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government to look into grain handling. Why does he speak to the press about an issue of this nature, presumably speaking for his party and the government? The minister had to correct and deny the allegations and comments of the hon. member for Lisgar.

The port of Churchill is important not only to my constituency but to the prairie provinces and, indeed, the country. We cannot allow that port to be downgraded by this or any other government. Northern farmers as well as those in the south of Saskatchewan use that port because of its benefit to the people and farmers in those regions.

When the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) talked about being from the riding of the dinosaurs, and that it is also the home of the Prime Minister (Mr. Clark), I presume he meant to connect those two matters.

Churchill is the fossil of political promises made by members opposite and by members of the Liberal party. The people there were promised heaven but were given hell. These supplementary estimates are just a stopping place, purgatory. They and the main estimates provide to the people of the community of Churchill and the larger constituency of Churchill only a brief respite from the economic domination and damnation provided by these governments. Our resources are developed, our land is scarred and flooded, but the real values of these economic activities are not of benefit to the residents of the north, be they white or native, especially native. The native population is not being employed in the mines, at least in any great number, or at the permanent hydroelectric stations, and the great CFI giveaway limited the access of native groups in terms of harvesting our forests. They are not allowed to harvest certain areas of the north because of the agreement the Conservative government of Manitoba signed with the multinational corporations.

Within the supplementary estimates of fisheries and oceans there is no provision to develop the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation. Presently Canadians buy only a very small fraction of the fish caught in northern Manitoba and in the other freshwater areas of the country. This lack of initiative of government and reliance on corporations like Safeway to provide our daily bread has meant that it is virtually impossible to buy fresh fish in my home town of Thompson, yet we are surrounded by a number of communities in which fishermen are trying to make a living. In Thompson we can buy frozen fish that has been imported from other countries but we cannot buy fresh fish. This problem was created by the present government and the previous government.

Instead of providing funds for the FFMC to expand its operations, the government in Ottawa is allowing the Manitoba government to let American buyers back into the market. If this is allowed, the fishermen in the north will again be put into economic serfdom. The FFMC want to keep out the American buyers in order that the fishermen in these communities can have a guaranteed income and be provided with an honest living. If it is allowed to go back to its previous state, the fishermen in my constituency will suffer.

[Mr. Murphy.]

While I am discussing the state of our native people, I would like to turn to the estimates of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. How can they expect to promote Indian economic development when freezing the Indian economic development fund and centralizing control of these operations? For example, in British Columbia the final control of the Indian economic development fund has been taken away from the regional director and placed in the hands of the ADM in Ottawa. Treasury Board is winning the battle of control. Soon no regional government employee will be able to do anything other than shuffle paper, pick up requests from the natives, say nothing, pass it on to Ottawa, receive it back from the bureaucrats in Ottawa, again say nothing and return it to the native people. This government claims to believe in decentralizing. However, for them decentralizing does not mean providing service on a regional basis but providing a shield to protect those who make the decisions from the people who make the requests. That is not decentralization.

May I call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn)—Housing—Request Canadian Home Insulation Program be extended; the hon. member for Etobicoke (Mr. MacLaren)—International Trade—Measures to promote Canadian exports; the hon. member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Evans)—The Canadian Economy—Election campaign platform of Progressive Conservative Party.

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private member's business as listed on today's order paper, namely notices of motions (papers).

● (1700)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

[English]

REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING CROWN  
CORPORATION FOR FORESTRY RESEARCH

The House resumed from Thursday, November 1, 1979, consideration of the motion (Mr. Herbert):