

Minister of Fisheries. In view of the lower prices for herring meal and herring oil does the minister or his government intend to take steps to ensure that there will be a herring fishery this winter on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Again I wonder whether this is a matter of immediate urgency, and whether it should not be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Howard: If I might be permitted to say so, Mr. Speaker, there is an element of urgency to the question because of the need for the fishermen to know as far in advance as possible what their position might be. At the moment it would appear that it might be a disastrous one unless the government can make a declaration about its position.

Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): It is not the intention of the Department of Fisheries to curtail in any way the herring fishery during the coming winter.

Mr. Howard: I did not ask that. I asked what is going to be done to assist them.

IMMIGRATION

STEPS TO RECRUIT IMMIGRANTS FROM IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I should like to ask him whether, as a result of the recent declaration of government policy on immigration, he has made any special effort on the part of the department to set up a new group of individuals within or behind the iron curtain or in those areas where the most difficulty has been experienced in trying to recruit or admit people—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question should be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Korchinski: May I then rephrase the question and ask the minister whether any effort has been made to recruit members within his department to go behind the iron curtain so they may place more people in Canada than normally have been admissible?

Mr. Speaker: The rephrased question also should be placed on the order paper.

Inquiries of the Ministry

VETERANS AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT ON PENSION COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. N. Ormiston (Melville): Mr. Speaker, since I do not see the Minister of Veterans Affairs in his place may I direct this question to the Prime Minister. Would it be at all possible to have copies of the Wood report made available to members of the house before the estimates of the Department of Veterans Affairs are before the house for consideration?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will be very glad to find out whether this is possible, and if so it will be done.

Mr. F. J. Bigg (Athabaska): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I apologize for not having raised this matter at the proper time, but I wish to make a correction to *Hansard*. It appears that I gave the impression in the country that I had available the meat of the Wood report. I hasten to say that I do not have access to the Wood report but only to the evidence which is, I believe, before the committee at the present time.

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DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

INQUIRY AS TO JOINT SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE CONTROL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister concerning the recent statement made in Toronto by the Registrar General (Mr. Turner) on the advisability of creating in Canada a federal-provincial control on securities transactions.

Is it the Prime Minister's intention to convene a meeting of the premiers on that matter shortly or to put this item on the agenda of discussions for his meeting with the ten premiers next January?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is referring to a conference to be held next January; in the circumstances, the question could easily be put on the order paper.