

**POLLUTION**

## POSSIBILITY OF SHUTDOWN OF E. B. EDDY PLANT

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry if he will be involved in any way in the E. B. Eddy shutdown and, if so, in what way?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there will be a shutdown of the E. B. Eddy plant.

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**HARBOURS**

## HALIFAX—PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CONTAINER FREIGHT FACILITIES

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, mercifully my question does not involve stamping out moonshine. It is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the possible need for more container facilities in Halifax-Dartmouth, can the minister advise whether this matter is under study by the National Harbours Board?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, the whole question of future development in Halifax is under constant study, and I might say that quite a few advances have already been introduced.

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**FISHERIES**

## CANADIAN PROPOSALS TO ICNAF NATIONS CONCERNING QUOTAS

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the recent ICNAF meeting I should like to ask the minister whether Canada has made any proposals to the ICNAF nations concerning quota systems? Would the minister advise the House what the plans of his department are in this respect and, if possible, table the proposals?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, Canada made a number of proposals at the recent ICNAF meeting in Halifax. I gather that this matter will be discussed at length this afternoon in the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry. If the hon. member wishes to attend he can get answers to many questions in detail.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE**

## PROVISION OF NATIONAL SALARY SCALE FOR NURSES

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** I should like to address a question to the President of the Treasury Board. In view of the fact that the federal govern-

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ment has not adopted a national salary scale for nurses, although it has done so for every other profession, and in view of the fact that some nurses with families to support have had to ask for welfare assistance, will the government reconsider its policy with a view to removing the discrimination against these employees in a profession largely female in content?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, in commenting on the question let me say that the federal government is active in trying to eliminate discrimination against females in any place it can be found. I cannot accept the premise of the hon. member that the federal government has brought about or imposed a national standard covering all other professions.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** Will the government indicate its willingness to reconsider this policy in time to avoid this matter going to arbitration and thus restore the confidence of the 2,200 nurses in the federal public service?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member is asking me to acknowledge that the technique of the bargaining process, including the arbitration element, is unsatisfactory and that we are prepared to shortcircuit it. As the hon. member knows, I have a continued objection to negotiating in this way across the floor of the House.

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**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

## OTTAWA—NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE—FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Public Works.

The National Arts Centre seems to have been completed for a few months now. Can the minister tell us if final acceptance of this building has been given? If not, can he tell us what is the reason for the delay?

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems to me this question could be put on the order paper. If there is any urgency, the hon. member could suggest to the Chair that the question be debated at the time of adjournment.

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**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

## STUDENT MILITIA TRAINING PROGRAM QUOTAS

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Last Friday the minister took as notice a question I placed before him with regard to the student militia and civilian program and the fulfilment of the quotas. Does the minister have the answer now?