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of flash floods and the forming of log jams but also on many occasions because no development of these streams has taken place for any controlled level of flow the spawning salmon are not able actually to get up the streams to the spawning grounds.

I am sure that the Minister of Fisheries can be very well and completely advised on these problems by the officials and scientists of his department. My only point in raising these matters in a very general way and possibly with not complete accuracy in every detail is that I feel the members of this house generally should appreciate what might be done greatly to expand this source of high protein food to which the minister was referring in his opening remarks. His opening remarks made reference to the fact that the population of the world is increasing and to the fact that the population of the world was going to have increasing difficulty to find adequate sources of high protein food. With all of these phrases he used in his opening remarks in that connection I agree most thoroughly.

All I am suggesting to him is that he should translate those remarks into some specific statement of policy as far as they apply to the future of the salmon industry of British Columbia. These are things with which we cannot deal in generalities in view of what is happening in that area. If one is to agree that the future of high protein food is important, these are matters on which we must take a firm stand now. I am sure the minister is aware that, as I understand the statements which have been given to us by the scientists, it is not a matter of deciding that we are going to have our power now and our fish later, particularly with reference to the sockeye our most valuable salmon species, but that once those particular species of salmon are gone, they are gone and, to use the old phrase, they will be as extinct as the dodo. No matter how able or how clever our scientists may be, there will be no way of bringing them back. If this question of protein food to meet the future needs of mankind is as important as the minister suggests it is, I think he should back up his words as I suggest with a fairly definite statement as to how we are going to meet the more immediate situation.

Mr. Patterson: Mr. Chairman, may we call it ten o'clock?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Oh, let us have a speech.

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Rea): Shall I call it ten o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

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Mr. Chevrier: May I ask what the business of the house is for tomorrow?

Mr. Green: Tomorrow we shall continue with the fisheries estimates. Then we shall take the estimates of the Department of National Revenue and then the estimates of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

Mr. Chevrier: And on Monday?

Mr. Green: Provided the motion which appears in *Votes and Proceedings* today is adopted by the house tomorrow, Monday would be a government day. We would commence with item No. 7 on today's order paper, second reading of a bill in respect of a loan to the government of New Brunswick; then item No. 8, which has to do with electric power development in the Atlantic provinces; then item No. 5 on today's order paper, second reading of a bill to provide for stabilization of prices of agricultural commodities; then item No. 2 on today's order paper, second reading of a bill to provide for annual vacations with pay; then item No. 4, second reading of a bill to implement an agreement between Canada and Australia in respect of income tax. The same program would be carried into Tuesday.

Mr. Pickersgill: Has the minister any ideas about Wednesday?

Mr. Green: I am not sure about Wednesday but probably it would be a continuation of this legislation, although we may have to go into estimates. If we do so, we will consult with the parties to come to an agreement about what should be taken up.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to the order of the house passed on December 2, 1957.