

Inquiries of the Ministry

merce which has launched a special summer hiring program as a way of encouraging employers to hire a certain percentage of summer students. We look forward to this as an important part of our total program.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister. Is his department considering any special programs to help students to find summer employment in economically depressed regions?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, we had reasonable success in our program last year. We are attempting to maintain the program and improve it where possible. We do not anticipate a special program along the lines mentioned by the hon. member.

LABOUR RELATIONS

ALLEGED VIOLATION BY CPR OF AGREEMENT WITH CLERKS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of complaints made by Mr. McGregor, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks, in telegrams to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Labour, to the effect that Canadian Pacific has violated its agreement with the brotherhood in ordering a reduction of 10 per cent of its work, will the minister look into this matter and make an early statement on it?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the telegram although I am sure it has been received in my office, but normally if the CPR were to violate their collective agreement there should be some condition in the collective agreement which would protect the union against this type of unilateral action.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SAFE PACKAGING OF HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It has to do with his legislation on hazardous products and the symbols that have been published. In view of the fact that thousands of those who have been the victims of hazardous products could not read, is his department or the government planning any legislation with regard to the safe packaging of these products?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, under the Hazardous Products Act the whole purpose of the symbols designed for the labelling of hazardous products is to assist those people in our society who through illiteracy or otherwise cannot read, and also to assist young children who would learn the symbols rather than the words. We are examining ways, and have power under the act, to deal with safety in packaging, which is part of a safety program including education, labelling and packaging. For example, with respect to a matter in which I know the hon. member is keenly interested, we are endeavouring to develop a safe standard for safety lids that would be waterproof so that many of these hazardous chemical substances could be properly contained.

[Translation]

BANK OF CANADA

INQUIRY AS TO OPENING OF BRANCH IN QUEBEC

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance, I would like to address a question to the Acting Prime Minister.

Does the government intend opening a branch of the Bank of Canada in the province of Quebec in the near future?

An hon. Member: After the 29th?

Mr. Speaker: The question could be placed on the order paper.

[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

RENT INCREASES FOR PERMANENT MARRIED QUARTERS ON DEFENCE BASES

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In his role of restraining increases in prices, what action is the minister taking with the Treasury Board to have them roll back their recent increases in rental costs of permanent married quarters on defence bases, which they authorized for April 1 of this year and which in some cases are as much as \$15 per month?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, some