

Questions

READER'S DIGEST CONDENSED
BOOK CLUBQuestion No. 1,192—**Mr. Anderson:**

Has the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs been in communication with the Reader's Digest Company concerning any complaints received by his Department about the manner in which the Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club membership scheme is operated and, if so, has the Minister made representations to the Reader's Digest Company protesting the Company's policy of informing members of the public without solicitation that they have become trial members of the plan and billing them accordingly?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): The Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, through his departmental officers, has been in communication with the Reader's Digest Company concerning their Lucky Number Draw Promotion mailings.

The Minister has not made representations to the Reader's Digest Company protesting the company's policy of informing members of the public without solicitation that they have become trial members of the plan and billing them accordingly, because the Company has stated that they never, under any circumstances, enter a trial membership, or send merchandise without having first received a positive response to advertising material.

ESQUIMALT HARBOUR POLLUTION
ABATEMENTQuestion No. 1,205—**Mr. Anderson:**

Has the Department of National Defence completed the 1st phase of its pollution abatement program for Esquimalt Harbour mentioned on page 22 of the 1966 Report of Associated Engineering Services Ltd. on pollution in the Greater Victoria area?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): The first phase of the Department of National Defence's pollution abatement program provides for the collection of all sanitary wastes originating in HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, and their delivery to the municipal sewage system. This work is programmed for completion in 1970-71.

ESQUIMALT HARBOUR, B.C.—DISCHARGE OF
ACID WASTESQuestion No. 1,206—**Mr. Anderson:**

1. Are acid wastes from the plating shop at HMC Dockyard, Esquimalt Harbour, B.C., being discharged without treatment into the water near the Pacific Naval Laboratory?

2. If so, what measures does the government intend to take to reduce this pollution?

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Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): 1. No, acid wastes from the plating shop are diluted and neutralized before being introduced to the sewage system. However, it is an acknowledged fact that sanitary wastes are being discharged, without treatment, into the waters adjacent to HMC Dockyard, Esquimalt.

2. See reply to Question No. 1,205.

PRIMROSE LAKE, SASK.—REVOCAION OF
FISHING PRIVILEGESQuestion No. 1,218—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. On what date did the Department of National Defence revoke the privileges accorded to residents of the area who for years fished in Primrose Lake, Saskatchewan?

2. By whom, and for what reasons, was the decision to revoke these privileges made?

3. For how many years prior to this decision had these privileges been in effect?

4. Was there any consultation before the decision was made by the Department of National Defence with the Federal Department of Fisheries and/or the Government of Saskatchewan?

5. If so, what was the advice received from the Department of Fisheries?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): 1. On 1 April 1954, the privileges of local residents to fish in Primrose Lake were suspended when the lake was reserved for use as an air weapons range.

2. An agreement was reached between the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan to suspend the granting of fishing privileges because safe operation of the air weapons range would not permit fishing to take place.

3. This is unknown as the licensing authority was The Fisheries Branch of the Saskatchewan Department of Natural Resources.

4. and 5. Yes. Under the terms of the agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan, the Federal Government paid compensation to fishermen who held licenses and, inter alia, reimburses the Province annually for the loss of revenue from fish.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AT PRIME MINISTERS
MEETINGSQuestion No. 1,221—**Mr. Matte:**

Does the government intend to request that French be declared one of the official languages

[Mr. Groos.]