

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

Has the Prime Minister received this morning the visit of Mr. Marc Carrière, chairman of French Canada celebrations committee? If so, is he in a position to disclose the nature of their meeting?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, Mr. Carrière is in Ottawa for purposes that he knows better than I do. It is true that I saw him, but only for a few minutes this morning and he took this opportunity to explain why he had not invited me. This is all that happened between us.

PRIME MINISTER UNABLE TO ATTEND CELEBRATIONS AT ST. GEORGES DE BEAUCE

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

Has the Prime Minister made a decision regarding the invitation extended by the town of St. Georges de Beauce to attend the St. Jean Baptiste day celebrations?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, there is much concern about me these days. I must say that before coming here I asked that the authorities of St. Georges de Beauce be officially informed that I regretted being unable to attend their festivities, that I sincerely thanked the people and the organizers of the celebration for their invitation, and that I hoped other more favourable occasions would allow me to visit the people of that region, for whom I feel an ever-growing admiration.

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister.

In view of the fact that the federal government seems to be kept out of the various celebrations scheduled by the St. Jean Baptiste Society, does the Prime Minister feel it might be proper for the federal government to organize its own celebrations on St. Jean Baptiste Day?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, we might consider the idea; all parties work at it together, and I think we would have many spectators and participants for our celebrations.

[English]

**STUDENT AID**

INCREASED FEDERAL GRANTS FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the

Prime Minister whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that the University of Toronto and York University have been compelled to reject the applications of more than 18,000 students who applied to enter those universities this fall? In view of the fact that the report of the university presidents indicates that many thousands of high school graduates will not be able to gain admission to university this fall, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government is giving any consideration as to how to deal with this problem, and particularly whether the government intends to increase federal grants for post-secondary education in order to provide accommodation for university students?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, as the leader of the N.D.P. knows, education is a matter of provincial jurisdiction and one in which the federal government has no constitutional competence. On the matter of shared grants with the provinces, the hon. member knows that we are now in the process of achieving ways under the constitution whereby the federal government with the consent of the provinces can participate in the type of shared grants to which he refers. Let me just remind the house that since the new arrangement made by the then minister of finance in 1966, the federal government has transferred several hundreds of millions of dollars to the provinces in the account of education.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact the Ontario provincial Minister of Education has advised these young people who cannot get into university to work for a year, and in view of the fact that the unemployment figure at the end of May reached nearly 5 per cent of the labour force, and the anticipated 250,000 students will be unable to get work this summer, has the minister any plans he intends to divulge to the house, either now or on motions, to provide employment for these young people, who will not be able to get into university this fall and who will be looking for work this summer?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. In view of the hon. member's question to the alternative