Inquiries of the Ministry FISHERIES

SUGGESTED ABOLITION OF SEAL HUNTING IN GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Does he intend to follow up the recommendations made by the Canadian Humane Society for the protection of animals by abolishing the yearly massacre caused by seal hunting, the season for which is about to open pretty soon; or can he advise of better ways of killing the seals?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker I believe I have made it very clear on many occasions in the past that it is not my intention to recommend the abolition of the sealing operations in the gulf of St. Lawrence. I have said that the regulations were being amended. They have now been amended. I hope they will be enforced, and that all inhumane methods used in this operation will be prevented.

IMMIGRATION

WARNING TO IMMIGRANTS RESPECTING HOUSING IN LARGER CITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It is one I would have asked yesterday but neither the minister nor his parliamentary secretary was in the house. In view of the week end report that the Department of Manpower and Immigration is warning prospective immigrants with more than three children and less than \$7,500 annual income to stay away from Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, London and Vancouver because of the acute housing shortage, what plans has the minister to provide such immigrants with jobs in the smaller centres?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I shall have to take this question as notice and inquire into it, Mr. Speaker.

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT WHITE PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Manpower and Immigration. I should like to Is he in a position to give the house the

[Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South).]

ask the minister whether he is now in a position to inform the house when he intends to bring in legislation to give effect to the recommendations and findings outlined in the immigration white paper, particularly with regard to part IV.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, part IV will not be brought before the house separately. Apparently it will have to come with the entire bill. As you know, the white paper is being studied now by the joint committee of the house and Senate. As soon as we have the report of the committee we will prepare the legislation. I hope this will be done this year. It will be done as soon as possible, but I cannot be more precise than that.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RHODESIA-REPORTED WITHHOLDING OF MEDICAL INFORMATION AND SUPPLIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and is in reference to answers to several questions which I asked last week. Has he had an opportunity to investigate the complaint made by the secretary of health in Rhodesia stating that the World Health Organization had cut off assistance given through that organization's schemes for the benefit of the African population in that country?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have not been able to obtain all the information we are seeking on this matter. Meantime I can inform my hon. friend that the World Health Organization has denied charges by the Smith régime in Rhodesia that it had abandoned health projects for the African population in Rhodesia and had failed to pass on warnings of the danger to women of antihistamine drugs. However, we are asking for further information on the matter from WHO.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO MEMBERS OF FEED GRAIN COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, Speaker, I should like to put a question to the my question is directed to the Minister of Minister of Forestry and Rural Development.