

self in Hanoi. There were five team sites, but these have been withdrawn. At headquarters in Hanoi there would normally be six persons.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

STUDY OF EFFECT ON CANADA OF SEPARATION OF QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. A. Thomas (Middlesex West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister indicated on June 26, 1964 that officials of the government were making an investigation into what might be the economic, social and political effects on the rest of Canada if Quebec province should become separated. Can the Prime Minister advise the house whether these officials have made a report? If so, will the Prime Minister provide the house with a summary of the report, or will he table it?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I was asked this question the other day and I replied that this examination was still going on. It is a very important and complicated matter, and we have not yet had a report.

PUBLIC SERVICE

PRINTING BUREAU—APPOINTMENT OF STAFF TO FILL VACANCIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Industry which is of interest to certain people across Canada. Is the printing bureau now employing staffs such as compositors and linotype operators on the English and French *Hansard* to fill vacancies occasioned by the retirement of employees?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for giving me notice. Unfortunately I did not receive it in time to provide an answer, but I will do so tomorrow.

FISHERIES

NEWFOUNDLAND—LANDING OF FISH FROM FOREIGN TRAWLERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Has the minister received any communication from the frozen fish trades association of New-

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foundland protesting the proposed landing of catches of fish in Newfoundland ports from foreign registered trawlers? If so, what action is contemplated by his department or the government on this important matter?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the house that several telegrams have been received protesting the landing of fish by foreign trawlers. In my reply I answered those who made such representations to the effect that there was no change in the policy. No foreign trawlers would be allowed to land fish in Canada except those chartered by the Department of Fisheries for experimental purposes.

[Later:]

Mr. Crouse: I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Fisheries arising out of the answer he gave to a question I asked a moment ago. As I recall, he stated that no landings of fish would be made in Canadian ports by foreign-owned ships other than those engaged by the federal government to carry out experimental work. I should like the minister to inform the house what ships of foreign registry engaged in experimental work will be operating on the Atlantic coast.

Mr. Robichaud: Negotiations are presently under way to charter two foreign vessels, one of British registry and one of West German registry, in order to carry out experiments on the east coast alongside Canadian vessels of similar type. The department did charter last year, in co-operation with the government of Nova Scotia, a Norwegian vessel to carry on experiments in whaling operations, and I believe that such experiment may be extended for another season.

Mr. Crouse: Would the minister not agree that we have adequate qualified fishing trawlers under Canadian registry without going to the United Kingdom or to West Germany to secure boats which can carry on experimental work? I believe every known type of deep sea fishing is presently practised on the east coast, and I find it strange we should need to go to these foreign countries to charter ships for experimental purposes.

Would the minister say further whether this policy has been accepted by those interested in the east coast fishing industry?

Mr. Robichaud: In reply to the hon. member I wish to confirm that such vessels will be chartered by the department in order to determine the effectiveness of a type of gear which may be altogether different from that