

Inquiries of the Ministry

reached in these areas they would be considered for inclusion in the program. Does the hon. gentleman not realize that in these northern areas the rate of unemployment among the Indian people is extremely high, much higher than in other areas which have been included in the program to date?

Mr. Drury: I am not sure whether the hon. member is in possession of the national statistics on unemployment. I can assure him that where we have statistical evidence that unemployment is high and chronic and meets the criteria, an area is designated. I shall be glad to see that the hon. member is furnished with the national statistics which form the basis of our judgment.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

POSSIBLE ASSUMPTION OF PASSENGER SERVICE BY GOVERNMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Has the Canadian Pacific Railway approached or consulted the government in any manner with a view to the taking over of the passenger service of that company, in other words that the government take over the passenger service from the company?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I did not hear the last part of the hon. member's question.

Mr. McIntosh: My question to the minister is this: Has the Canadian Pacific Railway approached the government in any manner with a request that the government take over the passenger service on its lines across Canada?

Mr. Pickersgill: Not to my knowledge, sir.

Mr. McIntosh: To anyone's knowledge?

Mr. Pickersgill: I can only speak for my own knowledge.

An hon. Member: That is not much help.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RHODESIA—POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF SANCTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Is it the intention of the government to implement any further

sanctions or other punitive measures against the present government of Rhodesia?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the government has already embarked on a series of measures to bring the illegal government in Southern Rhodesia to an end. This matter is continually under review and is now being considered in the course of consultations which are taking place with other countries.

Mr. Nesbitt: In view of the minister's answer, may the house assume that further measures are in fact intended against the present government of Rhodesia?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): The hon. member will have to take my answer as given.

INDUSTRY

HEAVY WATER—CANADIAN OWNERSHIP OF PRODUCTION FACILITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry. The government laid down the principle of Canadian ownership when negotiations were first undertaken for the production of heavy water. What is the intention of the government now in dealing with an American-owned company and arbitrarily ignoring the principle of Canadian ownership that applied in the case of Deuterium of Canada Limited in Nova Scotia?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, as the premise of the question is false perhaps I should not bother to answer the second part. However, I might point out—

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): A question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I indicated in my remarks that the government had laid down the principle of Canadian ownership. That was my premise. The minister referred to this as a false premise. What he is trying to say now is that the statement I have made in respect of Canadian ownership is a lie. I would ask the minister to withdraw that statement completely.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. An hon. member can disagree with another member without there being imputations that a falsehood was uttered. I suggest to the hon. member for Cape Breton South that in the first instance perhaps his question was not entirely in order inasmuch as it contained what he might consider to be a statement of fact. In any event I suggest we give the minister an opportunity now to reply.