

ularly those in Saint John County, against the new shad and gaspereau fishing regulations, of which I think the Minister has notice, will the Minister cause a new study to be made of these regulations and possible remedies?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. Member for giving me notice of his intention to ask this question. In reply I would say that the reason for the new regulations is to bring them into line with the regulations covering conservation over week ends for other areas. While we feel that such changes were justified, if inquiries are made the Department would be glad to look into every aspect of any criticism which may be made against these new regulations.

Mr. Bell: A supplementary question. Will the Minister take into consideration that the competitive position of these fishermen is jeopardized by the trap fishermen, and that they are also losing their lobster bait business in Nova Scotia?

Mr. Robichaud: I am well aware of the competition and the position of the fishermen involved and, as I have said, if they make representations to the Department we will investigate every aspect of the application of the new regulation.

POSTPONEMENT OF LOBSTER SEASON OPENING IN DISTRICT 6B

On the orders of the day:

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet I should like to reply to a question which was directed to me during my absence yesterday by the hon. Member for Cape Breton North and Victoria, and which was taken as notice by my colleague the Solicitor General.

The hon. Member asked whether I would give consideration of delaying the opening of the lobster season in district 6B from May 15 to May 24. In view of the fact that the question period was a little longer than usual yesterday, I had to leave at four o'clock before its completion, to attend to departmental duties, including a study of a report which I had received on ice conditions in district 6B. I had also received a number of telegrams from fishermen's organizations as well as representations from my colleague the Minister of Labour.

I have decided after studying the report that the season in this district, which normally opens on May 16, where fishermen are

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permitted to set out their traps on May 15, will be changed. The opening date for this year will be May 22 and traps may be set on May 21. The closing date for the same district has been postponed from July 15 to July 21.

PUBLIC SERVICE

WORKING CONDITIONS OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES IN PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, on May 10 the hon. Member for Skeena asked me a question which appears at page 1094 of *Hansard*. He asked me whether I had any knowledge of a brief that was presented by the Canadian Postal Employees Association and the Federated Association of Letter Carriers concerning the economic conditions of postal employees at Prince Rupert. I replied at that time that I had knowledge of the brief and that I would deal with the second part of his question later.

I can now advise the hon. Member that subsequently to the receipt of that brief, a submission from the Civil Service Association of Canada was received, which asked for consultation on this subject and on the subject of allowances generally to employees in semi-isolated posts. A reply was sent stating that we would be glad to grant such consultation with the associations, asking them to fix a time and date. We have not heard from them since that time, but as soon as we do the consultation will be held, the matter raised in the brief will be dealt with and a decision will be made.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF CIGARETTE ADVERTISING FROM PROGRAMS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Health and Welfare. Before asking the question I should like to congratulate the Minister on her success today in assembling from across Canada a group of young people who concern themselves with problems of health and smoking.

Has the Minister reached a decision regarding a request to the C.B.C. to stop cigarette advertising and, if so, what is that decision?