

was in a position to answer. I hope they are in a position to do so today.

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I think I indicated the other day we were making a real effort to come within the limitation of December 31. I think we can achieve that. There are indications we are going to achieve it. This question is related to one I had the other day about overtime. I should like to add that the people working overtime to achieve this end are going to be compensated not by receiving double time but by receiving leave after the holiday period.

Mr. Forrestall: I might just comment on the minister's remarks and pass along the gratitude—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FISHERIES

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SALT FISH MARKETING BOARD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries whether he can answer the question I put to his parliamentary secretary yesterday in his absence. Has the government any plans to establish a salt fish marketing board for the Newfoundland and Atlantic fishermen?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, the desirability of setting up a salt fish development board or marketing board is receiving active consideration in the fisheries department.

Mr. Carter: A supplementary question. Can the minister inform the house who is conducting the study into the feasibility of this project?

Mr. Davis: Departmental officials at the moment.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I have a further supplementary question. Has the minister had a communication today from the Newfoundland Frozen Fish Trade Association, which is meeting in St. John's to take a decision on whether or not they should close down the industry as a result of the inaction of the government?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member knows it is not sufficient merely to ask whether a communication has been received.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): I have a further supplementary question to the one asked by the hon. member for St. John's West. Will the Minister of Fisheries undertake to hold consultations with provincial fisheries ministers and representatives of the salt fish industry in the Atlantic provinces prior to taking any firm stand on the establishment of a salt fish marketing board?

Mr. Davis: Yes, we will continue our consultations, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Carter: A further supplementary question to the Minister of Fisheries. Can the minister say when the study to which he referred a moment ago with regard to a salt fish marketing board will be completed? If the findings lead to the establishment of such a board, will that board be functioning in time to handle next season's catch?

Mr. Davis: I doubt very much that a board could be set up and functioning in time to handle next season's catch.

BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN SECOND COMMISSION REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. I do not know whether he has had time to study the report yet or will be able to answer the question. I was wondering whether the Prime Minister would consider setting up a special federal-provincial committee of ministers and officials to study ways and means of implementing the recommendations contained in the second volume of the B. and B. report?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I have given consideration to that, Mr. Speaker, and I will, if the occasion arises, discuss it at the federal-provincial conference at one time or another. It looks to me, however, that there might be a disposition to use the already existing subcommittee on languages which was set up last February at the federal-provincial conference. The forthcoming meeting may decide to continue using the subcommittee to further the consideration of the second report. However, I will be in the hands of the participants in the conference.

Mr. Lewis: Do I understand, then, that the subject matter of the report or the effect of