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development of sports fishing in British Columbia. I think this was clearly demonstrated by the difficulties experienced by the minister in connection with the Stellako log drive in connection with the activities of the provincial government, when some sharp protests were made by those who are interested in the protection and development of sports fisheries in our province.

Then there are a large number of lakes in British Columbia which are becoming infested with coarse fish, which are driving out fish such as Kamloops trout and Dolly Varden. I am also informed there is a large export by the provincial government of kokanee eggs to the United States, though many people feel these should be used in British Columbia. I am not aware of the terms under which these eggs are exported. I trust the minister will explain some of these things to me when he replies later.

I should also like to know whether there is any co-operation between the federal department and the provincial department of fisheries with respect to the development of sport fisheries on the Columbia river, which will be harmed to a great extent by the projects provided for in the Columbia river treaty. It is evident from a confidential report of the wildlife branch of the province of British Columbia that this would be the case. I should like the minister to say whether the federal government is co-operating in any way—I should think it would have a certain responsibility in this area—in any effort which may be undertaken to rebuild the fisheries which will be lost for a number of years to residents and visitors.

I should like the minister to explain to the house the legal responsibility under the constitution for the protection and development of sport fisheries. Then I should like him to explain the arrangements which have been made with the provincial authorities for the drafting of regulations.

Are these regulations ever questioned by officials of the federal government, or are they accepted as sent in by the provincial government without amendment? What are the arrangements with respect to these regulations which are forwarded to the federal government and what is the procedure? I understand that approval by the federal authorities is necessary to give them the effect of law. I should like the minister to deal with this question because it is one which is of great interest to a number of people I have the honour to represent, some of whom are confused as to where final responsibility rests for

what is happening in British Columbia in connection with the protection and development of sports fisheries.

I must say I congratulate the minister on what I thought was a very patient attitude in dealing with the Stellako log drive. I hope he will tell the house what arrangements exist at the present time with respect to that drive.

Mr. Fairweather: I wish to follow up what was said on another occasion by my hon. friend from Victoria-Carleton in connection with a subject which was mentioned also by my hon. friend from Saint John-Albert a minute or two ago, namely pollution of the Saint John river.

This is an important matter. The minister has told me that it is already affecting the salmon fishing and I am sure he agrees with me that the closest possible co-operation is needed, now, between his own department, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the provincial authorities.

Unlike most of the subjects with which we deal in parliament the answer, in this case, is clear. We know where the pollution is coming from. Seventy per cent of it is coming from Fraser Brothers in Edmundston. Another large portion of it comes from the capital city of New Brunswick which I am ashamed to say has done nothing tangible by way of removing the raw sewage it now dumps into the Saint John river. There have been surveys, I know, but as the hon. member for Victoria-Carleton said the other day, the subject has been studied to death.

The reason a New Brunswicker is concerned about this is that we in our province have had a tragic example of what can happen if pollution is unchecked in the loss of the salmon fishery on the St. Croix river. Only now are active steps being taken to redress this situation and I understand it will take decades, even generations, to restore that fishery.

As the minister knows, the case of pollution which concerns many of us has to do with the pollution which will arise when the Mac-taquac power dam is finished, building up a 60-mile head of so-called dead water—with the Fraser Brothers pollution entering the river above this point. There is really not much point getting civic minded municipalities and other groups to clear up their pollution if major corporations do nothing about it. This is not an indictment of Frasers; I know there are provincial and federal schemes—tax write-off provisions, and so on. But at some stage there has to be a deadline. Possibly