

Inquiries of the Ministry

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

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BRITISH COLUMBIA—SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE
OF HERRING FISHERMENREPORTED STATEMENT BY QUEBEC PREMIER
ON PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY

On the orders of the day:

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Mr. Ron Basford (Vancouver-Burrard): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and ask whether he has any indication of an early settlement of the strike of herring fishermen in B.C.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister.

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the house that I have just received word from Vancouver to the effect that the association and the union have reached agreement on the basis of \$14.48 per ton, plus agreement on a medical plan to be operated by the companies. The association has also reached agreement with vessel owners. A membership vote was being taken this morning in Vancouver, and it is anticipated that the fishery will recommence at noon on November 26.

Has he made himself acquainted with the statement made by the premier of the province of Quebec in Toronto last Monday, in which he requested a special status for Quebec, and is it the intention of the Prime Minister to communicate with the premier of Quebec in this connection?

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Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of reading the statement made by the premier of Quebec in Toronto, and I thought it was a very good, Canadian, constructive statement.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, is it not a fact that the Minister of Fisheries has no responsibility whatever for these matters?

EDUCATION

STUDENT LOANS—INQUIRY AS TO OTTAWA
CONFERENCE

Mr. Robichaud: Yes, it is, but that does not deny me the privilege of giving this information to the house.

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Mr. Reg Cantelon (Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance of which I sent him notice. I understand that on Monday and Tuesday there was a meeting of provincial and federal representatives to discuss the administrative details of the student loan plan. Would the minister care to make a statement on the matter?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Howard: Well, it should. May I rise on a question of privilege on that point, Mr. Speaker, in that I do not object to receiving the information, but persistently you have ruled out of order and ministers have objected to answering questions which do not fall within their responsibilities. I believe we should persist along that line.

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. I think it was on Tuesday I said I anticipated that I would be able to make a statement by the end of the week. I want to include as many up to date statistics as I can and it may not be possible to obtain them until Monday, but I shall be making a statement at the beginning of next week.

Mr. Basford: Speaking to the point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, may I say the hon. member for Skeena is just annoyed that he did not ask the same question.

INDUSTRY

QUEBEC—POSSIBLE LOCATION OF NEW
AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRIES

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Basford: His party leader just asked five questions relative to a strike in the province of Quebec. I think I am entitled to ask one question relative to a strike in the province of British Columbia.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Industry?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Surely we have gone far enough along that direction.

Would the minister make a statement to the house concerning the establishment of the