

Inquiries of the Ministry

(Text):

LABOUR CONDITIONS

CONTINUATION OF WINTER WORKS PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Has a decision been made to continue the winter works program during the coming winter 1963-64?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): The matter referred to by my hon. friend is presently under consideration by the government.

[Later:]

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Labour and ask him whether, in his consideration as to whether or not the municipal winter works incentive program is to be continued, he is getting any resistance from the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who used to call this program a bagatelle.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): There is full co-operation in all regards.

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION ON MANPOWER
ADJUSTMENT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Labour. Does he intend to introduce this session a bill dealing with manpower adjustment as it relates to technological change and automation in industry? If so, will it be in the same form as the bill which was introduced last session, or does he contemplate any changes in it?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the intended action on the part of the government with regard to this matter was indicated yesterday in the speech from the throne. Beyond that general intention I have no comment to make at the moment.

REPORTED LAY-OFFS AT POINT EDWARD
NAVAL BASE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Has the minister received any representations regarding the lay-offs which started at the Point Edward naval base a couple of days after his government took office?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take that question as notice and advise my hon. friend as soon as I can.

[Mr. Deschatelets.]

REPORTED LAY-OFFS CAUSED BY STEEL
STOCKPILING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Will the minister investigate and report on the allegations being made that certain steel companies are stockpiling steel and thus causing serious lay-offs of men in the shipbuilding industry in the maritimes?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, in so far as this matter is within the responsibility of the Department of Labour I will be glad to investigate and report to the hon. member.

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK—
REPORTED LAY-OFFS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): I have a question for the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Can he advise me whether he has received any protest in regard to the indiscriminate lay-offs that have taken place at the Cape Breton Highlands national park after the election of April 8?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have no information on that subject. I will take the question as notice and try to give my friend some information.

(Translation):

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCESTERMS OF REFERENCE OF ROYAL COMMISSION
ON BICULTURALISM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Georges Valade (St. Mary): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister. Does the Prime Minister intend to extend the terms of reference of the royal commission on biculturalism to the Canadian armed forces, both in Canada and overseas?

(Text):

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the terms of reference of the proposed commission on biculturalism will be made known very shortly. I am sure the terms will be very satisfactory to my hon. friend and will cover all aspects of this very important matter.

(Translation):

Mr. Valade: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the Prime Minister tell us whether he intends to recommend that orders be given in French and in English in the armed forces?