

to us to get the thing settled. There are far too many land sharks and land speculators prowling around Vancouver these days for us to rest easily until this land is brought under the control of the city of Vancouver and made into the park that is needed there.

**Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, the answer given last night was very complete. The interest of the hon. member for Vancouver Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis) in this matter is well understood. However, as this very subject was raised by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser) on the adjournment debate last night I would refer the hon. member to *Hansard*, page 5445, for July 9 for a detailed outline of the current Department of National Defence position on this subject.

I would like to add for the information of the hon. lady that just this morning the city council extended an invitation to the department for a departmental official to meet with it, next Tuesday in Vancouver. It is understood that the city will be presenting a proposal on the Jericho Beach 38-acre property.

I think the matter should be clarified. If I may quote from my speech of last night:

On March 25, 1969, the Department of National Defence signed an agreement with the city of Vancouver governing the usage of approximately 140 acres of what is commonly known as the Jericho Beach property. The terms of this agreement provided for the turning over to the city of, for the sum of one dollar, 73 acres of waterfront property to be used as parkland.

Certainly the government has been criticized in respect of some of these \$1 items.

As part of this agreement, the remaining 38 acres was rezoned as CD1—that is a “comprehensive development district”. The zoning classification was selected by the city and permits the construction of garden homes and town houses. The opinion expressed at the time was that this zoning would enhance rather than detract from the surrounding community.

Valuable properties at Kitsilano Beach were turned over to the city.

For the sum of \$1.

Other smaller properties have also been made available for the city's use.

The hon. member for Vancouver South last night raised the issue of federal support for the city of Toronto, as did the hon. lady tonight, in respect of the acquisition of parkland. This was not DND land and is not related in any way to DND policy, and we should not generalize in terms of DND policy. What is at issue is the Department of National Defence policy for the disposal of property, in this case in the city of Vancouver. These other matters should not be related and should not be confused.

As I mentioned at the beginning of my short reply, the city of Vancouver has extended an invitation to the Department of National Defence to meet with it on Tuesday.

#### FISHERIES—LOSSES SUFFERED BY ATLANTIC AREA FISHERMEN FROM STORM—GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

**Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, like the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Bell) I have a cause to plead tonight involving compensation for

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fishermen; and like the hon. member I should like to thank the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Davis) in charge of fisheries for being here tonight to listen to me.

Approximately two weeks ago, as a result of a very severe and devastating storm which had disastrous effects on fishermen in certain areas, I asked the Minister of the Environment in charge of fisheries a question about the discussions which were going on between the federal and provincial administrations concerning what would be done to provide some compensation to inshore fishermen. The minister answered by saying that discussions have been going on within the department here and with the provincial departments of fisheries, and that he had decided, for example, to make the gear collected last year from salmon fishermen available to these fishermen. Other measures would be announced in due course. I hope that the minister will have some good news for fishermen in Atlantic Canada tonight because, may I say with all deference, used salmon nets are not much good to lobster fishermen.

I hope that the minister will decide to make an announcement tonight because soon a month will have elapsed since the storm on June 17 and there are still no concrete assurances as to what fishermen may expect in the way of assistance.

Unlike the government, many major buyers in the area have taken quick action to make an accurate survey of the individual losses. One firm in particular, National Sea Products, sent out to all fishermen in areas 5, 6B and 7B a very good questionnaire which I will be pleased to make available to the minister. I hope that other firms in the area have followed suit; I believe they have.

I trust that the fisheries officers of the department have also been making a survey, as I requested that the minister have them do, so that they can benefit from data collected by packers such as F. Russell Sea Foods Limited, Wichersons, Melonsons, and other reputable firms in the area which are interested in the welfare of their industry and which presumably have a lot of data which will be of some benefit to the minister in assessing needs.

A Canadian press story from Halifax recently indicated that the acting minister of fisheries, Mr. Mooney, of the province of Nova Scotia, has made requests to his federal counterpart. The press report indicates that he estimates the damage to the inshore fishing industry as being about \$2.5 million. I have been given the information that in fact the damage is really much more than that and that in the entire Atlantic region it may amount to as much as \$10 million when all factors are taken into account.

The Department of Agriculture has been quick to offer aid to the strawberry farmers and tobacco farmers who have been hit by adversity. This storm has affected fishermen in my constituency and in other areas of Atlantic Canada. It has been almost unprecedented in severity and effects. Emergency measures legislation has been used on many occasions by federal and provincial authorities to deal with disasters such as this, and I urge the minister to encourage the province of Nova Scotia to take the initiative and perhaps consider this avenue of compensation.

If I may be parochial for a moment, may I say that there are places in my constituency, such as Pictou Island,