

of Jamaica has served notice that unless shippers from Newfoundland and the other provinces enter into an immediate contract, which will guarantee that there will be no advance over previous prices for one year, that Canadian exporters will be prevented from selling any salted codfish to Jamaican importers at any price for a year hence.

Hon. Mr. Haig: The following answer has been received from the Department of Trade and Commerce, under date of November 8:

1. On instructions from my Department, the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Jamaica had interviews with both the Chief Minister and the Minister of Trade and Industry in Jamaica, at which time a full explanation of our desire to continue to trade on a friendly and unrestricted basis was placed before the Jamaican officials. The reasons why increased prices were needed for salt codfish were fully explained. The Jamaican officials were informed that the Canadian fishermen would suffer if a satisfactory settlement was not reached and that it was to be hoped that the threat to prohibit imports from Canada would be removed.

2. In reply, the Jamaican Chief Minister denied that imports of Canadian salt codfish are to be prohibited. He further stated that the Government of Jamaica planned to invite tenders from all sources of supply for its requirements of 4,800 metric tons. The closing date for tenders is today, November 8. Consequently, the Canadian salt fish trade have tendered through our Trade Commissioner in Jamaica—and we are awaiting the result.

CANADIAN VESSEL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE BILL

On the Orders of the day:

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with may I have permission to make a correction in a statement I made on Thursday last, when speaking on the Canadian Vessel Construction Assistance Bill? I refer to page 160 of *Hansard*, second column. I had been discussing the use of escrow funds under the Replacement plan. Subsequently, when I was asked by the honourable gentleman from St. John's West (Hon. Mr. Pratt) and the honourable gentleman from Northumberland-Miramichi (Hon. Mr. Burchill) if the legislation applied only to foreign-going ships and if it did not apply to coasters and lakers, I thought they were still talking about the escrow funds and I gave a wrong answer.

I would like to make the correction by saying, first of all, that the escrow funds under the Replacement plan are not available for the construction of lakers or of coasters, but are available only for the construction of foreign-going ships. In the second place, I would point out that benefits of the Canadian Vessel Construction Act apply not only to foreign-going craft, but as well to lakers and to coasters, when these ships are replaced in Canadian yards; and all the benefits of that act apply to all types of ships that are built in Canadian yards. I think that makes the point clear.

DIVORCE BILLS

THIRD READINGS

Hon. Mr. Roebuck, Chairman of Standing Committee on Divorce, moved the third reading of the following bills:

Bill N, for the relief of Joseph Alfred Victor Tasse.

Bill O, for the relief of Claudine Yvette Felicite Cavallero Neeley.

Bill P, for the relief of Evelyn Thelma Passineau Uyeda.

Bill Q, for the relief of Ronald Victor Turner.

Bill R, for the relief of Charles Frederick Church.

Bill S, for the relief of Sarah Sally Abramovici Schor.

Bill T, for the relief of Eunice Kennedy Standeven.

Bill U, for the relief of Kathleen Louise Blaylock Hall Dunning.

Bill V, for the relief of Mary Hilbert Madge.

Bill W, for the relief of Marthe Helene Le Bel Champion.

The motion was agreed to, and the bills were read the third time, and passed, on division.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY— DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Thursday, November 7, consideration of Her Majesty the Queen's Speech at the opening of the session and the motion of Hon. Mr. White, seconded by Hon. Mr. Méthot, for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson: Honourable senators, I would like to join with the other speakers who have spoken with eloquence and feeling of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to open the present Parliament. It was most certainly a memorable day in the history of Canada. I heard one honourable senator say: "We hope she will come back often to open the Parliament of Canada, but there always had to be a first time". It was indeed a memorable event, and I was honoured to have been one of the participants.

I should like to join with the other honourable senators in complimenting the mover (Hon. Mr. White) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Méthot) of the motion for an Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. They spoke with eloquence and good humour.