

for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Earlier the minister told us he would make a statement within a few days on the problems connected with housing. He made a statement yesterday, but after half an hour he had not really told us anything new, so I am wondering whether he is going to participate in the debate again and perhaps complete his speech.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): I ask the hon. member to read the speech made yesterday. There was some very interesting information in it, if he would only read it.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question I should like to direct to the right hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the very large number of guests who will be coming to Ottawa this summer, and in view of the Prime Minister's reported and very appropriate concern about the condition of Ottawa streets, will the Prime Minister consider requesting his colleagues to have Colonel Churchill of Expo fame, who did such a good job there, seconded to take charge of this problem in Ottawa?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FISHERIES

NOVA SCOTIA—REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING OPENING OF LOBSTER SEASON

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): My question is for the Minister of Fisheries, but in his absence I will address it to the acting minister who I presume would be the fisherman from Bonavista-Twillingate.

Following the questions which have been posed in the house in the past few days with regard to the lobster districts, would the minister consider delaying the opening of the season in district 6B in view of existing ice conditions? This question is brought about as a result of wires that I have received today.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Acting Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to bring the hon. gentleman's representations to the attention of the department. I am sure my hon. friend the Minister of Fisheries will be able to give a report at the beginning of the week.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): A supplementary question to the Acting Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the Minister of Fisheries is announcing today the postponement of the opening of the lobster season in district 7B, I wonder whether the acting minister would ask the minister to reconsider this decision and to check with the many fishermen in all parts of the district, as he stated he would do in answer to a question I asked, on May 10.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, as soon as it is possible for me to leave the house—and perhaps someone is listening who can do it even sooner—I will see that the hon. gentleman's representations are brought to the attention of the fisheries department.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

INQUIRY AS TO CORRESPONDENCE WITH ONTARIO PREMIER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister had any formal correspondence with the premier of Ontario in regard to the constitutional conference proposed by the premier of Ontario? If he has, would he make it available to the house?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think I have already tabled certain correspondence on this matter. I told the Leader of the Opposition yesterday that I was asking the approval of the provincial governments to table the letter I sent to them dealing with the proposed talks on, I think, July 5. As soon as I get that approval I will be glad to table that letter.

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VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

AGREEMENT BETWEEN OTTAWA AND QUEBEC RESPECTING ASSISTANCE TO HANDICAPPED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I intended to put a question to the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration about an answer I have received concerning the adult training program, but in view of his absence I shall put it to his parliamentary secretary. Can he tell us if there is now an agreement between the federal and the Quebec governments concerning the handicapped? If so, is he in a position to so advise