

Supply—Finance

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I suggest to the hon. gentleman not in any spirit of want of co-operation but as a practical matter that I do not think his suggestion is practical. The reason why it is not practical is that there are 17 or 18 pages, many of which are in small print. That has never been asked for before. If it were placed on *Hansard* there would be endless tables.

Mr. Benidickson: I would be quite agreeable to having the facts tabled if not printed in *Hansard*. The alternative, of course, as the chairman will recognize is to give—

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I will accept the suggestion of having a copy of these pages tabled. I may not be able to do it today.

Mr. Benidickson: I do not mean those particular pages but whatever the minister considers circumspect and proper with respect to the two claims for citizenship and immigration and the 153 in national revenue, and so on. I expect some co-operation and compliance.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): That is entirely acceptable. If the hon. member is asking for tabling I accept his suggestion at once. I was speaking about having all of these pages in small print copied into *Hansard*.

Mr. Pickersgill: We are all familiar with the fact that from time to time lists are published in newspapers of names of people with bank accounts about which they have forgotten. Is any effort made to give publicity to these debts owing to the crown before they are written off in the localities in which the people live? There may be some charity cases, as the minister has said, where this would not apply but there may be other delinquents who, if they knew their names were going to be published might pay.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I trust that in the case of anyone indebted to the crown who is in a position to pay the department concerned is making strenuous efforts to collect, but these have not been publicized in that way.

Mr. Benidickson: I assume that the minister being in charge of items in the main and supplementary estimates would be the one to decide as to the appropriateness of putting in an item of this kind here or elsewhere in the estimates, something that might relate to a forsaking on behalf of the crown on a bail bond, let us say, in a narcotics prosecution case. Would this be the item under which he would ask parliament to deal with the matter if there had been a forsaking on the part of the crown receiving a bail bond?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): A debt to the crown can arise in many ways. If the hon. gentleman will tell me that he has a particular case in mind about which he wants me to make an inquiry I will be glad to do so.

Mr. Benidickson: I draw the attention of the minister to some questions that have already been raised this session but I assume that they conceivably refer to payments not necessarily made in the 1959-60 fiscal year.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): There are no such payments involved in this item.

Item agreed to.

Special—

656. Contribution to the New Brunswick fishermen's disaster fund, \$50,000.

Mr. Robichaud: Mr. Chairman, when the announcement was made last June that the federal government was prepared to contribute to the New Brunswick fishermen's disaster fund the announcement was received by all hon. members with appreciation. I should like the minister to inform us why there has been such a delay in providing this money. I understand the payment has not been made because the money was not voted. Since the announcement was made we have had before the committee a number of supplementary estimates—

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, I can assure the hon. member that the money was paid. It was paid promptly last August. This is provided now to reimburse the governmental fund out of which the money was paid then.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, I am going to crave the minister's indulgence for one moment to utter one sentence that is completely out of order, and it is this. We have had some very disastrous storms this winter which are going to make it virtually impossible for many fishermen on the Atlantic coast to carry on their fishing operations this year unless some assistance is given to them. Although not of a magnitude comparable to the disaster that occurred on the prairies last fall, it is a disaster that is every bit as great so far as the Atlantic coast fishing industry is concerned. I should like to ask the minister if he would commend this problem to the attention of the Minister of Fisheries to see if something could be done about it.

Item agreed to.

Fisheries—

Special—

657. Assistance in the construction of vessels of the dragger or long-liner type—further amount required, \$124,512.