

tion which will, I am sure, appeal to the hon. gentleman is that there has been a very substantial increase in the number of low-income family houses. There has been a 25 per cent increase in this field. The measures that were taken recently by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation have not worked their way through the system, but I reaffirm what I said yesterday, that we are confident we will reach our objectives.

[Later:]

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Acting Prime Minister, if the indication is correct that he has persuaded us to place a motion on the Order Paper for tomorrow, whether he would be prepared to be present tomorrow to give his view concerning a projection in respect of housing starts for 1970 which he refused to give my friend the Leader of the Opposition?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to taking part in the debate tomorrow. If I have an opportunity I may do so. I would remind hon. members that the government did set an objective of one million houses over a five-year period. In the first year, 219,000 were built. I would guess that by the end of the second year we will be right on target and will probably build more than one million houses in the five year period. I think this is an excellent accomplishment and far better than was ever done when the party of my hon. friend was in office.

[Translation]

UNEMPLOYMENT—APPLICATION OF MEASURES PROPOSED BY QUEBEC PRIME MINISTER

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister.

Since 40 per cent of Canadian unemployed are found in the province of Quebec, could the Secretary of State of External Affairs consult the new Quebec premier, in order to implement throughout the country the measures suggested by the latter to create 100,000 new jobs in Quebec, and thus reduce the number of unemployed?

[English]

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. gentleman that we will be very happy to meet with the new Prime Minister of Quebec, and to assist him in achieving his objectives, too.

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Sianfield:** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Acting Prime Minister whether he really believes that the inflow of money into Canada, whether speculative or for any other reason, is of any comfort to the people of this country who are out of work?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

REPRESENTATIONS BY P.E.I. WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON EFFECT OF ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAMS

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Acting Prime Minister. Will the government give serious consideration to the brief made public yesterday from the welfare department of Prince Edward Island asking the government to review its anti-inflation programs on the ground that the group they hit hardest is the poor?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker; the government gives the most serious consideration to representations of this kind, including those from the opposition. I would not want to create any impression that the government does not take this problem very seriously. As my colleague the Minister of Manpower and Immigration has said, we are doing everything we possibly can to relieve the situation but we also have a responsibility to see that we do not once again start the sort of inflationary pressure that can produce greater unemployment than we are now suffering.

### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** My supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I have been in western Canada visiting universities and campuses and I find that only 12 per cent of the student body who need jobs this summer have any immediate hope, which has given rise to a feeling of deep fear and frustration on their part. I know that the minister is doing everything he can, but can he give some hope to these students that jobs for them will be made available? In particular, since jobs are not available in the farming areas of western Canada, I wonder whether provision could be made for transportation of students to other provinces where jobs can be made available?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I