

Inquiries of the Ministry

some of the phosphate companies and assured them that the date of August 1 was firm. May I also point out to the hon. lady that while there may be some discovery made by Professor Jones, supplies must still be available for the many ladies and others who do washing in Canada before the perfect solution is found. May I also tell her that NTA, a substitute which has been used in Sweden particularly, is available, but only in small quantities.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The minister's reply is argumentative.

Mrs. MacInnis: I should like to ask the minister whether representations from the Electric Reduction Company, the sole source of phosphate detergents made in Canada, are holding up the immediate banning of phosphate detergents?

Mr. Greene: No, the only hold-up is that there is no immediate substitute which will be ready tomorrow morning. Surely, we have to give the industry some time to prepare something else.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Why not use pure soap?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**DEFERMENT OF SERVICE PENSIONS UNTIL
AGE 65**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): My question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. Last week I asked him whether any consideration had been given to the deferral of the entry into force of the service pensions scheme to apply at the age of 65. He indicated he would look into the matter, particularly as to whether memoranda have been circulated between his department and other departments, notably the Department of National Revenue.

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, changes are planned in the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, as was announced by the President of the Treasury Board in December. As indicated obviously, this concerned only retired personnel. Being more precise now, this would anticipate legislation which is due to be presented to the House in a few days.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): The minister, by his statement, has compounded the unrest that exists in the forces at the present

[Mr. Greene.]

time. Would he indicate whether the pension scheme would only apply to personnel at age 65 at present and in the future?

Mr. Cadieux (Labelle): In that respect, Mr. Speaker, the answer is an unequivocal no. We have already some provision, I believe in one category, whereby a member has an option to elect to have his pension at 60 but not at 65. We are talking about the retired members who are going to have their pensions improved by legislation in this House.

**SAINT JOHN, N.B.—LACK OF INFANTRY
IN MILITIA**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister with respect to the Canadian Forces Militia. Has the minister received representations from the Militia Advisory Committee in New Brunswick with respect to a lack of infantry presence in the militia, in fighting Saint John, for the first time in their history? If so, what was his reply and, if not, I will bring the question up at ten o'clock tonight?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether there was a lack of militia but I do know we were commended for the effort the government forces made in this particular situation. I will check through my correspondence to see whether some representations were made.

FISHERIES**HADDOCK—AGREEMENT ON ICNAF QUOTA
PROGRAM**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. It is a question I posed on two occasions to his Parliamentary Secretary. Would the minister indicate whether international agreement has been reached among all the nations traditionally fishing the east coast areas for haddock to implement a system of sustained yield quotas in their yearly catches?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): The simple answer is yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Crouse: Have all the countries, including East Germany, agreed to this restriction?

Mr. Davis: The answer again is yes.