Inquiries of the Ministry

there have been meetings between the government of Nova Scotia and representatives of the federal ARDA administration. The work is progressing normally and satisfactorily.

Mr. MacEwan: When does the minister expect a decision to be made and action to be taken on this important report?

Mr. Sauvé: Some action has already taken place, in that a committee has been established and a plan is being prepared by the officials of both governments.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Labour. As a result of some confusion and uncertainty arising out of his clarification yesterday can the minister now advise the house whether, as a result of proposed amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act, the employer-employee relationships which are to be broadened will include registered nurses? Will the minister also indicate to the house when he anticipates that this legislation will be brought forward so this whole question can be settled in the minds of the public?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, it is our hope that this legislation will be brought forward at an early date. We already have a pretty full legislative timetable, but this matter is of great importance and will be brought forward as soon as possible. At that time the extent of the changes recommended by the government will be disclosed in the bill. If there should be any extension of the trend toward universality this will be based on the employer and employee relationship. I might say that this is a trend which has occurred over a period of years. It is a gradual trend, and there has been no specific decision as yet for any extension.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): I have a supplementary question. Will the Minister of Labour indicate whether his government has abandoned the idea of increasing to $65 the weekly amount now paid under the Unemployment Insurance Act?

Mr. Nicholson: I welcome that question, Mr. Speaker. The government never had that

[Mr. Sauvé.]

idea. Whoever put it forward must have been someone who makes reckless statements, such as the hon. member does at times.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to argue with the Minister of Labour, but it was reported in the Canadian Press that he made such a statement, and it is up to him to have it withdrawn.

FISHERIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA—PROTESTS ON DIVISION OF SALMON CATCH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. Is his department aware of the rather serious criticism made by the fishermen of British Columbia about the division of the sockeye salmon catch in the Canadian area of the Pacific as between Canadian and United States fishermen? The criticism is that this division is unfair to Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest to the hon. member that his question as asked is not in order. He is asking whether the minister is aware of certain criticism, and that is certainly not an urgent question.

OPENING OF PURSE SEINING SEASON IN BAY OF FUNDY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Is it the intention of the minister's department to open the purse seining season in the bay of Fundy on October 1 as promised?

Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I do not understand exactly what the hon. member means by the opening of the purse seining season. If the hon. member refers to that section of the bay of Fundy on the New Brunswick side, there will be no change in the date that was in effect last year, which I believe was October 1 or October 15.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO COST BY GOVERNMENTS OF QUEBEC AND MONTREAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.