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received some written complaints from fishermen on lake Erie. However, I have directed these people to make their complaints to the government of Ontario which administers fishing in the great lakes.

As far as the other question is concerned as to the administration of commercial fishing, the province of Ontario asked to administer these fisheries and unless they ask us to take back that administration we do not propose to take any action in the matter.

**Mr. Murphy (Lambton West):** A supplementary question: Could the minister indicate what licence fee is charged commercial fishermen in other parts of Canada where the federal government has jurisdiction as compared with the fees charged on the great lakes?

**Mr. Sinclair:** We have very few licence fees. On the west coast we have an annual fee of \$1 for commercial fishermen who are gill netters, seiners or trollers. On the east coast we have only two fees, one of 25 cents a year for lobster fishermen and another of \$1 a year as a weir licence. I do not know the scale of fees charged by the Ontario government on the great lakes.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

REPORTED ISSUANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
GENERAL ELECTION

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Roch Pinard (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, on July 27 the hon. member for Vancouver East asked whether instructions had gone out from the chief electoral officer to the returning officers in federal constituencies to prepare for a federal election. I have discussed this matter with him and, as I indicated, instructions were sent to all returning officers in Canada on June 18 to proceed with the revision of the boundaries of polling divisions in their respective electoral districts. As I indicated then, this revision and the selection of enumerators, which was I think the subject of the letter my hon. friend received, constitute routine preparations for a federal election.

On the same day the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe asked the following question:

In how many electoral districts are there returning officers now established either by recent appointment or permanently from the last election?

I have been informed by the chief electoral officer that there are 243 electoral districts with returning officers in office now and 20 vacancies which it is intended to fill as early as possible.

[Mr. Sinclair.]

**Mr. G. K. Fraser (Peterborough):** May I ask a further question. Have the returning officers been instructed to send out notices to members to get their enumerators in within 30 days? I understand that one hon. member has received such notice.

**Mr. Pinard:** I do not know the exact time in which enumerators must be designated. I was informed by the chief electoral officer that that is part of the instructions which were sent to the returning officers.

**Mr. Fraser (Peterborough):** That they have to be in within 30 days?

**Mr. Pinard:** I do not know about the time; I shall have to check.

## TRADE

COTTON—EFFECT OF UNITED STATES SUBSIDY ON  
EXPORTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. W. Murphy (Lambton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the announced United States policy of subsidizing exports of cotton products to Canada and the announced intention of the government to apply dumping duties on the United States retail price, what action is being taken by the department to explore the possibility of there being a lower retail price because of the subsidy which would permit a lower production cost?

**Hon. J. J. McCann (Minister of National Revenue):** I am sorry I did not catch all of the question and I shall have to take it as notice.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

FISHER RIVER RESERVE HOSPITAL—INQUIRY  
AS TO QUALITY OF TREATMENT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. William Bryce (Selkirk):** Is the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Health and Welfare going to announce the answer to my question of yesterday?

**Mr. F. G. Robertson (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Health and Welfare):** I was not in the house yesterday and I am afraid I am not in a position to answer the question, but I shall try to find an answer for the hon. member.

**Mr. Bryce:** The Minister of Finance promised he would get me an answer.