

Inquiries of the Ministry

the Secretary of State. Does the hon. gentleman not consider it an unfair commercial practice that a foreign owned periodical in Canada should be permitted to dump millions of dollars worth of editorial material into the Canadian scene?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): I will refer that question to the Prime Minister.

steps to remedy such an intolerable and alarming situation and, if so, what steps will he take?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice and the Prime Minister will undoubtedly answer it next week.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**INQUIRY AS TO ANTICIPATION OF RECESSION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth): I should have liked to address this question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Perhaps in his absence the Minister of Finance would answer. Does the hon. gentleman anticipate any recession in the Canadian economy similar to that predicted yesterday for the British and European business world by Sir John Wedgewood in an interview with Mr. Fraser Robertson of the *Globe and Mail*?

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I believe that most Canadians think the prospects for this country are very bright indeed. Among other things, unemployment is lower than it has been for years, and the prospects for 1964 are excellent.

Mr. Monteith: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Am I to understand, then, that the minister has not received any studies or information of the kind suggested by Sir John Wedgewood?

Mr. Gordon: From the report I read in the newspaper this morning I thought Sir John Wedgewood was talking about the situation as he sees it in the United Kingdom, and I wondered whether in so doing he was perhaps a little concerned about an election that might be taking place there in the near future.

An hon. Member: What about an election in Canada?

MEASURES TO ASSIST THOSE RECEIVING LOW INCOMES

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gerard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Prime Minister but in his absence I will direct it to the Acting Prime Minister.

According to this morning's edition of *Le Devoir*, more than one quarter of Canadian adults earned less than \$1,000 in 1961.

Could the Acting Prime Minister inform the house as to whether he intends to take

INDUSTRY**INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF AUTOMOBILE PARTS**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, that is one consideration that never enters into the thinking of this house. May I ask the Minister of Finance, who is in an unusually expansive mood this morning, to answer this question. In view of an increase of \$80 million in imported automobile parts in the first ten months of 1963, according to the latest d.b.s. release, and an increase of \$4,300,000 in November alone, is the minister now prepared to make modifications as suggested by the auto parts manufacturers, and I hope joined in by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin), in order to produce a plan that will help rather than hurt Canadian industry?

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I was not too sure whether that was a speech or a question but I think there is not much doubt that the policies to which the right hon. gentleman referred are working out extraordinarily well for the Canadian economy and for the employees in these industries. As far as we are concerned we are very pleased with them.

PRESENTATION RESPECTING FILM INDUSTRY IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I would like to give a further answer to the question put earlier this week by the hon. member for Port Arthur concerning a brief sent to me, giving 22 reasons why the government of Canada should encourage the establishment of a feature film industry and concern itself with present means of Canadian distribution and exhibition of feature films.

I want to tell my hon. friend that I have now seen and studied this brief, and have written a reply to Mr. Claude Jutra, president of the association professionnelle des cinéastes, who sent the brief.

A while ago the government set up an interdepartmental committee under the