

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I neither confirm nor deny the assertions made by the hon. member. I am sure he understands that investigations frequently involve something more than an investigation of documents.

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I cannot give the hon. member that assurance.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**HAMILTON—ASSISTANCE TO FORMER STUDEBAKER EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. William Dean Howe (Hamilton South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in his capacity as minister of manpower. Is the government prepared to give any financial assistance to the more than 300 men still unemployed as a result of the closing of the Studebaker plant at Hamilton?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I think those unemployed men from the Studebaker plant are entitled to supplementary unemployment benefits under the SUB plan. We have reached no decision as far as TAB is concerned, but this matter has been submitted to the appropriate committee. We are not yet certain whether this assistance can be provided under the regulations of TAB.

Mr. Howe (Hamilton South): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is something going to be done fairly soon to help these men?

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, we are trying to help these men at this time through our N.E.S. What they need mainly are jobs, and that is what we are trying to accomplish.

CRIMINAL CODE**SUGGESTED AMENDMENT RESPECTING BREATHALIZER TESTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Justice. On January 27 I asked him the following question:

Would the government give consideration to amending the Criminal Code so that breathalyzer tests can be made mandatory?

I now ask the minister whether he would indicate to the house if this decision will be reached in time to be made public at the Canadian Highway Safety Council convention which is meeting in Calgary during the first week of May.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**INQUIRY AS TO PROPOSED DELETION OF "ROYAL" FROM TITLE OF BASES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Queens): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Defence I should like to direct a question to the Associate Minister and ask whether steps are now being taken to change the name of Royal Canadian Air Force bases to something which will not contain the word "royal".

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker.

PUBLIC WORKS**EFFECT ON LOCAL PROJECTS OF BUDGET CUT-BACK**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. In view of the cut-back in government projects announced in the budget, when are members likely to know the fate of planned local projects of the department?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): I would hope, Mr. Speaker, in the next few days. I shall try to do it before the Easter recess.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL**INVITATION TO PRINCE CHARLES TO PRE-SIDE OVER YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. On January 31 he said he would look into this matter. Can he now advise the house of the progress of discussions or arrangements regarding the very desirable possibility of Prince Charles opening the centennial youth parliament?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I apologize for not having previously informed my hon. friend of the results of my looking into this matter. I am still looking into it.