

Inquiries of the Ministry

particularly bearing in mind the interests of safety?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the government is very well aware of this program, and some delegations have been received dealing with the subject. Some correspondence has also been received, and the question is getting very active consideration at the moment.

(Translation):

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES**PROVINCIAL REPLIES TO LETTER RESPECTING ROYAL COMMISSION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister to find out if all the provinces have replied to his letter about the royal commission on bi-culturalism.

(Text):

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): All, Mr. Speaker, but the province of British Columbia.

PENSIONS**QUEBEC—REPORTED LEGISLATION RESPECTING PORTABLE PENSIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the Prime Minister could give us today the benefit of his consultations with the minister of health and welfare about portable pensions.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to the hon. member for his patience. Naturally I did not want to deal with the matter until I had a heart to heart talk with the minister of health and welfare. Although I have not been able to have that talk, Mr. Speaker, I can now answer my hon. friend that after some discussion of this matter with the minister. It is clear from the hon. gentleman's statement that he is referring to a report of the intention of the provincial government of Quebec to take action in this field. I should think that the announcement merely of intention to take action in this field would not affect any proposals for legislation which are now under consideration by the federal government, but the announcement of such intentions by any provincial government would underline the necessity of keeping in close contact with all provincial governments on such matters of joint concern and responsibility.

[Mr. Knowles.]

(Translation):

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**MONTREAL—CONSTRUCTION OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, on June 6, 1963, the hon. member for St. Mary asked me a question about the project concerning the construction of the C.B.C. building in the eastern part of Montreal.

The C.B.C. informs me that under order in council P.C. 1963-4/144 of January 31, 1963, it entered into an agreement with the authorities of the city of Montreal for the purchase of a piece of property in the eastern part of Montreal for that purpose. The corporation is carrying out that project in accordance with the agreement.

(Text):

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister a topical question about a budget. Could the Prime Minister tell us whether one may assume there is friendly financial significance for his party's budget in the appointment yesterday of two wealthy men to the other place?

Some hon. Members: Order.

INDUSTRY**PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT**

The house resumed from Wednesday, June 12, consideration in committee of the following resolution—Mr. Pearson—Mr. Lamoureux in the chair:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure (a) to establish a department of industry to be presided over by a minister of industry who shall be appointed under the Great Seal of Canada, to authorize the appointment of a deputy minister by the governor in council, and to provide for the appointment to the department on a temporary basis of persons having special knowledge of manufacturing industries to assist in the work of the department; (b) to provide for the establishment under the direction of the minister of an area development agency and to provide for the appointment of a commissioner and a deputy commissioner for area development; and (c) to make a consequential amendment to the Salaries Act to provide a salary for the minister.

Mr. Coates: During my comments yesterday afternoon I discussed, among other things the problems confronting the aircraft firm of Enamel and Heating Products Limited in my constituency, which has been forced to lay off personnel. I urged the Minister of Defence Production, either in his present capacity or in his proposed new capacity as minister of