

had before. They will retain all the benefits they had under the Public Service. As you know, recently the Public Service Alliance has been certified as bargaining agent for Devco employees. I do not know what kind of conditions they are going to establish, but I assume the interests of all parties will be safeguarded.

FISHERIES

DESTRUCTION OF FISHING GEAR BY FOREIGN DRAGGERS —REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS RESPECTING OBSERVANCE OF LAW

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a further question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the statement made by the Minister of National Defence that he has already received representations from the Minister of Transport concerning the infringement of our sovereignty by foreign fishing trawlers, will the minister appeal to his counterparts in the countries concerned requesting them to abide by our fishing laws and the rules laid down by the International Commission for the North Atlantic Fisheries for the preservation of our fisheries resources?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, if there has been any breach of the law we certainly will take the necessary steps.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): May I ask the Minister of Fisheries if in fact an infringement did take place? If so, can he tell us the extent of the infringement and what steps he has taken to cope with it?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, no infringement of our sovereignty, no breach of our laws, has taken place. There was one minor incident just outside our limits two days ago. All of the foreign trawlers at the moment are 25 or more miles away from our shores. A ruling has been made that all Canadian trawlers must stay outside 12 miles from shore, and this applies particularly off the west coast of Newfoundland. These rules applying to our own trawlers will automatically apply to all foreign vessels as well.

Mr. Speaker: Order. There are three or four members rising on supplementaries and there is just about one minute left before the end of the question period. If hon. members think that the time should be spent on supplementaries, perhaps we might allow one supplementary to the hon. member for South Shore, then try to get in two or three additional questions, and continue with this subject tomorrow.

Mr. Crouse: My supplementary is very brief, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry what surveillance he is carrying out to make certain that there is no infringement of our sovereignty rights in Atlantic Canada?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, there are three fisheries protection vessels in the area. Overflights are taking place, and additional resources are available from the Department of Transport and the Department of National Defence.

Inquiries of the Ministry

GRAIN

INCLUSION OF DELIVERIES TO FEED MILLS AS PART OF QUOTA

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the new quota regulations and procedures for the coming crop year as announced today, can the minister tell the House if deliveries by a producer to feed mills or possibly to large feed lots will become part of his quota allotment?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there has been no change with regard to those deliveries.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

SIGNING OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was beginning to wonder if it would be quicker to place my question on the order paper.

Mr. Bell: No, it wouldn't.

Mr. Peddle: My question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of Premier Smallwood's statement two days ago that the second phase, the long-term development agreement, between the minister's department and the province of Newfoundland is ready to be signed, but not signed, and that the government of Newfoundland is all ready to sign, would the minister say if he regards the agreement as being ready to sign and indicate when this signing might take place?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): As soon as the agreement is placed on my desk, Mr. Speaker, I shall deem it ready to be signed.

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GRAIN

BARLEY—INCREASE IN INITIAL PRICE—GRADES ACCEPTED BY ELEVATORS

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. In view of the minister's announcement today of a ten cent increase in the initial price of barley, and as many elevator points will only accept barley as No. 1 or 2 feed, even if it has previously been graded 3 cw., which has caused many farmers to hold back on barley deliveries—