

Inquiries of the Ministry

his department? If so, what action is planned on these recommendations? Is it the intention of the minister to make a statement to the House on this important matter?

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the last part of the hon. member's lengthy question might be in order. I think it might be concentrated in these terms to inquire of the minister whether he proposes to make a statement on motions.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, my department is constantly in touch with the activities of the FAO. Whether or not they have received the report that the hon. member speaks of, and whether or not I can make a statement on motions I am not sure, but I shall look into it.

PARLIAMENT HILL

HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ADJACENT
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. I wonder if the minister could consult with his colleague, the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, and make a statement in the House with regard to the applicability of height restrictions on federal government buildings in the neighbourhood of Parliament Hill, with particular reference to the new National Defence building?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think that could be arranged.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): A supplementary question for the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Speaker. Did the minister or anyone on his behalf apply to the city of Ottawa for a building permit before commencing work on this building?

Mr. Laing: Yes, Mr. Speaker, about two months ago.

FISHERIES

RATIFICATION OF ICNAF RECOMMENDATION
RESPECTING HADDOCK

Mr. Lloyd Crouse (South Shore): I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Speaker. In view of the serious decline in the supplies of groundfish on the east coast, especially the supply of haddock, can the minister

indicate whether the recommendation of ICNAF calling for a maximum annual haddock yield during the next three years beginning in January, 1970, of only 12,000 metric tons from Georges Bank and 18,000 metric tons from Browns Bank, has been ratified by all member countries of ICNAF?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we have high hopes that all member countries will take note of this recommendation and act accordingly.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Spadina.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

IMMIGRATION

MEASURES TO REMEDY DECLINE IN NUMBERS
FROM EUROPE

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank hon. members on this side of the House. My question is directed to the Prime Minister. Does the government intend to take measures to remedy the drastic two-year decline in immigration to Canada from Europe?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question asked by the hon. member should normally be answered by way of a statement on motions.

Mr. Ryan: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the Prime Minister make a statement in the near future about the drastic decline in immigration from Europe to Canada?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, shortly before the House rose for the Christmas recess I made a statement on the question of immigration from Europe. I will look at that statement and if there is anything further I can add, I will be glad to do so.

Mr. Ryan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Will the hon. member kindly resume his seat. I might recognize him in a moment. This is an opportune moment for me to remind hon. members that we are running out of time and perhaps we ought to have as few supplementary questions as possible. I recognize the hon. member on a point of order.