

*Inquiries of the Ministry*UNEMPLOYMENT—PROGRAM TO SUPPORT TRAINING
AND RETRAINING WITHIN INDUSTRY

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): In light of the fact that most of the government's money is geared to institutionalized training and that only 5 per cent is devoted to in-industry training compared with 80 per cent in the United States, is the government going to introduce a further program to support in-industry training and retraining in order that more jobs will be available?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will study that suggestion, Mr. Speaker, although I understand it is something that is already under consideration by the government.

UNEMPLOYMENT—GOVERNMENT POSITION RESPECTING
MUNICIPAL WINTER WORKS AND HOUSING PROGRAMS
RECOMMENDED BY ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Now that the government has had an opportunity to review the report of the Economic Council of Canada, can the Prime Minister say whether the government agrees in principle with the recommendation that such programs as municipal winter works and winter housing should be considered in manpower strategy this winter and, if so, will a statement be made this month or at least before the premiers' conference?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): If a statement has to be made, Mr. Speaker, it will be made as soon as possible.

UNEMPLOYMENT—DEVELOPMENT OF WINTER WORKS
PROJECTS BY MANPOWER DEPARTMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is the minister developing or co-ordinating within the government a program of projects related to additional winter works, either within the government of Canada's field or in co-operation with the provinces or municipalities?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure, considering the breadth of the question asked by the Leader of the Opposition, that I can give any very simple answer. Of course, as is well known, we are looking very intensively at the whole problem of employment in Canada, and when decisions are made about government policy announcements will be made.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, the government seems to be very busy looking at a lot of things. I would like to ask the minister a very simple question. Is he developing himself or co-ordinating the development of such a program at this time? That is a very simple question.

Mr. Lang: My problem, Mr. Speaker, is that I am doing a great number of things, some of which come close to that kind of description and some of which do not. I am not sure to what the hon. member refers, but perhaps I could

[Mr. Trudeau.]

have a discussion with him about my duties on some occasion.

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TEXTILES—REPORT OF COMMISSION ON SHIRT
MANUFACTURING

Mr. Arthur Portelance (Gamelin): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Could he tell us whether the Textile and Clothing Board report is completed and, if so, will it be made public soon?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the report is completed. I have received it and we are now winding up intergovernmental discussions on the subject. If all goes well, I hope to be able to announce the government's decision as a result of the Board's recommendation around the middle of next month.

[English]

PULP AND PAPER—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MEETING
WITH BOWATERS' REPRESENTATIVES—INITIATIVES TO
REVIVE MARKETS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Will the minister advise if he can report on meetings held between his trade mission people in London and representatives of Bowaters Pulp and Paper Mills regarding the partial shutdown of their mill at Corner Brook, Newfoundland?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The meeting took place, Mr. Speaker. It was purely informational, and I understand that nothing of practical application came out of it. I am sorry about that.

Mr. Marshall: In view of the critical situation in the pulp and paper industry, would the minister advise what recent new initiatives are being taken by his department and by other departments to revive markets and to prevent a continuing deterioration of this industry?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned we are doing all we can to develop markets. The provinces—Quebec in particular—now seem to be willing to do a number of things that could be useful to the industry at this time. I read in the *Financial Post* that some plans were being developed for the creation of marketing consortiums. There is plenty of activity and I am very keen to contribute to it in the coming weeks.

Mr. Marshall: Would the minister look into the fact that the Canadian government is continuing to give loans to other countries to build pulp and paper mills which are destroying our markets, and would he put a stop to this type of thing?

Mr. Pepin: This is a popular line, Mr. Speaker, but everybody knows that if the government of Canada had