

Questions

3. Yes; four quotations were received.
4. The tender was awarded on the basis of the corporation's specifications and requirements.
5. 6,000 English and 2,500 French. These have all been distributed except about 200 copies of each edition required to meet casual requests.

C.B.C.—EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Mr. Fulton:

In connection with the contract between the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Society:

1. Was any effort made to deal separately with the rights to make films for theatrical exhibition and the rights to make films for TV purposes?
2. If not, why did the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation decide to interest itself in acquiring monopoly rights to make motion pictures for commercial theatrical exhibition?
3. Does the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation intend to enter this field?

Mr. McCann:

1. Yes. The first offer of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was for sound and television broadcasting rights only.

2. The corporation found that the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Society was offering world radio, television and film rights as a unit, and felt that it should bid for this in competition with private advertising interests in order to assure good sound and television broadcasting coverage in Canada and other commonwealth countries.

3. No.

HERRING FISHING—INVESTIGATION OF SUBSIDY

Mr. Bell:

1. Has the government investigated the possibility of a subsidy for the smoked bloater (herring) fishing industry?
2. If so, what were the details of the forms of subsidy investigated at both producer and exporter levels?

Mr. Winters:

1. Yes.
2. The question of assistance to the smoked bloater industry has been under investigation by the fisheries prices support board for some months. The problem arose out of a substantial carryover from 1952 in the hands of private and co-operative exporters.

In order to clear these stocks and permit a more satisfactory outlook for the fishermen in 1954, the government has authorized the fisheries prices support board to offer to purchase, on or after June 30, 1954, up to 150,000 boxes of choice quality bloaters of 1952 production or standard quality bloaters of either 1952 or 1953 production, at 80 cents per box for choice and 55 cents per box for standard. A firm must elect to come into

[Mr. McCann.]

the scheme before April 15, 1954, at which time the product will be inspected. No bloaters then below standard quality will be acceptable under the scheme. Any bloaters so acquired by the board will be the property of the board and will be disposed of outside commercial channels.

In authorizing this action, the government made it clear that, in future, the industry will be expected to adjust production to demand and to carry on its business without price support.

SALMON FISHING—INVESTIGATION OF REDUCTION OF SEASON

Mr. Bell:

1. Has the government investigated the possibility of a reduction in the Atlantic salmon fishing season this year?
2. If so, what are the estimated salmon losses to Saint John harbour fishermen for the reduced seasons investigated?

Mr. Winters:

1. Yes.
2. Because of year to year variance in time and size of salmon runs no estimate can be made of differences in catches resulting from any relatively small changes in dates of fishing seasons.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the published statistics on unemployment, will the minister say just what steps are proposed by the government to remedy this situation?

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I thought that question was quite thoroughly explored during the recent debate on unemployment in this house.

Mrs. Fairclough: I would like to ask a supplementary question. Did I understand the minister to say that the government does not propose to do anything?

Mr. Gregg: Mr. Speaker, I did not say that.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question arising out of the question asked by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mrs. Fairclough), but I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. Did the Minister of Justice, in his radio broadcast from Winnipeg last night, when he stated that 5 per cent of unemployment was agreed to be a good thing, speak for the government?