

*Inquiries of the Ministry***FISHERIES****NORTH PACIFIC COMMISSION—EXTENSION
OF JAPANESE FISHING RIGHTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Last Friday it was indicated the government had decided to accept recommendations made by the international north Pacific fisheries commission. I can find no order in council which has been passed. Would the minister care to indicate to the house by what means the government intends to implement this decision?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): In reply to the hon. gentleman I would advise him, and advise the house, that the matter comes under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

[Later:]

Mr. Douglas: I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that the Minister of Fisheries has indicated that the government has decided to accede to the recommendations of the international north Pacific fisheries commission, what means does the government propose to take to implement that decision? Will the government bring down legislation to amend the treaty, or does it intend to deal with the matter by executive order?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): As my hon. friend knows, following the announcement which was made last week this matter of renewal of the treaty is now under negotiation outside of this country with regard to the consideration of the abstention principle so far as Japan is concerned. With regard to the question my hon. friend asked, I may say that after we have had an opportunity of ascertaining the results of these negotiations we will be in a position to announce in this house the course that we believe should be taken.

(Translation):

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**GILL REPORT—SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION BY
HOUSE COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Does the minister intend to submit the Gill report to a special committee of the house for study?

(Text):

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): It is not the intention of the government to

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send this report to a special committee, but I can give to my hon. friend, and the house the assurance that any proposed legislative changes to the present unemployment insurance system will be sent to a committee at the appropriate stage.

(Translation):

TRADE AND COMMERCE**WORLD FAIR—APPROVAL OF SITE BY MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Public Works a question. Could the minister tell the house on what grounds he approved the choice of the present site for the international exhibition which will take place in Montreal, whereas, only a few weeks ago, he was favouring the east of Montreal?

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I never favoured the east of Montreal, and the decision which was taken was the best under the present circumstances.

Mr. Pigeon: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. How did it happen that the minister sent an open letter to the newspapers recommending eastern Montreal as the international exhibition site during the election campaign?

Mr. Deschatelets: Mr. Speaker, at that time, I recommended that the eastern part of Montreal be included among the numerous sites which were to be taken into consideration.

(Text):

TARIFF REDUCTIONS—OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent, Ontario): I would like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister, but since it is of a general nature I did not believe notice was necessary. As a result of the great uneasiness found now amongst all branches of manufacturing and industry concerning tariffs, and especially as a result of the reports of tariff slashes sought by the government of the United States, can the Prime Minister inform the house whether this government is considering reductions in Canadian tariffs in any field? If the answer be yes, will the various segments of the industries involved be informed and allowed to make recommendations before a final decision is reached?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This is certainly not a proper question for orders of the day, and I am not sure whether