

Mr. STIRLING: May I ask the Secretary of State out of what funds the copies of the Parliamentary Guide issued to the senators have been purchased?

Mr. RINFRET: I would surmise that the distribution to the Senate has been made in the same way as it used to be made to members of the House of Commons, that is, out of a fund in the Senate estimates. I do begin to feel that there is something underlying all this in which the opposition is much better versed than we are. I wish to state most positively that I know nothing about the Parliamentary Guide except what I am now communicating to the house. It is published by a Mr. Normandin, who is employed in the printing bureau, but it is published at his own expense and to his own profit. The House of Commons used to buy a certain number of copies, but I understand from the clerk that this has been discontinued. The Senate also buys a certain number and distributes them to the Senators. The Secretary of State, however, has positively nothing to do with it.

Mr. BENNETT: When was it discontinued?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): We will all inquire now.

HALIBUT FISHERY

AMENDMENTS TO CONVENTION BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. THOMAS REID (New Westminster): I wish to direct to the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Michaud) a question based on the following press dispatch:

The senate foreign relations committee has submitted to the senate for ratification a proposed convention with Canada regulating halibut fishing in the North Pacific ocean and the Bering sea.

Will that treaty be introduced at the present session for ratification along with the United States amendments?

Hon. J. E. MICHAUD (Minister of Fisheries): A joint commission which has been administering halibut fishing in the waters mentioned in that dispatch has made a recommendation to the government for some amendments to the existing convention. These recommendations were forwarded to the Department of External Affairs and are being considered at the present time.

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INQUIRY FOR RETURN

On the orders of the day.

Mr. E. J. WERMENLINGER (Verdun): Mr. Speaker, before the orders of the day are called, I should like to ask the Postmaster General (Mr. Elliott), or some other minister who might reply in his stead, when answers will be tabled to the questions passed as orders for return on February 10 last, respecting a subject of interest to all the postmasters of the country, as well as to another question, concerning all the civil servants of Canada, which was passed as an order for return on February 22. As the end of the session is approaching, I would ask the Postmaster General or some other minister whether these returns are to be tabled shortly.

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to call the Postmaster General's attention to the remarks of my hon. friend. If one of the motions referred to concerns all the civil servants of Canada, as he has just said, it is no wonder that the return is not ready; indeed, it would be surprising if it were ready before next session.

WAYS AND MEANS

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

CANADA-UNITED KINGDOM TRADE AGREEMENT

Customs tariff—ex 377a, et al. Wrought iron in the form of billets, bars, rods, sheets, strips, plates or skelp: rate of duty, free.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford): When the house was in committee of ways and means last week the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. MacNicol) asked me and other members as to the effect of a certain change in tariff duties on a certain industry in Brantford, and suggested that I was interested in employment. I thank him for the reference, and assure him that I am very much interested in employment not only in Brantford but throughout the whole dominion. I should like however to draw the attention of the committee—and more particularly of hon. members from the city of Toronto, which is known, or at least claims, to have a corner on loyalty—to a certain advertisement that appeared recently in a magazine. Hon. members will recall that last year the Toronto Transportation Commission purchased twenty-seven motor buses to carry Canadian workmen to and from