

Inquiries of the Ministry

minister expect to bring before the house legislation with regard to regional development?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): I hope during the month of January.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE OF JUSTICE AND MERCY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. In view of the unusual success of yesterday's service of justice and mercy, I wonder whether the minister has received requests from other institutions across the country for similar special services.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): A great many similar services were held yesterday in different parts of the country. I am very appreciative of the expression of approval for that program on the part of the hon. member.

[Later:]

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, my question is for my fellow Presbyterian, the Solicitor General, and it follows on from the question of the hon. member for Egmont. I ask simply, has the lost been found?

Mr. McIlraith: Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I want to vary an earlier answer I gave. We are working rather rapidly in the department and the lost has now been found.

Mr. Rose: Mr. Speaker, I was just wondering whether my lost previous question has been found.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**ASSISTANCE TO PROVINCES TO MEET EDUCATION COSTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister take advantage of the opportunities provided by the impending conferences with the provinces to begin discussion of an acceptable and constitutional arrangement to allow extensive federal financial assistance in meeting the crisis in education in Canada.

[Mr. Burton.]

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the matter of the division of jurisdiction as between the federal and provincial governments is also on the agenda. It is possible some of the provinces might suggest transferring educational jurisdiction to the federal government. I have no information on that.

Mr. Lundrigan: I hope I did not suggest to the Prime Minister that there should be a transfer of jurisdiction over education to the federal government. I asked whether some acceptable constitutional arrangement could be provided. I have a supplementary question. Have any discussions of this kind already been held with the provinces regarding financial assistance in the field of education, and could the Prime Minister say what was the nature of those discussions?

Mr. Trudeau: Well, in the past couple of years the federal government has vacated tax room for the provinces so they could increase by hundreds of millions of dollars their expenditures on education.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Has the right hon. Prime Minister received a specific request from the province of Newfoundland in the area of education.

Mr. Trudeau: Not that I am aware of.

[Translation]

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, can the Prime Minister tell us if, at the next federal-provincial conference, he will take into account the recommendations made by the Aird commission in 1927?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, we take into account wise counsel from the past, but I must say that we are not among those who hold blindly to views from the past.

[English]

IMMIGRATION**TORONTO—DEPORTATION ORDER AGAINST POLISH SEAMAN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration what action he has taken or will take in response to the telegram I referred to last Friday, protesting the treatment of a Polish refugee seaman in Toronto and others detained in Halifax who are destined for deportation after they have sought asylum in Canada.