

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Courtemanche:** Mr. Speaker, I shall consider the question as notice and answer the hon. member tomorrow.

**INQUIRY FOR RETURNS**

PRINTING BUREAU CONTRACTS, QUEBEC—ATLAS OF CANADA

On the orders of the day:

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**Mr. Alexis Caron (Hull):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Does the Secretary of State think he will be in a position to reply to my questions Monday?

**Hon. Henri Courtemanche (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker I am pretty sure that Monday the natural curiosity of the hon. member for Hull will be satisfied.

(Text):

**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON WINTER WORK PROJECTS

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Labour whether, in view of the fact that we are approaching what looks like the end of this session, he is in a position to announce the government's winter works program in preparation for next fall and winter, or is there going to be such a program?

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, that remains to be seen.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Labour if he does not think, in view of the importance of this problem, that parliament is entitled to have an answer as to whether or not the government is going to have a winter works program to meet possible unemployment next fall and next winter?

**Mr. Starr:** When the government, upon reviewing the situation, feels that such a program is necessary, it will announce it to the house if the house is in session at the time.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** It will be too late.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

INQUIRY AS TO SALARY INCREASES THIS SESSION

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Does the minister propose to introduce further supplementary estimates which would permit the payment of long and patiently awaited pay increases for federal civil servants?

[Mr. Dupuis.]

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is well acquainted with the procedure in the house. If supplementary estimates are to be introduced they will be introduced in the house for all hon. members to become immediately aware of the fact.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Parliament does not matter, it seems.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I have a supplementary question. Does the minister feel that the time has arrived when the employees of the government deserve to have an increase which would bring them in line with increases which have been obtained by employees in private industry?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Speaker, when the proper time comes for an announcement on this subject or an announcement of policy on this subject, it will certainly be made and there will not be any repetition of what happened under the government of which the hon. member was a member, when the government simply dilly-dallied and did nothing about the problem and left it to their successors.

**Mr. Hellyer:** We gave the last increase. That was two years ago.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** You left it to your successors to pay for it.

(Translation):

**TRANSPORT**

ST. JOHNS, QUE.—INQUIRY AS TO PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Yvon Dupuis (St. Jean-Iberville-Napierville):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. The hon. gentleman said yesterday that he would reply to my questions today. Is he now in a position to answer them?

(Text):

**Hon. Leon Balcer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I will take this question as notice.

(Translation):

**Mr. Dupuis:** Mr. Speaker, as the Solicitor General is late, and as the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hees) is here, may I direct my question directly to the Minister of Transport? I should like to know whether the hon. minister has received from the city of St. Johns—and here is the question I asked him yesterday:

Has the Minister of Transport received a request from the city of St. Johns (Quebec), for the lease of a site south of Central Vermont railway bridge, at St. Johns?

I would also like to ask a supplementary question. Has the Minister of Transport been requested