

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): I should like to address this question to the minister. He has just explained the unique and complete system under which arrangements are being made for people laid off by Douglas Aircraft. Is he giving consideration to doing the same thing for the 3,000 people who were laid off in the car industry, particularly in Oshawa?

Mr. Marchand: Definitely yes, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

WINTER WORKS**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. Russell Keays (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

I may have overlooked some information, but I would like to know whether the minister intends to make a statement in the house concerning winter works for 1966-67?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, that has already been done more than a month ago.

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT—
INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Is it the intention of the minister to table the report of Mr. Justice Wood so the house can ascertain the nature of the recommendations contained therein? May I ask a related question? Is it the minister's intention to bring in veterans legislation before the end of the current year?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): In answer to the first part of the question, Mr. Speaker, I may say I have not yet received the report. This matter will be considered when the report is at hand.

In answer to the second part of the question, it is not intended that legislation, beyond those amendments dealing with pension rates and war veterans allowances, will be introduced before the end of the year.

Mr. J. N. Ormiston (Melville): May I ask a supplementary question? Can the minister tell us when the veterans affairs committee will be called together to evaluate the wealth of information which was recently acquired, and which would assist the committee in making recommendations to the minister to improve the Pensions Act?

Mr. Teillet: As the hon. gentleman knows, this is a matter for the committee itself. Certainly I would welcome an opportunity to have the committee discuss the results of the work during the course of the summer. I think it would be helpful to the public and to veterans. I hope an occasion could be found shortly to convene that committee, but that is in the hands of the committee itself and its chairman.

Mr. McIntosh: May I ask a supplementary question? Does the minister intend to institute any of the recommendations made by the veterans affairs committee in its 1963 report?

Mr. Teillet: I think I dealt with that question on two or three occasions but I would have to check back on that to be more specific.

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN**BRANTFORD, ONT.—REPORTED REFUSAL
TO SERVICE APPLICATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. E. Brown (Brantford): Mr. Speaker I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Since the Canada Assistance Plan became law in July of this year, retroactive to April, can the minister advise the house why the provincial officials who administer the plan at Brantford, Ontario, have not been advised of the existence of the plan, because they are refusing to attend to cases referred to them under this plan, stating they have not received instructions about it?

Mr. Speaker: I have some doubts whether this question qualifies for acceptance at this time. Perhaps the hon. member may want to take this up with the minister or discuss it later today.

Mr. Brown: Ten o'clock.