

these questions then he is not doing his job properly. So, Mr. Speaker, I will ask him a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We will soon be running short of time if every question is prefaced by a statement. This also applies to answers by ministers. I would hope we could try to get on with the business of the question period.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, following on the non-answer that the minister gave me I wish to ask how long the government intends to pursue the policy that there is nothing quite so good as doing nothing and maintaining the status quo?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER TAX CUTS FOR LOW-INCOME
CANADIANS TO STIMULATE DEMAND AND PROVIDE
JOBS

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. In light of the fact that the income tax bill as presently drafted is still before the House, and the stress by the Economic Council of Canada on increasing domestic demand, I wonder if the Prime Minister has conferred with the Minister of Finance and discussed with him the possibility of further tax cuts for low-income Canadians in order that there can be a greater stimulation of domestic demand to provide these much needed jobs in coming years?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to discuss that with the minister when he returns from the Group of Ten meeting in Rome. In the meantime it would be helpful if the legislation presently before the House could be passed as it has the effect of reducing taxes on the low income groups.

UNEMPLOYMENT—DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL
POLICY TO UTILIZE SCIENCE GRADUATES UNABLE TO
FIND WORK

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a further supplementary question. Perhaps I could preface it by saying that there has been no reluctance on the part of the Minister of Finance to bring in a number of amendments since the bill first came before the House. I would ask the Prime Minister whether, in view of the statement in the preliminary report of the Department of Manpower and Immigration on the requirements for university graduates in 1971, issued yesterday, that in 1971 the demand for Bachelor of Science graduates declined by 44 per cent and for Doctor of Science degree holders by 31 per cent, the government is giving consideration to this very serious situation, and is it taking the advice of the Science Council of Canada for the development of a new industrial policy that will utilize this growing number of highly skilled scientific manpower resources that are presently unable to find work?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, there are many aspects of our industrial policy which are aimed with this in mind, and I am sure the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce will send copies of his statements to the hon. member if the hon. member wants to look into them.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I mentioned a moment ago that there are a number of hon. members seeking the floor to ask supplementary questions. For the present the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Shefford and then return to further supplementaries on this subject.

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[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

NEW BRUNSWICK—IMPROVEMENT OF FRENCH
TELEVISION NETWORK

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State and of his parliamentary secretary, I shall put my question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Does the government intend to give soon to over 200,000 French-speaking people in northeastern New Brunswick, a French-language television service through the CBC, as the residents and organizations of that area have requested it repeatedly?

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): He has just come back from New Brunswick!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member travelled to other parts of the country, he would see that there is also a demand for more French-speaking television or radio stations.

The Secretary of State is making a study of budgets and he will do his utmost to assist in making French-speaking television and radio available to French-speaking people in different parts of the country.

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

Since 200,000 citizens of New Brunswick represent one-third of the population of the province and this demand has existed for several years, can it be hoped that the government will soon cease making studies and take action in behalf of New Brunswick's Acadians?

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[English]

INCOME TAX

SUGGESTED SPLITTING OF BILL, PASSAGE OF CERTAIN
PROVISIONS AND ABANDONMENT OF REMAINDER

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question in light of the Prime Minister's statement about passing Bill C-259. Would he be prepared to recommend to the Minister of Finance that he split the income tax bill in view of the fact that the newspapers show that several Canadian companies that are also operating in other lands are prepared to move their offices and factories from Canada, which will cost Canadians thousands of jobs? Would he consider splitting