War Services Regulations as amended. This section gives directions to the divisional board. The divisional board may grant a postponement whenever it is of the opinion that it is in the national interest to do so.

Then in the case of applications for postponement from persons engaged in certain occupations such as agriculture, the board is specifically directed to take into account the supply of labour that is available and the importance of the applicant's occupation to the national economy. Those are factors which the board is directed to take into account.

With regard to the third question raised by my hon. friend, I should tell him that the government has already acted in connection with this matter. Until recently a representative of the Department of National Defence and a representative of the national labour supply council had the right to appear before the divisional boards and make representations to those boards. Recently the regulations were amended, giving the same right to representatives of agriculture.

Mr. CHURCH: Conscription for some and not for others under the minister's department. It should be abolished altogether.

Mr. ROWE: Referring to the statement of the Minister of National War Services in reference to giving directions to the boards in Ontario, did I rightly understand him to say that they were asked to take their recommendations from the agricultural representative in the district?

Mr. THORSON: No, I did not say agricultural representative; I said amendments had been made to the regulations giving a representative of agriculture the same right to appear before the divisional boards and to make representations to such divisional boards as is now possessed under those regulations by the representative of the Department of National Defence and the representative of the national labour supply council.

Mr. ROWE: Would the minister take into consideration—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. SPEAKER: When a question has been put to a minister and an answer given the asking of supplementary questions bearing on the answer that has already been given is objectionable, and should not be practised.

Mr. ROWE: I leave it to Your Honour to say whether my question is in order. It is whether in view of the embarrassment of agricultural representatives throughout Ontario the minister would give consideration to having some other representative, a judge or someone in some other capacity to make representations to the board.

[Mr. Thorson.]

Mr. THORSON: I said nothing about the "agricultural representatives." It does not necessarily follow that the agricultural representative in any particular place is the representative of agriculture.

Mr. ROWE: No, but they are the ones who are being embarrassed at the present time.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHERIES

POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FISH TRAPS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. OLOF HANSON (Skeena): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Has representation been made to the government this year for the establishment of fish traps in British Columbia waters, not including the Sooke area? If so, will he give the names and addresses of the applicants? What would be the government's policy in this respect.

Hon. J. E. MICHAUD (Minister of Fisheries): The answer to the first question is no. The answer to the last question is that the government's policy will be considered in due course.

PLEBISCITE ACT

PROVISION FOR TAKING OF VOTE ON ANY QUESTION SUBMITTED BY WAY OF PLEBISCITE

Hon. N. A. McLARTY (Secretary of State) moved the third reading of Bill No. 10, respecting the taking of a plebiscite in every electoral district in Canada and the taking of the votes at such plebiscite of Canadian service voters stationed within and without Canada.

Mr. JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Témiscouata): This is no time for speeches. It is time for immediate action to assure and complete the defence of Canada. Therefore the question being proposed that Bill No. 10 respecting the taking of a plebiscite be now read a third time, I move, seconded by Mr. Parent (Quebec West and South):

That the word "now" be left out and the words "this day six months" be added at the end of the question.

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. Pouliot) which was negatived on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Bourget	Lizotte
Church	McGregor
Crète	Parent
D'Anjou	Pouliot
Gauthier	Raymond
Lacombe	Roy—13.
Lacroix (Beauce)	