

Supply—Northern Affairs

Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or some other province of Canada have fewer sea bird populations than Newfoundland.

Now, the whole point that this gentleman is making, and I summarize the rest of his letter, is in fact that these sea ducks to which he has referred and the other birds to which he makes reference apparently go to the Labrador for their mating. They disappear automatically from the coast of Newfoundland before the mating season. I know that this is probably covered to some extent by an international convention, but I would ask the minister—and I will send the whole letter to him—whether he can give consideration to the fact that Newfoundland is much farther out to sea and a good deal farther north than the maritime provinces and whether there may not be a good deal in the contention of this letter?

Mr. Dinsdale: This is one of several problems of a similar kind. We have the sandhill

crane problem on the prairies. Perhaps the best answer I can give at this time is to refer the letter to our wildlife people and see what possible solutions can be arrived at. I know they have been working on this typical problem of the sandhill crane. With respect to this particular problem of the sea duck, are the sea duck and the murr one and the same creature?

Mr. Pickersgill: No, I gather not.

Mr. Dinsdale: This particular problem has had no active consideration. With regard to a solution, I think it is something that we shall have to take under consideration.

Progress reported.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.