

Inquiries of the Ministry

Fisheries. I ask the minister whether the new boundary lines respecting Canadian waters which were supposed to be available yesterday are now available to members of this house?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): This announcement is to be made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and I hope it will be made this week.

ST. MARY'S BAY, N.S.—DISPUTE BETWEEN SEINERS AND WEIR FISHERMEN

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Has the minister received many telegrams, letters and briefs requesting the immediate closing of St. Mary's Bay, Nova Scotia and if so, what action does he plan to take?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): I have received a number of communications to that effect, but I do not contemplate taking any action at the moment.

COMMUNICATIONS

TORONTO—DELAYS IN CABLE OFFICE

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): I wish to direct a question to the Postmaster General and ask whether he has received an appeal from the Canada News Agency concerning the long delays in the cable office in Toronto, which is seriously interfering with news stories to overseas newspapers? If the minister has received such a communication, will he tell the house what action he intends to take?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): I have not received such a communication.

SHIPPING

SALVAGE OF TUG "EMERALD STRAITS"—
REQUEST FOR TABLING OF TERMS
OF REFERENCE

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport and ask him if he will file with the house as speedily as possible a copy of the terms of reference of Judge Stewart's report on the *Emerald Straits*?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I will be very pleased to provide this if it is in my competence. I know of no reason why this should not be done.

[Mr. Comeau.]

HOUSING

REFUSAL OF CHARTERED BANKS TO
GRANT INTERIM LOANS

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): I wish to direct a question to either the Minister of Finance or the Minister without Portfolio from Port Arthur. My question is based on allegations that the housing situation in northern Alberta is being seriously eroded due to the fact chartered banks, allegedly on instructions from head office, are refusing to grant interim financing loans. Will one of these ministers volunteer to investigate to see if instructions to this effect have been given by the Bank of Canada to the chartered banks.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am relatively sure no such instructions have been given by the Bank of Canada. However I will make inquiries with respect to the chartered banks, to see if the allegations are correct and what action can be taken.

REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF URBAN
RENEWAL PROGRAM

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): My question is directed to the minister responsible for housing. In view of the fact the mayors and reeves of municipalities are meeting in Ottawa this week, will the minister make his announcement regarding urban renewal, so many of these men can go home with some good news?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): I have met many of these men in the last two days. I will be speaking to them this evening and no doubt having private audience with many of them. I think that is as far as I can go right now.

THE MINISTRY

REQUEST FOR MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact the house gave second reading to the housing legislation which the Prime Minister introduced, and in view of the fact all hon. members of the house are very anxious to have the new minister succeed in the portfolio he now has, will the Prime Minister introduce another piece of legislation, which I am sure will have the unanimous consent of