

and reconvene, perhaps in the spring of 1946, for the discharge of the important continuing functions vested in it by the charter.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

COMPOSITION OF CANADIAN DELEGATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. KNIGHT (Saskatoon City): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that it is getting very close to November 1, will the minister state if he is prepared to announce to the house to-day the composition of the Canadian delegation to the world conference on education to be held in London? Will he, in any event, give the house the assurance that the Canadian Teachers' Federation will be represented on the delegation?

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): I am sorry I am not able to announce to-day the composition of the Canadian delegation. One of the gentlemen who had been approached to see if he could become a member of the delegation found it impossible to do so, and others are being approached for the same purpose. I would not care to give any commitment to the house in respect of any part of the delegation until it is possible to announce the composition of the whole of it.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

HEADQUARTERS AT CHARLOTTETOWN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. CHESTER S. McLURE (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Defence. Is naval headquarters, as now situated in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, to be removed? If so, why, when and where?

Mr. W. C. MACDONALD (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services): The hon. member gave notice yesterday of his intention of asking this question. The answer is that there is no intention of removing Royal Canadian Naval Reserve headquarters at Charlottetown from that city.

FISH

BRITISH COLUMBIA CANNED SALMON

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. K. FRASER (Peterborough West): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Fisheries. Will any British Columbia canned salmon be released to the trade in Canada this year?

[Mr. St. Laurent.]

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: British Columbia?

Mr. FRASER: I spoke of British Columbia.

Hon. H. F. G. BRIDGES (Minister of Fisheries): I shall take what the hon. member has said as a notice of the question.

COAL

ORDER INCREASING ENTITLEMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER—POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLYING REQUIREMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. NORMAN J. M. LOCKHART (Lincoln): Mr. Speaker, before the orders of the day are called I should like to ask a question. I noticed that one of the ministers mentioned that he had not received notice of a question. I do not believe any notice would be required in respect of the question I am about to ask, because on October 1 an announcement was made in connection with the matter, and I assume the minister is well informed.

In information supplied by the department I find this:

A new coal order raising the amount of anthracite to which a householder is entitled to seventy-five per cent of his normal annual requirements instead of fifty per cent, effective October 1.

I am being pressed with inquiries these days as to where that seventy-five per cent is to come from. Householders are almost distracted, and I was wondering if the minister could assure us that the seventy-five per cent will be available.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction): Hon. members will know that the coal situation is a very difficult one. Perhaps the hon. member who asked the question does not know that there are strikes in the United States.

Mr. LOCKHART: Yes, I do.

Mr. HOWE: There are strikes in practically the entire field, and there are work stoppages in western Canada. We are hopeful that dealers will receive a reasonable part of their quota. There is no hope of their getting the same quota as last year. But the order does permit dealers to distribute any coal they can get over their fifty per cent quota.

Mr. LOCKHART: I do not wish to press the matter, but are we to assume that we will probably get seventy-five per cent of the anthracite instead of fifty per cent?

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. LOCKHART: The minister so stated.