

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

carry out with regard to the Canadian penitentiary service in the maritime provinces which will result in the closure of the minimum security penal institution at Springhill, Nova Scotia?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think that if the minister were to make such an announcement it would have to be made by way of a statement on motions.

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I wonder if the minister would make such a statement on motions at an early date.

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** I would be very glad to do so but I do not think it would require a great length of time. The Springhill minimum security institution was set up in 1959 to meet an emergency situation on a temporary basis. Since that time the new medium security penitentiary has been built at Springhill and two new minimum security institutions have been built in the maritimes and there is no longer any need for the minimum security institution at Springhill.

**Mr. Coates:** Is the minister in a position to give us an assurance that the 43 members of the staff of the minimum security penal institution will be integrated in the operations of the penitentiary service?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

## POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

## SUGGESTION TO REFER ADJUDICATION REPORTS TO STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** I should like to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as government house leader. Has he given any consideration to my question of Monday requesting his initiative in taking steps to have the newly discovered reports of the chief adjudicator, Mr. Martin, referred to the standing committee before our summer or autumn adjournment, and before the conclusion of the employer-employee negotiations in the Post Office?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** I have been giving certain other things consideration, but I thank the hon. member for his reminder and I will give this matter further consideration.

[Mr. Coates.]

## FISHERIES

## COHOE SALMON—BANNING OF OPERATION IN STRAIT OF GEORGIA

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry whether he intends to ban fishing for coho salmon in the Straits of Georgia to commercial fishermen during July and August?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** This matter is under active consideration because of the concurrent demand by the sports fishermen, but I am not prepared at this moment to say what decision will ultimately be made.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Is the minister considering applying any such closure to the sports fishermen or is it to be applied only to commercial fishermen?

**Mr. Davis:** Consideration will be given to both sides and to the claims of both parties.

## DOGFISH—DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND JAPANESE OFFICIALS

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Has the minister any report to make on his recent visit to British Columbia and especially on his proposal that the Japanese be permitted to harvest dogfish in British Columbia waters to protect our salmon from this predator?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** The visitors from Japan are men from the technical level. They were not prepared to discuss policy but we have some hope we can develop a trade with the Japanese in this surplus fish.

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** In view of the interest taken in this matter by the hon. member for Burnaby-Seymour, would the minister consider changing the name of this species from the bigmouthed dogfish to the Burnaby cod?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

## DRUGS—SUPPLY WITHOUT CHARGE TO SENIOR CITIZENS

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Would he consider entering into negotiations with his opposite numbers in the various provinces with a view to