

Inquiries of the Ministry

Airlines in New Zealand? If not, is consideration being given to possible retaliatory steps?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, we did even better to find the answer to the questions posed by my hon. friend. The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce was in New Zealand, made personal representations, and I bow to his superior knowledge in this matter.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): To summarize in a few words a long conversation on the subject, indeed the airline service between Vancouver and Auckland does not exist any more, but the Minister of Transport in New Zealand has undertaken to review the decision of his government. I think we might say that the debate, which was essentially at the level of the airlines, has now become an intergovernmental discussion.

Mr. Lewis: God help us.

Mr. Pepin: We are now looking at the suggestions that were made by the government of New Zealand, and we hope that this air line route will be restored soon.

TRANSPORT**STATUS OF QUEBEC NORTH SHORE AND LABRADOR RAILWAY**

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance I wish to direct this question to the Prime Minister. Has the government made representations to the United States government about the tax or legal status of the Quebec North Shore and Labrador railway, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Iron Ore Company of Canada?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest that this question should be placed on the order paper.

FISHERIES**INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF STRAIGHT BASE LINES**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the fact that there is no conflict between inland waters and fishing zones on the east coast of Nova Scotia, will the minister indicate when we can anticipate some action on his statement of April 5, that base lines will be drawn from headland to headland immediately, and will he say

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whether the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence will be enclosed by these base lines?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, the co-ordinates identifying the latitudes and longitudes for these base lines will be published in the *Canada Gazette* very shortly. The question of closing off the several large bodies of water which the hon. member has mentioned would require an amendment to the present legislation dealing both with territorial waters and fishing closing lines, and we wish to separate the closing lines from territorial waters by changing the law.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Fisheries with respect to the west coast and the new fishing limits, on a headland to headland basis, how soon they will become effective? Will it be immediately upon proclamation in the *Gazette* or will it be some time after their announcement?

Mr. Davis: My understanding, Mr. Speaker, is that they will become effective immediately. However, I do not want to mislead the hon. member because there will be at least one important gap in the lines and this must be dealt with by legislation.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I assume the legislation the minister is referring to has to do with the Queen Charlotte Sound. Is it his intention to introduce such legislation at this session of parliament?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, it will be introduced shortly, but I cannot promise that it will be introduced this session, that is to say before the end of June, 1969.

RESTRICTIONS IN SAINT JOHN HARBOUR AND BAY OF FUNDY

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary or related question, of which I have given the minister notice, on the matter of fishing restrictions. Will there be restrictions this season on the fishing in Saint John harbour and the Bay of Fundy? If so, when will they be imposed, and what will be the nature of them?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, there will be restrictions to two days for both sports fishing and commercial fishing for salmon in the areas the hon. member has mentioned. This is to permit greater