

Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL FILM BOARD REVENUE

Mr. Catherwood:

1. What was the total revenue of the national film board, during the year ending December 31, 1952?
2. Of this amount, does any of the revenue come from the showing of national film board films in the United States?
3. If any, what amount comes from this source?

Mr. Winters:

1. Revenue from films, \$202,525.
2. Yes.
3. \$78,517.

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD., PUBLIC BUILDING

Mr. Higgins:

What is the present position with respect to the erection of the federal public building in St. John's, Newfoundland?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Preliminary studies have been made preparatory to discussion with the town planning commission of St. John's, Newfoundland, as to location of proposed public building.

**QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER
FOR RETURN**

MOTOR CARS MANUFACTURED AND IMPORTED

Mr. Higgins:

1. How many motor cars were manufactured in Canada in 1952?
2. What was the value of same?
3. How many motor cars were imported into Canada in 1952?
4. From what countries were they imported and what was the value of the cars imported from each such country?
5. How much was collected in customs duties on the cars so imported?
6. How much in taxes was collected on the cars manufactured in Canada in 1952?
7. How many motor cars were exported from Canada in (a) 1951; (b) 1952?

FISHERIESINCREASE IN CARAPACE MEASUREMENT OF
LOBSTERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. Watson MacNaught (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the senior member for Queens (Mr. McLure) asked whether the lobster fishermen in Prince Edward Island had requested that the carapace measurement of lobsters for canning purposes be increased to 2½ inches. The direct answer to this question is that they did not, but further explanation is essential.

At the beginning of the 1952 season it was decided and agreed that for canning lobsters a change should be made from the existing over-all length measurement of 7 inches to

[Mr. McCusker.]

the more accurate carapace measure. Our scientists recommended 2½ inches as being the closest figure to 7 inches since it would give an average length of 6.9 inches and a range of 6.5 to 7.5. During the year we had constant complaints that the catches included lobsters much too small from fishermen in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who, it must be remembered, also fish lobster districts 7B and 8. Our scientists re-investigated in the light of one year's experience and recommended the increase to 2½ inches on the basis of conservation. This new measure will give a size range of 6.8 to 7.9 inches and an average size of 7.3 inches.

In October, 1952, the proposed change was explained and discussed with fishermen and processors at well advertised and well attended meetings at Moncton, Antigonish, Summerside and Shelburne. Considering as a whole the reactions at the first three meetings where fishermen and producers handling canning lobsters were heavily represented, the obvious conclusion was that the great majority of lobster fishermen and processors favoured the suggested increase.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): I should like to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the parliamentary assistant tell us the meaning of the word "carapace"?

Mr. MacNaught: Mr. Speaker, I cannot believe that there is much urgency in the hon. member's question, but in reply to it I may say that carapace is the upper shell of a crustacean.

**DROP IN COD PRICES—SITUATION OF FISHERMEN
IN MARITIME PROVINCES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. M. Robichaud (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Is the Department of Fisheries aware of the serious situation now facing the cod fishermen and the packers of fillets in the maritime provinces as a result of a substantial drop in prices on the United States markets with a large quantity of last year's pack still held over—

Some hon. Members: Order paper.

Mr. Speaker: Order. If the hon. member has a question which he can ask briefly, I will allow him to do so.

Mr. Robichaud: —or hanging on the market—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am afraid I cannot allow that question.

Mr. Robichaud: Mr. Speaker, I will attempt to make it shorter.