

Supply

not exist. He has been dead for over a year. I am going to rise on a question of privilege every time someone asks a question of the Minister of Fisheries.

Mr. Davis: It is in the act.

Mr. Lundrigan: What act? He is in the act? I know he is acting all right and that he is a great actor, but where is the Minister of Fisheries mentioned? This ministry does not appear in *Hansard*. Where the hell is he? This table of ministers indicates that the Hon. Jack Davis is Minister of the Environment, and this is the official record of *Hansard*. It lists the ministry according to precedence, and it appears in Wednesday's *Hansard* every week. There is no mention of fisheries. Show me where he exists? The Minister of the Environment should be a little careful as to what he is talking about. Obviously he does not exist.

Mr. Davis: It is in the Government Organization Act.

Mr. Lundrigan: He is in the Government Organization Act? Where is that buried? Everybody agrees that the minister is a cold fish, but he is certainly not a very active one. Let's get on to the real issue. We had the Danes involved in the high seas fishery for salmon. The United States very quietly and behind the scenes sent a delegation to Denmark and took their stand against the Danes being involved in the high seas salmon fishery. What did the Minister of the Environment do or say? He said he was going to cure this problem in respect of the declining salmon fishery off the Atlantic coast. He said he would do this by destroying the livelihood of Atlantic salmon fishermen. He said he would take them out of the salmon fishery, and that this would replenish the stock. He gave the impression that he was doing this because he was out to stop the Danes. I suppose he thought they would become very humble because we were punishing our fishermen and that they, the Danes, would then withdraw from this fishery. Instead, they said that he could go straight to hell and that they would have nothing to do with him. They have not done anything about it. The Danes have not reduced their fishing fleet and they are continuing in this salmon fishery as they have over the years. Not only have we not stopped the Danes or turned them back, but they are getting the benefits of this fishery and we are being accused of being criminals.

The minister and officials of his department said the other day that the fishermen of New Brunswick were inflating their estimates of the cost of their fishing gear. He said the costs were so high they could not settle the claims. The *Globe and Mail* came out with a headline to the effect that the fishermen of the Atlantic region were trying to take advantage of the Department of the Environment. Everybody across Canada, especially those in Toronto, now thinks we are a bunch of crooks down in the Atlantic region because of the attitude taken by this minister. That is the kind of publicity we can well do without if we are as interested in national unity as those of us from the Atlantic region. What has happened to the seal fishery?

An hon. Member: Oh, don't mention that.

Mr. Lundrigan: Last year I received a letter from a favourite friend of mine in British Columbia who writes

[Mr. Lundrigan.]

me periodically about the seal fishery. There is a lot of interest in the seal fishery in British Columbia, especially around Capilano, and don't tell me the minister is not concerned about what goes on in Capilano. In any event, this lady said there had been a secret treaty signed with Norway allowing the Norwegians to take 60,000 of our seals inside our 12-mile limit. Canada has a 12-mile limit, and this is about as archaic as the cannon. That is how we got the three-mile limit. In the days when we had cannons we used to shoot three miles out into the Atlantic and if anyone came within that distance he was endangering himself. As a result, it was said that we had a three-mile limit.

Fishing has been carried on since 1000 A.D., but since 1400 we have only been able to establish a 12-mile limit. The minister is advancing at the rate of about one-eighth of a mile every hundred years. We might be up to a 15-mile limit in the next two centuries. In any event, the minister has decided he is going to do something about Norway and has said that we want Norway out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. For over a year he has been talking of this gulf as being a Canadian area. He has made the statement that it is exclusively Canadian waters, but we have found that he has made an agreement with Norway whereby they are still to be allowed in the gulf until some time to come. When is the minister going to get them out?

• (2050)

Mr. Davis: They have not been there for ten years.

Mr. Lundrigan: The minister says that they have not been there for ten years. Well, that is the greatest revelation I have ever heard, because the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of the Environment have been telling us that in order to get them out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence we had to give away our seal fishing rights. We were told a special concession had to be given. Last year secret talks were held in this connection and then they were allowed to take 60,000 of our seals nine miles inside our territorial sea. I do not know of another occasion on which we have allowed people to declare war on us by agreement.

Then we might talk about the whaling industry. There is no whaling industry in my riding. The hon. member for South Shore has a whaling industry in his riding.

An hon. Member: He does not have it now because it was taken away from his constituency.

Mr. Lundrigan: He had one. The hon. member for Bonavista-Trinity-Conception, who sits across the way, is not here tonight. I am waiting for him to make his maiden speech. He had a whaling industry in his riding. The minister read Farley Mowat's book on Burgeo and the killing of a whale. I have read Farley Mowat's books for years. The first book I read was "The People of the Deer". I love his writings. He is a dramatist and an author. His writings are partly based on fact and largely on fiction. There is also a lady in Toronto who has been involved in saving the whales.

There have been 50,000 whales killed by the nations of the world, and 500 by Canadians. The minister decided to set an example. One day he held a press conference on