

Minister of Finance, in his budget statement last night, suggested there will be a readjustment of the timetable for the construction of the Northumberland causeway, and in view of the fact that the Minister of Public Works said in the house about three or four weeks ago there would be no delay in the construction of the causeway, what new date is now envisaged for the completion of this project?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This government which initiated the causeway will certainly bring it to completion. The statement the minister made in his budget is designed to maximize employment during the winter season.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

DESIGNATED AREAS—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF INCENTIVE PERIOD

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Hugh John Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): My question is for the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister consider the advisability of extending the expiry date of legislation with respect to incentive grants and tax holidays for industries established in designated areas?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I should like to look into that question.

TELEVISION

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF FREEZE ON APPLICATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): Since the Secretary of State is in such an agreeable mood today, I wonder if I could ask her when it is the intention of the government to remove the freeze on television applications.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): In the fullness of time, Mr. Speaker.

AIRPORTS

VANCOUVER—INQUIRY AS TO CONTINUATION OF CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport if he can inform the house whether construction at the Vancouver international airport will continue or will be cut back in accordance with the plans announced last night.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): It is expected to proceed in an orderly way with the construction of the terminal at Vancouver.

Inquiries of the Ministry

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS

CANADIAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE ON TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough): On March 17 I addressed a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration about the appointment of representatives from his department's technical and vocational training branch to the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming commonwealth conference on the education and training of technicians. His reply was that a decision had not yet been made. I believe the composition of this delegation and the inclusion of representatives from the technical and vocational training branch is still an urgent matter. I should like to ask the minister if he is yet able to advise the house of his decision on this matter.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): There will be one representative of the department at the commonwealth conference on training.

[*Translation*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

MONTREAL—POSSIBLE DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Théogène Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

A few minutes ago I directed a question to the right hon. Prime Minister with regard to the construction of a C.B.C. building in Montreal. My question was ruled out of order while a similar question put by my colleague from Vancouver regarding the Vancouver harbour was ruled in order.

Mr. Speaker: I think that the point raised by the hon. member is certainly valid and I shall allow him to put his question now.

Mr. Ricard: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I should like to ask the right hon. Prime Minister if the construction project of a C.B.C. building, in Montreal, is among the 10 per cent which have been postponed as a result of the austerity program declared last night by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Sharp).

[*English*]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): It is the government's intention to proceed with this building in an orderly way.