

the few minutes which have elapsed since then. I would think that, to say the least, the suggestion is premature. We will have to see what the budget is, and then perhaps the kind of concern the hon. member is expressing could be expressed at that time.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, of course, knows that I informed the Minister of Finance some two hours ago that I intended to raise the question. In the Saturday edition of the *Toronto Star*, an article appears, not in hypothetical, suggestive or conjectural terms but in categorical terms about what is in the budget. I will quote the opening sentence which reveals the tone of the rest of the article. It says:

The federal government will offer the provinces a deal in Monday's budget that would cut the Ontario sales tax on a \$6,000 car from \$420 to \$240—

The article goes on. The point of my question, Mr. Speaker, is that the rest of the article in the *Toronto Star* details in specific after specific with the kind of tax cut that is supposed to be announced in tonight's budget. With this in mind, and given the tradition of Great Britain, where in modern times I have found that there have been only two budget leaks, both of which were immediately followed up with investigations and in both cases led to ministerial resignations, I ask the Prime Minister if he will assure the House that if the very specific assertions which appeared in the article in the *Toronto Star* turn out to be included in tonight's budget an investigation into the possibility of a budget leak will take place.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, you will recognize of course, that the question in its form is hypothetical. I will take notice of the question and we will see what the budget contains.

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MANPOWER

YOUNG CANADA WORKS PROGRAM—INQUIRY AS TO BUDGET REDUCTION

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

In view of the fact that some people involved in the assessment of Canada Works and Young Canada Works projects have heard of a 50 per cent staff cut, that the budget available this year for job creation is 75 per cent of what it was last year, and that the student work force will be over 4 per cent greater than last year, could the minister indicate to the House whether the current staff can effectively control and monitor the projects which have been received this year or which will be accepted this year under the Young Canada Works program.

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Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

In view of his claim that the same service can be provided with 50 per cent of the staff which was previously necessary to study the Canada Works projects, with the assistance of some new people hired as recently as three weeks ago, to supervise the Young Canada Works projects, could the minister indicate to the House whether the necessary budget will be increased to make possible the implementation of a greater number of such projects?

Mr. Cullen: It is not possible just now, Mr. Speaker, but we must examine this question.

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[English]

GRAIN

INCREASE IN ELEVATOR COSTS—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO ASSIST FARMERS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture, who three days ago exercised unusual philanthropy in connection with the Western Grain Stabilization Act, providing for payment to the western farmers of \$60 million as a gift from the government when, as a matter of fact, the farmers themselves have paid the full shot in the last two years. That disturbs the Minister of Transport, who is back in his seat after a trip to Nova Scotia which convinced him that all is not well in the Liberal party down there.

My question is this: Prairie farmers are facing a major increase in elevator costs this summer. An application has been made to a commission in connection with extra charges. Apparently the commission is favourable to permitting additional amounts to be levied in respect of wheat. The producer groups gave evidence. They say it will mean several cents a bushel will be taken out of the western farmers. In view of the serious situation in agriculture, whose income has decreased for three years by 6 per cent per year, is the minister prepared to assure the House that this extra levy to permit the grain companies to expand and develop their procedures will come from the people of Canada as a whole, rather than the western farmer in particular who has been paying through the nose as a result of the present government's policy during the last few years?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I first want to say to the right hon. gentleman that the Western Grain Stabilization Act will be used properly and within the law to the extent we can do that which is proper. It will be done in as fair a manner as possible. I also want to advise that I had a discussion about the hearings with one of the grain commissioners this morning. At this time I am not