

Motions for Papers

Hon. Leon Balcer (Acting Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, there is no relevant order in council or minute of treasury board on this question but I have here the formal document whereby the governor general exercised the royal prerogative, and I should like to table it herewith.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the revision suggested by the minister, which I take it is acceptable to the hon. member for Ottawa West—

Mr. McIlraith: Yes.

Mr. Speaker:—is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

GRANBY AIRPORT

Motion No. 81—Mr. Boivin:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the Department of Transport and the city of Granby, from January 1, 1945 to date, regarding the Granby airport.

Motion agreed to.

D.B.S. QUESTIONNAIRES ON LABOUR
FORCE SAMPLING

Motion No. 82—Mr. Hellyer:

For a copy of each regular or special questionnaire used by the bureau of statistics during the months of January and February 1960, in respect to its sampling of the Canadian labour force, including its without jobs component.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I should like to ask the house to allow this to stand until next week, pending the return of Mr. Duffett, the head of the dominion bureau of statistics, who is out of the country on urgent public business.

Motion stands.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

ELLIOT LAKE—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON VISIT
OF MISSION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he is in a position now to make a report to the house on the fact finding committee that visited Elliot Lake a short time ago, and perhaps also on the visit of the Minister of Trade and Commerce to Toronto to deal with the situation in that area.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I would appreciate it if the hon. gentleman would allow this to stand until tomorrow.

Mr. Pearson: May I ask the Prime Minister a supplementary question. Have any arrangements been made as yet for members of his

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cabinet, the Minister of Trade and Commerce or the Minister of Labour or both, to visit Elliot Lake?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, the date for the visit has not been determined. It should be decided very shortly. It is being considered at the moment.

VANCOUVER—REQUEST FOR ACTION ON
UNEMPLOYMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. I do so because of the courtesy of the Minister of Transport and the president of T.C.A. in enabling me to spend two days in Vancouver after three months' absence. On the basis of what I saw there I should like to ask the Minister of Labour, in view of the situation in Vancouver where they now say, in the construction industry and in the fisheries, that they are not in a recession but a state of depression, whether he can inform us what action is being taken, if any, to deal with the unemployment situation in that city.

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of any such situation in Vancouver as described by the hon. member and have received no representations from anyone in that regard.

[Later:]

Mr. Winch: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Labour. Did I understand him to say he had received no information whatever about the situation in Vancouver, and has not yet heard that there is not a recession but a depression in the construction industry?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is repeating the allegations which he made in his earlier question, to which the minister has already replied.

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, I wish to say something on this, if I may. I assumed that the hon. member was making reference to some special representations in this regard. According to my recollection no such representations have been made.

We all know that in the construction industry not only in British Columbia but across the whole country there are lay-offs during this seasonal period, when construction cannot be carried on in the same way it normally is. Lay-offs have occurred in British Columbia during the winter period not only this year but in previous years, and such lay-offs will probably occur in the future.