfare and as Minister of that department I am very happy to stand behind it.

An hon. Member: Don't stand in front of it.

Miss LaMarsh: My hon. friend has only to look at me to know that though bread may be full of calories I eat it.

FORESTRY**REMOVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL LABORATORIES TO SAULT STE. MARIE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Forestry a question, in view of the fact that he gave an indication to an audience at Richmond Hill last night, in relation to the move of the forest laboratory facilities from there to Sault Ste. Marie, that this was under reconsideration. How much time is it likely to take before a permanent decision is taken, and would he consider referring this whole matter for study to the Committee of the House that is indicated for this area of Government responsibility?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we had a very fruitful meeting last night, and I hope to be able to render a decision in two or three weeks.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**ATLANTIC PROVINCES—INCREASE IN RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. I want to ask the Minister when he expects to commence the war on poverty in the Atlantic Provinces, in view of the fact that the unemployment rate for April of this year was 12.8 per cent, and having regard to the fact that in March it was 12.5 per cent, and 12.3 per cent in April of last year.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the unemployment rate, of course, in the Atlantic Provinces is too high. It is much less than it was under the administration supported by my hon. friend.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Increasing all the time.

Mr. Starr: What have you done about it?

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): A supplementary question—

[Miss LaMarsh.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seemed to the Chair that the last question was more a political argument than a real question, important as the matter may be. If the supplementary question is just to continue an argument, I think the hon. Member should refer to the section of our Standing Orders dealing with the form and drafting of questions.

Mr. MacInnis: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I realize that we are restricted in asking questions with respect to unemployment, but I would call Your Honour's attention and the attention of the whole House to the fact that the question was not political, only the answer.

REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATED AREAS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Mullally (Kings): I should like to ask the Minister of Industry if he can advise us when the Government will announce new designated areas for special economic assistance, as well as changes in the types of incentive that will be provided.

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): I think all hon. Members will be interested in this question. The House is fully aware of the intensive drive being made by the Government to provide adequate opportunity for some of the less favoured areas of Canada. A new scheme for designated areas changing the incentives is being co-ordinated now with a general program. It would be my hope that in the near future an announcement could be made.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): May I ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: I must take one at a time. At the moment there are at least four hon. Members pressing supplementary questions. The first supplementary should go to the Whip of the Opposition, the hon. Member for Grey-Bruce.

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): I should like to ask the Minister if he will keep in mind my suggestion of some weeks ago that he considered the entire Georgian Bay area as a designated area. I should like him to take this into consideration when the new terms are made public.

Mr. Drury: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): May I ask the Minister, in answer to the many requests he has undoubtedly