

Inquiries of the Ministry

eration and we hope to be in a position to issue a statement on it later this week.

PROTESTS AGAINST PROPOSED WEST COAST FISHING LICENCE REGULATIONS

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the parliamentary secretary whether the protests against proposed fishing licence regulations on the west coast are also under consideration?

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): I am not aware of that, Mr. Speaker, but I shall look into the matter.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATION, "BI-MONTHLY RESEARCH NOTES"

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Perhaps the minister can answer this question when he returns to the House. On March 16, as recorded at page 4293 of *Hansard*, I asked a question in respect of a publication issued under the authority of the minister of the environment. This is a publication called "Bi-Monthly Research Notes", put out by the forestry division. My question referred particularly to this publication for the months of January and February. I have now the next issue of the magazine for the months of March and April, again issued under the authority of the minister of the department of the environment. In view of the fact there is a bill before the House relating to the establishment of this department, and an amendment to that bill, I feel that this affects my privileges and that the House is entitled to an explanation.

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I will bring that matter to the minister's attention.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

APPLICATION OF FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL LABOUR STANDARDS CODES TO WORKERS AT STE. SCHOLASTIQUE AIRPORT

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Labour. Notwithstanding the fact that the work on the Ste. Scholastique project has resumed while there still remains a problem as to whether the Canada Labour (Standards) Code or the provincial code is applicable, can the minister advise whether he is aware of this peculiar problem and, if so, has he directed any written and definitive statement to the contractors involved as to which code is actually in effect?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Some time ago I notified the contractor that his obligation to the federal government was a contractual one and that his obligation to the province was a legal one.

[Mr. Corbin.]

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE AIRPORT—USE OF FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL MANPOWER OFFICES TO PROVIDE WORKERS

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, is the minister in charge of manpower aware of the fact that the Minister of Labour in the province of Quebec has indicated to the contractors that they are to deal with the provincial manpower department rather than the federal department and, if so, will he advise the House what action he is taking in terms of advising the contractors involved?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, we are of course fully aware of the advice and the legislation in this area in the province of Quebec. It is also a fact that contractors have certain obligations under their contracts in connection with certain developments undertaken by the federal government. The services of the Canada Manpower Centres are involved in this obligation and are fully available. In many cases, they are being used.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary. I wonder whether the minister could perhaps advise us right now in respect of federal projects? Am I to understand from the minister that it is the federal manpower service which takes precedence?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, the obligations of the contractors are with the federal government under certain terms of the contract. In those circumstances, our offices are offering services and are making placements.

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GRAIN

WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO FINAL PAYMENT FOR 1969-70 CROP YEAR

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the concern by western farmers about the final wheat payment this year, can the minister indicate now whether or not there will be such a payment?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the pool for the 1969-70 crop year for wheat was closed effective April 30, but in the ordinary course it takes a fair number of weeks before the Wheat Board can make a final calculation in respect of the final payment since there is involved the transfer of a certain amount of wheat from one pool to another. There is every prospect there will be a payment, but at this stage I could not attempt to estimate the figure.

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, may I ask whether this payment will be out in time for the election?

Mr. Lang: I should hope so, Mr. Speaker.