

PUBLIC SERVICE

CAPE BRETON—REPLACEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR UNILINGUAL POSITIONS BY ONE FOR BILINGUAL POSITIONS

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board. On May 5 I raised with him the question of the eligibility list set up in a competition for possible positions that would be vacant in the Cape Breton area in the public service. The question was with regard to the changing of the competition which called for unilingualism. Twenty-three people qualified. It is our understanding that as of June 15 this list will no longer be in effect and replacements will be made from a bilingual list. On May 5 the minister said that he would inquire and provide an answer. On May 17 he assured me that there would be no discrimination and that he was waiting for a report on the subject. Is the minister yet in a position to give that report, and can he reassure us again that those who qualify will get the positions that become available and will not be cast out as derelicts because they are not bilingual?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, upon inquiry I discovered that the question related to two eligibility lists established as a consequence of competitions held by the Public Service Commission. The notes on the answer were to have been given to the House by the Secretary of State and unfortunately I have not got them with me. I am sure that the next time he is in the House he will give the answer.

Mr. Muir: Will the minister make it his duty to ensure that the minister he referred to will be in the House before the end of the session, before June 15?

Mr. Drury: I shall be glad to give that assurance, Mr. Speaker.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

TORONTO—ALLEGED EXORBITANT APARTMENT RENT INCREASES—INQUIRY AS TO REPRESENTATIONS TO PROVINCE RESPECTING CURTAILMENT

Mr. Walter Deakon (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs but in his absence I shall direct it to the parliamentary secretary. In view of the recent exorbitant increase in the rents of certain high-rise apartment developments in the city of Toronto to apartment dwellers, has the minister made representations to the government of the province of Ontario in order to curtail these steady increases?

Mr. D. R. Tolmie (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I shall be very pleased to bring that most interesting and intelligent question to the attention of the minister.

Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL DEFENCE

MEAFORD TANK RANGE—REMOVAL OF UNEXPLODED AMMUNITION TO ENABLE CONVERSION TO PARK

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence but in his absence would direct it—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Bell: Explain!

An hon. Member: They don't know you, Ben.

An hon. Member: He hasn't any policy but he is there.

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Mr. Noble: I apologize, Mr. Speaker. The minister is here so seldom.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Noble: In view of the fact the government is giving consideration to clearing unexploded ammunition from Camp Ipperwash so it may be returned to the local Indians, will the Meaford tank range be included in this clean-up program so that it may be converted to a park?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, no clean-up program in either area is anticipated at the present time. The cost appears to be prohibitive.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that we will be very soon running short of time. There are just two or three minutes left before the end of the question period. With the co-operation of hon. members, we will try to have a few questions without supplementaries.

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AGRICULTURE

ACTION TO LOWER COSTS OF PRODUCTION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that farm machinery costs and other costs of production to the farmer have nearly doubled since 1949 and the price he receives for many commodities has gone down, what action is the government planning to bring down the costs of production to the farmers?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question should be placed on the order paper.

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SUPPLY AND SERVICES

SPECIAL AGENCY TO CO-ORDINATE USE OF COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board. In view of the fact that the government has spent and is