Inquiries of the Ministry

ance Act, especially those that deal with ancillary benefits made available to veterans who are forced to relinquish their rights under the War Veterans Allowance Act for other reasons?

Mr. Dubé: Mr. Speaker, these regulations are always under review and we try to adapt them to changing circumstances.

MANPOWER

QUEBEC CLAIM RESPECTING CONTROL—CONSIDERATION AT FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Is the Acting Prime Minister going to make a statement on the demand made by a minister of Quebec for total provincial control in the area of labour and manpower, and is it the intention of the government to place this very important matter on the agenda of the upcoming conference?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this question of manpower and manpower offices is a problem that concerns not only relations between Quebec and Ottawa but relations between the provincial governments and the federal government generally. What we are trying to do is to work out arrangements between the provincial and federal authorities to the advantage of the people of Canada in the various provinces. This matter is being discussed in connection with the constitutional review.

Mr. Alexander: In light of the Quebec minister's statement about inflation being a federal responsibility, is the government considering evolving labour and manpower powers to give complete federal jurisdiction in areas of compulsory wage and price controls?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of any areas of compulsory wage and price controls.

[Translation]

COMMUNICATIONS

AGRICULTURE—DELAY IN ISSUING BARBER COMMISSION FINAL REPORT TO FRENCH PRESS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Agriculture a question.

Since I heard at noon that the English-speaking media were able to get the report of the Royal Commission on Farm Machinery this morning at ten o'clock, could the minister tell the House why the French-speaking press had to wait till two o'clock this afternoon to get it?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, copies of the Barber commission report in both languages were available at ten o'clock this morning. Of

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

course, if they were to receive it prior to the report being released in the House they had to submit to the usual condition of keeping it confidential until 2.30 today.

AIRPORTS

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL—METHOD OF LETTING CONTRACTS FOR SKYCAP SERVICES

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the report that a United States firm has displaced a Canadian-owned company at the international airport at Toronto, involving the majority of airport skycaps, would he indicate the method by which such contracts are let?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether the question as asked is in order. Perhaps it might be considered at the time of adjournment.

PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION

INQUIRY AS TO TERMINATION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the obvious failure of government policies regarding both unemployment and inflation, is the government now considering—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member ask a question? He knows he cannot preface a question with a statement of the kind he has just made. I must remind hon. members that we are running short of time.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, in view of some government difficulties in economic matters is the government now considering discontinuing the Prices and Incomes Commission?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think you will find, as a result of discussions which have taken place, that there is general agreement regarding the length of speeches during today's debate. The agreement is that the principal speaker for each party will have 30 minutes, but that all others limit themselves to 15 minutes, and that no one will ask for overtime.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It will be so ordered.