

*Oral Questions*

which are really the industrial base of one of the best provinces in this country. Surely he must have an answer by this time.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, some time last week—in fact exactly 10 days ago—I made a trip in Ontario, as I had told the hon. member I would, more specifically to the Sudbury area where my department has officially opened an office. On that occasion I met the local authorities. I took advantage of this opportunity to announce that my department would contribute financially to the extension of a foundry in the Sudbury area, which should help increase the number of jobs available and reduce the unemployment rate in that area. I hope I shall have within the next few weeks the opportunity to visit other Ontario areas, including that of St. Catharines which the hon. member would apparently like me to visit, and I shall see what my department can possibly do to improve the economic situation of the province of Ontario.

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[*English*]

**YOUNG CANADA WORKS**

## REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR PROGRAM IN NOVA SCOTIA

**Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I want to address my question to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Has the minister been able to use his influence with Treasury Board with regard to obtaining supplementary funds for the Young Canada Works program, because while it may have been termed a band-aid approach by others—as the minister said to me in the House on one occasion—I have at no time referred to it in such terms. I can assure the minister that in Nova Scotia there is a desperate need for funds. I sent him the results of a survey I had made in my riding on March 4 and have had no reply from his office since.

Are any more funds likely to be forthcoming, so that the equality of opportunity about which the Prime Minister has spoken so often will become a reality for the low income regions of his country, because unless there is supplementation of these programs young people will not be able to go to universities and technical schools?

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, once again I thank the hon. member for his support of the Canada Works and the Young Canada Works programs, because they are indeed meeting a need in many regions of Canada. The hon. member for Gander-Twillingate has time and again been hammering at me to increase the amount of funding which is available. I have put that particular representation into the area from which we receive funding, but I must tell the hon. member that when we constantly get comments to the effect that these programs are

[*Mr. Alexander.*]

band-aid solutions and that people do not want temporary jobs, it is very difficult to justify them to the rest of the Canadian taxpayers.

**Mr. Hogan:** The minister knows that is a totally inadequate answer. I am very disappointed. There are young people in these areas. I urge him to go to Newfoundland, to Cape Breton, and so on. We are happy about the \$265 million which is to be put into the coal industry, to which the cabinet has agreed in principle. That will be made a reality. But right now we have young people who need to go to universities to receive higher education, and unless there is additional funding they will not be able to go. I plead with the minister to ask Treasury Board to please make additional funds available in high unemployment areas so that these people will be able, and I again quote the Prime Minister—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Simcoe North.

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**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

## PLEA FOR VISUAL AIDS ON TV TO ASSIST PERSONS AFFLICTED WITH DEAFNESS

**Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of Communications on a humanitarian matter. Approximately two million Canadians are handicapped by varying degrees of deafness and to date they have been given very little representation, political or otherwise, as a result of which they are becoming less and less visible.

Because of the pressure of other issues, nothing has been done to rectify their inability to communicate, and I would like to ask the minister why captions or even sign language could not be added to certain programs produced by the CBC. I refer to such things as news broadcasts, documentaries, political programs and even the proceedings of the House of Commons.

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**Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, several months ago the department issued a proposal for public comment in the *Canada Gazette* concerning the standardization of television signals which are carried through the television station. Some of these services are broadcast-related and they would include a hidden captioning which could be seen only by those viewers who have special decoders. So when we get comments on this proposal, we will be in a position to determine the position of the department in this respect.