

## INDUSTRY

## AUTOMOBILES—UNITED STATES CUSTOMS COURT DECISION RECLASSIFYING CANADIAN-FORGED PARTS AS DUTIABLE

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of a decision by a United States customs court to reclassify Canadian-forged auto parts exported to the United States as dutiable material, and in view of the fact that Canada exports about \$10 million worth of these parts every year, may I ask whether the minister is aware of this change involving the imposition of customs duties and, if so, whether he and members of his staff will take a close look at this most serious interpretation of the United States customs law since the United States-Canada auto pact was agreed upon?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Since this is such a serious matter I should like to take the question as notice.

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## FISHERIES

## REPLACEMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF TASK FORCE ON SEAL HUNT

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** This question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In light of a statement made yesterday by Professor Ronald, the newly-appointed chairman of the federal task force set up to investigate the seal hunt, may I ask whether the minister is satisfied that Dr. Ronald is approaching his task with the necessary impartiality, or whether he intends to replace him?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Dr. Ronald is one of six eminent scientists and international humane society representatives who have been going to the seal hunt for a number of years. His opinion, and that of the other five, will certainly be listened to. He is an objective person and I believe we should listen to his views in this regard.

**Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador):** Bearing in mind the tremendous additional quantities of various species of fish which will be consumed by seals if the herds are allowed greatly to increase, will the minister tell us whether it is the policy of his department to let foreign ships take half of our fish stocks and allow the seals to eat the other half?

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

[Later:]

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** My question is supplementary to the one asked by the hon. member for St. John's West. Can the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry now respond to the question I directed to the Prime Minister yesterday? It was taken as notice by the

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Prime Minister who undertook to direct it to the hon. gentleman's attention.

**Mr. Davis:** I do not have the question in front of me. Would the hon. member please repeat it?

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope the question is brief because we are running short of time. I was hoping to have time to recognize two or three other hon. members before calling orders of the day.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** I suspect the Prime Minister's promise was not made good, so perhaps I will wait until he has directed the question to the minister and ask for a reply tomorrow.

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## CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

## REQUEST FOR REPORT ON ALLEGED STRIKE OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for recognizing me. I know it is difficult because I am surrounded by six-foot ex-basketball players. My question to the Minister of Labour or the Secretary of State concerns a strike of CBC production workers. Can either minister give us a report on the current situation? Is the CBC ready now to conduct meaningful negotiations?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** I could answer the question a little more accurately, perhaps, if the hon. gentleman would inform me what strike is taking place at the present moment within the CBC.

**Mr. Rose:** A strike of production workers was called for one o'clock today, I understand.

**Mr. Mackasey:** I repeat, I know of no strike at the present moment within the CBC.

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## FINANCE

## INCREASE IN CHARTERED BANK SERVICE CHARGES

**Mr. J. G. Lind (Middlesex):** In view of the fact that the chartered banks of Canada seem to practice collusion, I was wondering if we could ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Minister of Finance to entertain a little collusion and investigate the recent increase in service charges by the chartered banks, namely, the 50 per cent increase they have imposed on anybody who passes an N.S.F. cheque?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Partly at the instigation of my hon. friend, who has made very firm representations in this regard, the Prices and Incomes Commission is pursuing such an inquiry.