

*Scatarie Island Marine Signals*

The jagged rocks of Scatarie island, or its adjacent promontories, have claimed another victim. The Dutch steamer *Callisto*, 2,660 tons register, is a total loss, and its crew, estimated at from 25 to 30 men, have gone to the bottom of the Atlantic.

Deck hatches, life boats, a life boat, badly battered, and the nude body of seamen were washed up on the shores of Main-a-Dieu and Scatarie, this afternoon. Parts of the deck and other paraphernalia found along the shores, told only too plainly the fate that had met the Dutch vessel, bound probably for Sydney or Louisburg to load bunker.

I should like to ask the minister as to the nature and condition of the signals on Scatarie island. I notice in the article a statement made by Mr. Burke, a well known Main-a-Dieu fisherman, that in that vicinity some five or six ocean-bound vessels have been wrecked and that in a good many instances the whole crews have been lost. In one instance, in 1926, five men went down. I claim, and this man, Mr. Burke, claims, that these men could have been saved.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would ask the hon. gentlemen to come to his question.

Mr. MACDONALD (Richmond): Is it the intention of the government to place proper signals on the western coast on Scatarie island? I would also state that a seaman, Mr. James Burke of Main-a-Dieu—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. MACDONALD (Richmond): —I stated that these accidents could have been avoided if proper storm signals had been placed at that point.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. gentleman has stated his question. He cannot go beyond his question based on the article.

Mr. MACDONALD (Richmond): The seamen cannot hear the present fog whistle and there is no gun on the island. In thick, heavy weather the sound of the fog whistle cannot be heard in a westerly direction, two miles west of the island. Everyone of these ships could have been saved if proper storm signals had been provided.

Mr. SPEAKER: Having called the attention of the government to what has happened and having put his question, I think the hon. gentleman might now resume his seat.

Mr. MACDONALD (Richmond): Is it the intention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to hold an investigation into this matter and if the facts as reported are correct, will his department see that the proper signals are given for the guidance of ships going in that direction?

[Mr. J. A. Macdonald.]

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): The question raised by my hon. friend is certainly one that should be looked into. I will undertake to secure all the necessary information in regard to the matter and I can assure him that the department as well as the government are always anxious to take all possible precautions to protect fishermen and navigators. We are endeavouring to do the best we can but if there is something else we can do, I am quite prepared to do it.

## RADIO—CANCELLATION OF LICENSE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. A. HEAPS (North Winnipeg): May I ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Cardin) when the house may expect him to table the correspondence relating to the cancellation of the radio license held by the International Bible Students Association?

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): I think that the copies have been completed and sent to the Department of the Secretary of State, and I expect to be in a position to table the correspondence shortly, probably on Monday.

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

## MORNING SITTINGS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. P. BANCROFT (Selkirk): I would like to ask if the government intend to begin morning sittings of the house next week, and whether it is considered advisable to suspend the eleven o'clock rule for the balance of the session.

An hon. MEMBER: And sit on Sundays.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): The government has not yet considered the points which my hon. friend mentions, but it may do so in the course of a short time.

## ROYAL COMMISSION ON FISHERIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. B. SHORT (Digby-Annapolis): I would like to ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Cardin) when we may expect the report of the royal commission on fisheries. Some two weeks ago the minister promised that it would be tabled last week. Another week has passed and we have heard nothing about it. The session is pretty well advanced;