

tary on the hogwash expounded the other night by the Chairman of the National Capital Commission but I think we have had enough of that for the moment. I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In his continuing absence and because of the urgency of the problem, would the Acting Minister investigate and report to the House why workers of Hustler Products Corporation, an operation brought into Cape Breton Island by Devco with financial assistance, have not received moneys for which they have worked in the past four weeks?

**Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** I shall make inquiries into this question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the hon. gentleman who was kind enough to promise to make inquiries. Would the Acting Minister also investigate and make known to the House if Breton Versatrek, another industry sponsored by Devco, is going to resume operations? If so, when are the employees who were laid off going to be recalled to their employment?

**Mr. O'Connell:** I shall take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

#### NORTHERN AFFAIRS

##### YUKON—COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Len Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can the minister advise the House whether he has had any communication from the Yukon Council regarding Bill C-212 and particularly with reference to the establishment of an executive committee?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, the government has received a telex from the Speaker of the Council of the Yukon Territory and, if I may, I shall read two lines:—may I, on behalf of all members of council and the people of the Yukon Territory, extend to you our thanks and appreciation for the efforts you have made to bring about necessary changes in local government requested for many years—

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

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

#### FISHERIES

##### RATIFICATION BY DENMARK OF AGREEMENT RESPECTING SALMON FISHING

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding that the 14-nation Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission agreed in London on Tuesday of this week to institute a ten-month closed season to protect salmon from fishing fleets in international waters. Since Denmark is a member of this commission, is the minister in a position to inform the House whether Denmark has ratified this agreement?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** No, I am not, Mr. Speaker, but I will make inquiries.

**Mr. Crouse:** A supplementary question. Does the minister endorse the principle that nations which protect and develop salmon within their territorial boundaries own the exclusive right to harvest these salmon and, if so, what steps is he taking to convey this viewpoint at the international level?

**Mr. Davis:** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, this has been a long-established policy on the part of the Canadian government and we are taking every possible step to ensure that there is no harvesting of salmon on the high seas.

#### LABOUR RELATIONS

##### WALK-OUT OF WINDSOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Has the minister any brief information on the situation at Windsor with respect to the customs officers?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue):** There is no change today as far as the Windsor situation is concerned, Mr. Speaker. The workers are still out but the traffic is still moving through the port between the countries.

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex):** Are any discussions being held or any steps being taken directly for the installation of the safety device which it seems reasonable that the customs men should be seeking at this time?

**Mr. Côté (Longueuil):** The safety device, Mr. Speaker, is a telephone or means of communication between the booths and the