

FINANCE

DISCONTINUANCE OF SALE OF PRESENT CANADA
SAVINGS BOND SERIES

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Is it the intention of the government in the near future to discontinue further sales of the present issue of Canada savings bonds?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I withdrew these sales yesterday, or announced the withdrawal of sales effective a week hence.

Mr. MacLean: Mr. Speaker, will there be any replacement of this series of savings bonds with another series at a more realistic interest rate, or will there be no savings bonds available to the public for a period of time?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, it is not the present intention of the government to introduce another issue until the normal issue which will come out in November.

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FISHERIES

DESTRUCTION OF FISHING GEAR BY FOREIGN DRAGGERS—
REQUEST FOR DEFENCE AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS TO
PROTECT CANADIAN RIGHTS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Has he received requests for Canadian forces aircraft or ships to do surveillance work on Canada's east coast, specifically the coast of Newfoundland, to enforce our fishing regulations and to protect the rights of Canadian nationals whose gear is being destroyed as a result of infringements by foreign vessels?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I have already had informal requests in this regard from, among other people, my colleague the Minister of Transport.

Mr. McGrath: Has the minister acted upon these requests and, if so, are Canadian forces aircraft and ships presently conducting surveillance in the area to see that no further infringements occur?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, aircraft are conducting surveillance of our maritime approaches at all times. With regard to the possible deployment of surface units, I would like to make an announcement in due course.

DESTRUCTION OF FISHING GEAR BY FOREIGN DRAGGERS—
REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary to the Secretary of State

Inquiries of the Ministry

for External Affairs. In view of the infringement of Canadian rights off the Atlantic coast of Canada, what representations has he made to the governments of the nationals concerned pointing out to them that they are infringing upon Canadian rights in the Atlantic coast area?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure about the assumptions underlying this question. It may be that the hon. member is quite right. I have been discussing the general situation with the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry and we think we will take measures that will be effective.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

PROPOSED GRANT FOR PULP MILL IN MEADOW
LAKE AREA

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of statements by the Premier of Saskatchewan that a regional incentive grant will be made for a pulpmill at Meadow Lake, and in view of other reports that no commitment has been made, can he indicate whether he has made a commitment on this matter and, if so, what is the nature of that commitment?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I made no commitment, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, will the minister assure the House that grants for pulp mills, whether this one or others, will not be made until assurances about pollution control standards have been given by the Department of Fisheries and Forestry, which it is anticipated will soon become the department of environment?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I can give this assurance, Mr. Speaker.

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AGRICULTURE

GRASSLAND INCENTIVE PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR GRANTS
TO EASTERN FARMERS TO GROW GRAIN

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Agriculture a question.

As grants will be given to allow Prairie farmers to convert their cornfields into grassland, could the Minister of Agriculture tell us whether he has similar grants considered for Eastern Canada farmers who could convert their grasslands into cornfields?

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Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker.