

Inquiries of the Ministry

Fisheries. Has the minister received a copy of the resolution which was passed unanimously on April 13 by the Prince Edward Island legislature urging the federal government to honour its commitment to pay the 25 per cent subsidy to the fishermen who built boats in the 35-45 foot class? If he has received this resolution, and in view of the expressed hope of the premier of Prince Edward Island that in due course every claim will be paid by Ottawa, does the government now intend to pay this subsidy on the basis of the applications which have already been received?

Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I received such a letter yesterday and I replied this morning to the effect that all applications received will be dealt with as quickly as possible and that all those meeting the criteria established by the federal Department of Fisheries will be paid without delay.

HOUSING

TORONTO—INQUIRY AS TO ACTION TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. In view of the now daily expressions of mounting public concern about the housing shortage in metropolitan Toronto—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Stanbury: It is a concern which is not the exclusive province of any political party. In part, though not exclusively, it is a matter for federal action. Is the minister ready yet to inform the house what steps are being taken to relieve this situation of urgent national importance and, if so, what if any effect such measures have had to date?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question put by the hon. member is, of course, of great importance to all members. I have the impression that this subject has been raised on a number of occasions during the last few days, and I wonder whether the hon. member feels there is justification for asking it again today.

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, I hope it is not suggested that this matter is in order when raised by hon. members opposite but not when raised by interested members on this side.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

An hon. Member: Put it on at ten o'clock.

[Mr. McQuaid.]

TRADE

CONSIDERATION OF PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of President Johnson's offer to grant preferential tariffs to developing countries in Latin America, is the Canadian government considering the implementation of a similar policy to assist these nations in the development of their economies?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have for some time and are at the present time considering with the United States and other governments the best way of assisting underdeveloped countries. As my hon. friend knows, we have had discussions at various international meetings on this matter. The suggestion made by President Johnson at the recent conference involves only one method of assisting these countries. There are other ways in which this can be done. These matters are now being considered with the United States and other governments.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

ORDER OF CANADA—REPORTED CHANGE IN MOTTO

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Prime Minister tabled certain orders in council, one revoking P. C. 7964. Order in council P.C. 1967-389 provides for the setting up and establishment of the Order of Canada. Attached to it was the constitution of the Order of Canada. In the copy which has now been delivered to me by the Clerk I find in paragraph 27 that the motto of the order shall be "*Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam.*" When was the substitution made of the one now before me for the one that was tabled yesterday, a copy of which was given to members and in which reference was made in brackets to the scriptures from which the quotation is taken, namely, Hebrews 12:16? When was this change made in the document filed yesterday which was so different from the one produced to me today?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will be very glad to deal with this important matter. The document filed