

Mr. Ricard: Mr. Speaker, in the initial question I asked whether his department would carry on the maximum security project. My question today is on a medium security penitentiary.

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Speaker, as far as the maximum security project is concerned, it will be built in the St. Vincent de Paul area for reasons already given. As for the other project, it is postponed for the moment.

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BROADCASTING

INQUIRY AS TO DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING B.B.G. RECOMMENDATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport a question, notice of which I sent to his deputy minister. Can he tell us what is causing the delay in implementing the two applications approved by the board of broadcast governors, for a radio station in Winnipeg and a television station in St. John's, Newfoundland?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport): The B.B.G. recommendation regarding the St. John's, Newfoundland C.B.C. station proposed a number of conditions for inclusion in the licence. The department was of the opinion that these conditions needed clarification, and has requested such clarification from the B.B.G. The matter cannot be dealt with until a reply is received from the B.B.G.

As to the other case, the Winnipeg station, that matter is presently under ministerial consideration.

[Later:]

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State. It is supplementary to the question asked by the hon. member for Port Arthur of the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the board of broadcast governors, for whom the Secretary of State speaks, has approved the application for a radio station in Winnipeg, will he see that the applicant has an opportunity to be heard before the cabinet turns down the application?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the board of broadcast governors was established for the purpose of hearing applicants, and that this function should not be usurped by anyone other than the body given the responsibility by parliament.

Mr. Knowles: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Are the reports correct, that

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if this recommendation of the B.B.G. is turned down it will be the first such instance?

Mr. Pickersgill: No. I think, sir, there was an occasion recently when the cabinet saw fit not to authorize the issue of a licence that had been recommended; and I assume that when parliament gave that power to the governor in council, it was intended to be used.

PENSIONS

INQUIRY AS TO CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION THIS SESSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of questions that were asked last week about Mr. Lesage's letter concerning the federal government's proposed pension legislation, a letter which we were told was being considered, can the Prime Minister now assure the house that the proposed legislation concerning the Canada pension plan will be proceeded with at this session of parliament.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): There is a resolution on the order paper dealing with this matter, and we propose to proceed with this resolution as quickly as possible.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

BRITISH COLUMBIA—INQUIRY AS TO SECOND HIGHWAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works which is based on curiosity. Can the minister inform the house if there have been any recent discussions between the members of his department and representatives of the government of British Columbia in respect of the location of a second trans-Canada highway in British Columbia?

(Translation):

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, indeed the Minister of Public Works got in touch with the ministers of highways of all provinces including British Columbia. A meeting with the representatives of the department of highways of that province will take place within two or three weeks, but at the level of departmental officials only. When we have received the reports of the officials of the federal Department of Public Works and those of the province, then it will be appropriate for both ministers to get together.