

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

government is doing about the destructive and urgent pollution problem caused by a new break in that vicinity?

**Mr. Speaker:** Again I have some doubts about the hon. member's question, but in view of the fact I have been generous this afternoon perhaps I should allow the minister to reply.

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, we have officers in that area studying the various and serious pollution problems which exist there. The company is doing its utmost to correct the problem. However, if fish are killed we will have to take action under our present legislation.

**Mr. Borrie:** Mr. Speaker, will the minister also advise what steps will be taken by the government to prevent a recurrence of such a break?

**Mr. Davis:** I cannot say more on that point, Mr. Speaker. Until the problem is resolved or another incident occurs, which is unlikely, I hesitate to answer in further detail.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, would the minister also relate to the house what steps his government is taking to implement pollution control measures at Prince George?

**Mr. Davis:** Mr. Speaker, we are keeping the situation there under close surveillance.

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### REASON FOR REDUCED ADVERTISING RATES

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether he will inform the house during this part of the session why advertising rates charged by the C.B.C. have fallen in spite of rising production costs, and will he tell us particularly whether the government is in effect subsidizing companies who advertise with the C.B.C.?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suspect that this question might be placed on the order paper.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might rephrase the question by putting it on a policy basis, thus making it acceptable. Is it the policy of the C.B.C. to offer advertising rates below cost as a means of undercutting private broadcasters who cannot depend on subsidies?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Even with the change I believe that the latter question should be placed on the order paper. If there is some urgency the hon. member can give notice of his intention to debate the matter at the adjournment hour.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** I assure you it is of interest to the private broadcasting industry.

### NATIONAL REVENUE

#### SYSTEM OF COLLECTING DUTIES FROM CAR MANUFACTURERS

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue whether he can assure the house, in view of the heavy taxes that Canadians have to pay, that the Department of National Revenue has improved its system of collecting duties from car manufacturers who import from the United States under the United States-Canada car pact—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I do not want to appear to be too restrictive in respect of questions, but it appears to me this is a question of a very general nature. If there is urgency, and the hon. member seems to be anxious to tell me that there is, perhaps it would be easier to allow the minister to reply.

**Mr. Hales:** I would like to ask whether any changes have been made in the system of collecting these duties.

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue):** Not that I know of, Mr. Speaker, but I will verify this.

### TRADE

#### WHEAT—DIFFERENCE IN PRICES TO JAPAN

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, because of the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce I wonder whether the Prime Minister or the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatoon-Humboldt would endeavour to answer this question. In view of the fact that the Japanese food agency is reported to have stated that the United States and Canada have maintained a different scale of prices for wheat for Japan than for European countries, could we be informed whether the Canadian Wheat Board is no longer following the practice of establishing a uniform offering price to all markets?