

*Supply—Fisheries***IMMIGRATION**

REPORTED REMARKS BY DEPUTY MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Charlton (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Peterborough asked a question yesterday with reference to a speech made by the deputy minister of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration in Toronto last Saturday.

Dr. Davidson has advised me that in what he said about malicious libel on the reputation of Canada he was referring not to reports of economic conditions in Canada, but rather to reports of the alleged hardships suffered by certain immigrants who have returned to Europe from Canada. The hon. member might refer, in this connection, to a recent series of articles appearing in the British newspaper *The People*, beginning February 19 and running through to March 19. He might also refer to Stanley Westall's article in the *Globe and Mail* last Thursday, entitled "The Image of Canada—a Bad Press in Britain". I shall be glad to make the clippings available to him if he so desires.

IRENE REBRIN—PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN
CANADA PENDING CIVIL ACTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Would the parliamentary secretary assure the house that the usual practice will be followed, as in similar circumstances, and that Miss Irene Rebrin will be permitted to remain in Canada until the conclusion of a civil action in which she is interested?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Perhaps I might deal with that question, Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the minister. I can assure the hon. gentleman that every consideration will be given to the proposition he has put forward.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Flynn in the chair.

The Chairman: We are considering supplementary estimates, item No. 687.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

688. Payment, subject to such terms and conditions as the governor in council prescribes, of assistance to producers of salted fish on products designated by the governor in council, in the amount of 50 per cent of the laid down cost of salt purchased for their production—further amount required, \$155,105.

[Mr. Dorion.]

Mr. Carter: May I ask the minister if he has a breakdown of this amount by provinces?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The hon. member will appreciate that this is an estimate of what will be required for this purpose. The provision of information as to any possible breakdown of payments among provinces will not become possible until the payments have actually been made. Of course the estimate itself does not attempt a precise breakdown on this basis.

Item agreed to.

690. Contribution towards the costs of a special meeting of the food and agriculture organization of the United Nations regarding distribution and use of fish meal, \$2,500.

Mr. Regier: On this item I should like to lodge a complaint with the minister, with the Department of Fisheries and with the government as a whole. In recent years we have received notice of a developing practice, especially on the part of fishing companies located in British Columbia, under which, in the production of herring fish meal, they are moving into other countries and using their capital resources, taking advantage of lower labour costs, especially in such countries as Peru, to develop large herring fishing industries. This has the result of undercutting and eliminating the Canadian production of fish meal, and consequently our herring fishermen have had to suffer long months of unemployment. They have now been re-employed at reduced rates. Their income has been reduced because of the activities of Canadian corporations which are establishing herring fishing enterprises in other countries.

These corporations are using Canadian resources to do this. They are using the profits they made in Canada in the Latin American and South American countries, with the result—I will not say with the purpose—that many Canadians interested in herring fishing, and who have invested their whole life savings in gear and equipment, are either unemployed or have their income reduced. If we are to engage in international aid in regard to the distribution of fish meal, I feel that Canadian fish meal should be distributed to those nations in the world that have need of it. Consequently every consideration ought to be given to the Canadian production of fish meal, and we should not be voting money here that will help to distribute to the needy nations of the world the fish meal that has been produced by Canadian corporations in countries other than Canada. If we are to give aid in this respect we ought to ensure that Canadian fishermen get the benefit, and that we are not