

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, an arrangement was made with the city of Vancouver whereby 78 acres of waterfront land was transferred to the city, for the sum of \$1. Part of that deal was that the remaining property be sold. I have indicated to representatives of the city of Vancouver that if they wish to talk about the whole deal again I will be pleased to meet them and discuss it.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** Is the figure of nearly \$1 million that the government has set the rock-bottom price for the property—

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

**Mrs. MacInnis:**—and can the minister assure us that, pending Vancouver raising the necessary money, the property will not be sold to private developers?

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, I have indicated that we are not going to sell the property presently to private developers. I have not indicated a price or been asked for a price for the whole property. I have simply said to the representatives from Vancouver who were here that I would be glad, if they do not want the original bargain, to meet them and change the whole deal.

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[Translation]

**FISHERIES****CLOSING OF SALMON FISHING IN GASPÉ—INQUIRY RESPECTING AGREEMENT WITH QUEBEC**

**Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Fisheries.

Can he tell the House whether he has reached an agreement with the province of Quebec with regard to the banning of commercial salmon fishing in Gaspé and part of the north shore comparable with the one now in effect in the Maritimes?

[English]

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, I have had a discussion with the Minister of Tourism, Fisheries and Game of the province of Quebec and I understand that the province will be instituting a ban on the commercial salmon fishery and that a similar program of compensation will be available to the commercial fishermen in that province.

[Translation]

**CLOSING OF SALMON FISHING IN GASPÉ—ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION**

**Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé):** A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Will the compensation the minister speaks of be paid Gaspé fishermen by the federal government or by the government of the province of Quebec?

[English]

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, as the fisheries in that province are administered by the

[Mrs. MacInnis.]

province of Quebec, a financial arrangement will have to be reached between the provincial and federal governments in this connection.

**ATLANTIC SALMON—INQUIRY AS TO AGREEMENT WITH DENMARK RESPECTING ITS HIGH SEAS FISHING OPERATIONS**

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Now that the Minister of Fisheries has reached agreement with the province of Quebec, can he tell us whether any agreement has been reached with Denmark as a result of the meetings now being held in Washington.

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, a meeting of nations concerned with fisheries in the North Atlantic is under way this week, and I do not expect that a final resolution of that problem will be reached before Friday.

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**NATIONAL SECURITY****ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES—SUGGESTED MEETING BETWEEN MEMBER FOR TRINITY AND PRIVY COUNCILLORS TO CONSIDER INFORMATION AND ACTION**

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister and is in connection with the recent charges and allegations made by the former deputy prime minister, the hon. member for Trinity. I am wondering whether the Prime Minister is giving consideration to establishing a committee made up of Privy Councillors of the present Parliament to meet with the hon. member for Trinity and consider the information he may have to present, and then indicate to the House any recommendations or actions the government is prepared to take?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, I have not considered that eventuality. I am sure that some members of the House might want to meet with the hon. member for Trinity to discuss this subject with him, but I see no cause to do so. Some of his allegations are apparently based on some things he got from cabinet. These communications are certainly privileged and under oath of secrecy.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** In view of the seriousness of his statements and, as the Prime Minister just indicated, there is the matter of his oath as a Privy Councillor, will the Prime Minister give consideration to a meeting of Privy Councillors who are members of this House in order that this form of non-partisan committee might give adequate consideration to these serious charges?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, at least once a week in cabinet there is a meeting of Privy Councillors who want to discuss matters relating to the government. As for Privy Councillors sitting on the other side, I might add that when the royal commission report came out in its original form I offered the Leader of the Opposition the opportunity to read it under his oath as a Privy Councillor, and