

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order. That is obviously not a supplementary question.

Mr. MacInnis: But it is something for the minister to think about.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

VANCOUVER—POSSIBLE USE OF FORMER
R.C.A.F. BASE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): If I may change the subject, Mr. Speaker, I desire to direct a question to the Secretary of State, of which I have given him notice. The question is in these terms. In view of a delegation coming to meet the minister at Ottawa from the Vancouver city council relative to the disposal and use of the 28 acre Kitsilano R.C.A.F. station soon to be abandoned by the Department of National Defence, will the minister inform the house whether a decision has been made that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Vancouver will take over certain buildings and areas? Is it also correct that, failing the acquisition of same, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation threatens to move its production facilities from Vancouver to Toronto?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for Vancouver East for giving me notice of this question. I am informed by the C.B.C. that no decision has been made with regard to the possible use of a portion of the Kitsilano base or its facilities. Inquiries have been made by the C.B.C. to the Department of National Defence and Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, but these have been tentative only.

With regard to the second part of the hon. member's question, there is no consideration being given by the C.B.C. to moving its existing production facilities to Toronto.

TORONTO—REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE
CONVERSION OF STATION CJBC TO
FRENCH LANGUAGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): May I ask the Secretary of State if he can advise the house whether the board of broadcast governors have arranged for a public hearing before the C.B.C. converts the Toronto CJBC station to an all French station?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I shall take this question as notice and communicate it to the board of broadcast governors.

[Mr. MacInnis.]

Mr. Hales: Could the minister indicate the time and place it would be held?

Mr. Lamontagne: As soon as possible.

FISHERIES

REPORTED KILLING OF SEALS OFF
NOVA SCOTIA COAST

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Tucker (Trinity-Conception): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. Could the minister confirm or deny reports that seals are being killed off the coast of Nova Scotia in spite of the fact that the opening date for the killing of seals in the gulf of St. Lawrence is March 5?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, it is true that a few days ago I received reports to the effect that seals were being killed off the coast of Nova Scotia in spite of the fact that the opening date for the killing of certain kinds of seals in the gulf of St. Lawrence is March 5. I immediately requested officers of my department to investigate such reports. We found no evidence to show that harp or hood seals had been killed, nor had skins been delivered to the New Harbour plant. There is evidence that a number of harbour seals had been killed, but there is no season controlling the killing of such seals.

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Transport. Is it true that the construction of the weather ship by Burrard Drydock Company Limited—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member was kind enough to send me a copy of this question, and I think it is the type of question that should be put on the order paper. There is not that amount of urgency.

[Translation]

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue.

Could he tell us whether he has taken or plans to take steps to bridge the gap between the demand for new homes and the shrinking amount of N.H.A. mortgage funds, thereby preventing a slowing down in construction due to a lack of lenders?

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Mr. Speaker: That is a question for the order paper.