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**COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT**

REPORT OF MACQUARRIE COMMITTEE—INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Lake Centre):** May I ask whether or not the MacQuarrie committee on combines has brought in a further interim report, and whether, as reported in the press on Saturday, it is the intention of the government to introduce amendments to the Combines Investigation Act at the present session?

**Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice):** The MacQuarrie committee has not brought in another interim report. It has filed with me the English copy of its final report, and at present we are awaiting the preparation by Professor Lamontagne of the French copy. When both copies are available, multigraphed copies will be tabled in the house and submitted to cabinet, and a decision will be reached as to the disposition to be made of the matter.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** The other question had to do with the statement by one of the ministers, according to the press, that it was the intention at the present session to bring in amendments to the combines act. I was asking the minister whether that was the intention of the government. I am referring to the statement of the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe).

**Mr. Garson:** I saw the report to which my hon. friend refers, but I am like my colleague the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner); I do not take these reports too seriously. The facts are as I have stated. The English copy has been received. The French copy will be made available, I should think, within the course of perhaps a week. At that time both copies will be tabled and an announcement made as to policy.

**EDUCATION**

FEDERAL GRANTS TO SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether it is correct that as from tomorrow the federal grant to schools of social work is being discontinued? If so, can the minister say why, and whether or not this matter will be reconsidered?

[Mr. Pearson.]

**Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** So often my hon. friend gives me notice when he is going to ask a question. Today he has not done so—

**Mr. Knowles:** I thought I might get a better answer.

**Mr. Martin:**—but happily I can deal with the matter. As my hon. friend knows the government has made grants to universities in the amount of \$7 million; and, as the schools of social work were advised at the time, the government did not intend continuing a grant that would be covered in part by the moneys appropriated following the recommendation of the Massey royal commission with respect to assistance to the universities. One school of social work will receive some assistance—that is, the school at Halifax—because it is not fully covered under the terms of the grants made to the provinces for assistance to universities. The schools of social work are aware of the situation.

**Mr. Knowles:** But one of them has already had to close.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

SALARIES PROVIDED FOR IN SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. A. Cruickshank (Fraser Valley):** If the supplementary estimates are not passed today will the temporary civil servants have to wait for their cheques, or what is going to happen to them?

**Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance):** I have every expectation, Mr. Speaker, that the supplementary estimates will be dealt with this afternoon. Of course if it is not possible for them to be dealt with today by both houses it will not be possible to pay those items which contain salary provisions, and which are reasonably numerous. It does not affect all departments, of course.

**BRIDGES**

PEMBROKE-ALLUMETTE ISLAND—INQUIRY AS TO CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. M. Warren (Renfrew North):** I want to ask a question of the Minister of Public Works. I just had a telegram put in my hand coming from Pembroke, dealing with a matter with which I was already acquainted. A citizen of Pembroke went through the ice Friday night and was drowned. Several others