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THE CENSUS**METHOD OF RECRUITING COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

As 1971 is national census year, what procedure will be adopted by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce to choose the district commissioners who will be responsible for the census in every constituency?

Mr. Speaker: I would suggest to the hon. member that this question could be placed on the order paper. If it is urgent, the House would be willing to consider it at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): I wish to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member cannot ask a supplementary to a question which was ruled out of order. However, the hon. member might perhaps ask another question.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is the following: Since the government will certainly appoint commissioners to take the census, could he tell the House what qualifications will be required of them as how they will be appointed? I consider this matter as an urgent one, because, according to my information, this will be done shortly.

Mr. Speaker: If there is an emergency, as the hon. member suggests, it might be useful to discuss the matter at the time of adjournment, if the hon. member would kindly give me notice of it.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): At ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

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INFORMATION CANADA**INQUIRY AS TO OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER ON ASIAN TRIP**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of Information Canada. Since reports indicate that there are 15 members from the CBC and five from Weekend News Magazine accompanying the Prime Minister on his trip abroad to report on the Prime Minister's numerous frolics, has Information Canada any members accompanying the Prime Minister? If so, are they wearing their maple leaves as described yesterday by the hon. member for Lambton-Kent?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): The answer in both cases, Mr. Speaker, is no.

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*Inquiries of the Ministry***PUBLIC WORKS****BRIDGEWATER, N.S.—INQUIRY AS TO CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC BUILDING**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. In view of the statement made today by the Minister of Public Works concerning work projects being moved ahead, could he indicate when the public building promised by his predecessor for Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, in 1968, will be built?

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FINANCE**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON TAX REFORM INTENTIONS**

Mr. F. J. Bigg (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In light of the unacceptable climate of slow growth and uncertainty in the economy, is the minister prepared to state on motions the government's specific intentions in the area of tax reform?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, very recently I stated in the budget, which is still under debate—I understand we are going to have another day's debate on it very soon—the government's outlook with respect to the economy and economic policy. In the area of tax reform, which will not result in any additional revenue for the federal government, I have indicated a system of reforming taxation which I would hope to bring forward next spring.

Mr. Bigg: Mr. Speaker, perhaps it will assist the minister if I ask a supplementary question. In order to stimulate the housing industry, is the minister now prepared to drop publicly the idea of a capital gains tax with a five-year re-evaluation clause applying to housing?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, there never was a capital gains tax with a five-year re-evaluation clause applying to housing in the white paper.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**UNEMPLOYMENT—DISCUSSION WITH PROVINCES OF CRASH PROGRAM TO PROVIDE JOBS**

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Acting Prime Minister a very simple question. In light of the fact that the budget proposals advanced by the minister responsible for fluctuations have not been effective, has the Prime Minister or the government any intention of discussing with the provincial governments and other people an immediate crash program to deal with the very serious unemployment situation that now exists and will continue for the next three or four months at least?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have been discussing with the provinces, as the Minister of Finance has said, the implementation of