

WELFARE

PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Since welfare costs in Metropolitan Toronto have risen 50 per cent above what they were a year ago because of excessive unemployment, a pattern which has developed in municipalities right across the country, is the government now giving consideration to taking steps to help these municipalities to meet these very high costs which have been brought about by excessive unemployment?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have the impression the question asked by the hon. member, important though it may be, has been asked at least a few times during the past few days. Possibly the hon. member might like to rephrase the question. He is really asking a question which has been asked in those precise terms in the past few days.

Mr. Hees: I will make my question a little more specific. Is the government giving consideration to assisting Metropolitan Toronto which is faced with very high costs because of excessive unemployment? This question has not been asked, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have received requests from many cities and provinces for an increase in the proportion of welfare costs. As has been stated on a number of occasions when the same question has been asked day after day, the matter is under consideration.

Mr. Hees: Can the Acting Prime Minister advise the House whether the real reason the government is refusing to assist these municipalities is the fact that the Prime Minister's just society is running out of cash as well as steam?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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PUBLIC WORKS

TORONTO—PROJECTS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether the government is giving consideration to the request of the mayor of the city of Toronto to assist in compiling a list of public works to give employment in Toronto?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have not personally seen these requests but I am sure they will receive every consideration.

PROVISION OF MAKE-WORK PROJECTS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Public Works.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Is it the policy of his department, in line with the policy of the government, to expedite the decision-making process in relation to public works projects and to proceed with projects as a make-work effort? I ask him in all seriousness, if this is the case would he accept the recommendations of Members of Parliament?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I think I answered a like question in the affirmative about ten days ago.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PREFERENCE OF DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION FOR
CANADIAN ACCENTS—SUGGESTED PURGING OF
PORNOGRAPHIC PROGRAMS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State and the Minister without Portfolio who reports for Information Canada I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister. Has the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation decided to get rid of non-Canadian accents, and can we expect to see much less of Ron Collister, Gordon Donaldson and all the rest?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I hope that the applause from the government side of the House was in approval of these persons. May I ask the Acting Prime Minister whether or not the government agrees with the view expressed by Knowlton Nash, the CBC's director of information, that "all things being equal, we would prefer Canadian voices"?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether this is a question or a representation, but I will take it into account.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Then may I ask a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister have a statement made, and at the same time advise that the CBC should give consideration to purging filth, pornography and that kind of programs that are all too general these days?

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INDUSTRY

ROLLS-ROYCE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES—OPPORTUNITY
OF ADDITIONAL WORK FOR CANADIAN FIRMS ON JET
ENGINES FOR LOCKHEED

Mr. Murray McBride (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact that Rolls-Royce in the United Kingdom has gone into receivership, and in view of the announcement yesterday that Lock-