

Inquiries of the Ministry
FILM ON NATIONAL CAPITAL

Question No. 1,988—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Does the National Capital Commission propose to prepare and issue a motion picture film on the national capital?

2. If so, when is it anticipated that this film might be available for distribution?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes. Two motion picture films.

2. The first film will be available for distribution early in December, 1966; the second is expected to become available late in 1967.

GUIDE TO NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

Question No. 1,989—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Is the National Capital Commission engaged in the gathering of data for an historical guide to the national capital region, excluding Ottawa?

2. If so (a) how is this work being done (b) when is it expected it will be completed (c) is it anticipated that these data will be published, and if so, when?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes.

2. (a) By the National Capital Commission historian from data gathered in field trips. Parts of the historical guide are submitted to local historians and historical societies for their suggestions. (b) It is expected the text will be completed by November 30, 1966. (c) The National Capital Commission plans to publish this work about the middle of 1967.

PUBLIC SERVICE

**REQUEST OF POSTAL WORKERS FOR
 RIGHT OF NEGOTIATION**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Labour I would ask the Prime Minister whether he has received a communication from the Ottawa local and affiliates of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, asking that the Prime Minister intercede immediately so that postal workers may be granted the right to negotiate under the provisions of the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act, also asking the Prime Minister to accept the principle that until the report of the Montpetit commission is released, Bill C-170 be not finalized in committee hearings to enable representatives of the postal workers to make their representations regarding this matter which they consider of first importance.

[Mr. Mackasey.]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this morning I received the telegram to which my right hon. friend has referred, but I have not yet had the opportunity to discuss it with the Minister of Labour or the minister in charge of the Treasury Board. I propose to do that at once, and I hope a statement can be made on the matter very shortly.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Would the Prime Minister say whether he can see any difficulty in the way of accepting this suggestion on the part of the postal workers, who ask that the bill presently before the house should exclude them in view of their peculiar circumstances?

Mr. Pearson: Whether or not I can see any difficulties, Mr. Speaker, will depend on the opportunity I hope to have to look into the telegram and discuss it with my colleagues, and possibly I may make a statement tomorrow.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
 PROPOSED YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the government's very regrettable decision not to proceed with the youth parliament as part of Canada's centennial celebrations in 1967, I want to ask the Prime Minister whether any further consideration is being given to staging this project, which was recommended by an all party ad hoc committee of the house, particularly in view of the fact that there seems to be very great interest among young people all across Canada in this project.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the proposal as put forward was not recommended by the centennial committee that looked into it, but the whole question that has been raised by my hon. friend of youth representation in an appropriate way during centennial year is now under consideration, and either I or the Secretary of State hope to make a statement on that matter shortly.

Mr. Douglas: As a supplementary question may I ask the Prime Minister, would the government consider reconvening the all party ad hoc committee which looked into this matter, to give them an opportunity to examine it, in view of the fact that members of parliament are probably much closer to