

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Martineau:** Well, I wonder whether the minister would care to give an answer.

**Mr. Sharp:** May I say, Mr. Speaker, that if what the hon. member says I said is true, then I was misquoted.

**Mr. Martineau:** Well, what did the minister say on that occasion?

**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

## BRANTFORD, ONT.—DESIGNATION AS DISTRESSED AREA

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps we can bring the questioning round to a more central part of Canada. I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Industry. In view of the great difficulty of attracting new industries to the Kitchener-Guelph-Galt area due to Brantford having been designated a distressed area, I am wondering whether the minister would consider removing Brantford from the list of designated or distressed areas in Canada.

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** I am sure the hon. member is aware that employment in the Brantford national employment service area is, and has been for a number of years, at a much lower level than in the Guelph area. In view of this disadvantage which the Brantford area has suffered over a number of years I am sure he would not wish it to be placed at a continuing disadvantage in favour of the Guelph area which, for one reason or another, has been more favoured than Brantford over the past years.

**Mr. Hales:** A supplementary question. Would the minister, recognizing the proximity of these two cities, which are only 35 miles away from each other, consider putting both of them, or all the cities in this area, on an equal basis?

**Mr. Drury:** I would be glad to consider it.

*(Translation):*

## CRITERIA USED FOR DESIGNATION OF DISTRESSED AREAS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the President of the Privy Council a question.

Is it true that it was stated by the President of the Privy Council that the criteria used to determine the economically "depressed areas" were not final criteria, and were the discussions concerning those criteria held in co-operation with the provincial governments of the country?

[Mr. Speaker.]

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I do not recall having made any such statement.

## QUEBEC—REPORTED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Theogene Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot):** May I direct a question to the Minister of Labour? In view of the ever increasing number of people out of work in the province of Quebec, can the minister tell the house whether he has taken steps to reduce the number of unemployed in that province in the years to come?

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**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour):** I think the facts indicate the contrary to the assertions made by my hon. friend.

**DEFENCE PRODUCTION**

## REPORTED CANCELLATION OF AIRCRAFT SALES TO U.S.

*(Translation)*

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Industry? Is it true that the United States have recently cancelled a \$31 million order for Cariboo planes? If this is the case, does the minister think that such an action might be interpreted as a retaliation against the Canadian government, in view of the latter's intention to expand our automotive industry?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared to confirm such a cancellation, and I am confident that the United States will continue to place orders with the de Havilland Company.

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**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

## ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.—CONSTRUCTION OF TELEVISION STATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Richard Cashin (St. John's West):** I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. I wonder if the hon. gentleman could inform the house when the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will be granted a licence to operate a television station in the city of St. John's.

**Some hon. Members:** Order paper.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State):** The government this morning authorized the Minister of Transport to issue such a licence.