

Mr. Korchinski: Just for clarification, Mr. Speaker, may I say I understand the situation with respect to the commercial fishermen, but what I am concerned about at this time is that the public be adequately warned of the danger of eating these fish. I refer in particular to Indians and to sports fishermen who may be using the fish from these contaminated waters?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, I have no hesitation in saying that we have been working with the Indian Affairs Department and with the provincial departments concerned with this matter for a period now of five or six months, and I am sure that anyone who is engaged in that fishery, knows of the dangers involved.

UPGRADING OF RESEARCH AND CONTROL PROCEDURES

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the fact that the type of pollution encountered in western Canada, central Canada and eastern Canada seems to be a recurring problem, is the minister giving any consideration to upgrading the research and control procedures within the department in order to short-circuit much of the contamination and pollution and thus eliminate much of the cost involved?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, this is not a recurring problem. We have identified the 12 possible sources of mercury pollution in Canada. We think we have now found the principal ones, and all of the companies concerned are taking remedial action. This will eliminate the sources of mercury, and natural flushing out of the river systems will eliminate the problem within the next year or two.

PENITENTIARIES

INVESTIGATION OF SUICIDES—CORRECTIVE ACTION

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Solicitor General whether an investigative study was carried out into suicides in federal prisons, as alleged by Dr. Bruno Cormier of McGill University, and whether corrective steps will be carried out as a result of this study?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated on the last day that the House sat before the Easter recess,

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we are very much concerned about this problem. We are now conducting an investigative study within the department with a view to determining what kind of further investigation should be carried out to get to the root of the problem. As I indicated in my answer on that occasion, we are very much concerned about the matter and are determined to get to the root of the problem.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

NORTHERN QUEBEC—TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OVER ESKIMOS—REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Resources or his Parliamentary Secretary. Would the minister undertake to obtain and table in the House a transcript of the proceedings at the public meeting held in northern Quebec between representatives of the government of Canada and of the government of Quebec and the native people, when the native people indicated they were unhappy about the proposals made to them and that they in turn may make a claim to the lands in that part of the country which have never been the subject of any treaty?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I understand there were a series of meetings. If my hon. friend is referring—

Mr. Baldwin: The one on February 19.

Mr. Honey: In any event, Mr. Speaker, I will relay his request to the minister who will advise him.

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, millions of hockey fans throughout Canada, more particularly the supporters of the *Montreal Canadiens*, have apparently been cheated yesterday afternoon during a game between the *Detroit Red Wings* and the *New York Rangers*.

I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether he could urge the president of the National Hockey League to investigate the circumstances surrounding yesterday's defeat of the *Detroit* team in *New York*?