

whether we could see them today. This is very important with relation to the discussion later on the estimates.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that the first question has been answered by the Prime Minister. I should like to follow up the suggestion I made a moment ago, that this type of question might be asked when the house resumes in committee of supply.

**Mr. Fulton:** With respect, Mr. Speaker, I think I am right in stating that documents cannot be tabled in committee. I think they can only be tabled in the house. That is why I asked whether the terms of reference are ready; and if so, whether they will be tabled now so that we can have them officially before us.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. If such a statement is made, then the committee might decide at that time to rise, report progress, and table the document. At the moment this is purely hypothetical.

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether the order in council has been passed, and whether we can see the terms of reference today?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has asked a question, and he is not entitled to insist, as he knows very well under the rules, on any specific reply. In fact, he is not entitled to receive a reply at all. I urge him to follow the suggestion I have made in this regard.

### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### HEALTH AND MORALE OF NAVAL PERSONNEL IN BRAZILIAN WATERS

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, some days ago the hon. member for Calgary North asked a question with respect to conditions with respect to and the situation on the R.C.N. vessel *Cape Scott*, now in Brazilian waters. On Thursday, I indicated that I would give a reply today. As the hon. member knows, the *Cape Scott* is a mobile repair ship accompanying the fleet to provide the backup repair facilities required in extended manoeuvres.

According to temperature readings obtained from H.M.C.S. *Cape Scott*, the average below deck temperatures were about 12 degrees higher than the outside air temperatures while the ship was in harbour. The average high temperature for Rio for the month of February is 93 degrees, and in only one area

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has the below deck temperature risen to above 110 degrees.

**Mr. Nielsen:** How comfortable.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**An hon. Member:** Hot enough for the cabinet.

**Mr. Hellyer:** While operating in southern waters awnings have been rigged to reduce the heat built up by the sun's rays. The ship's hospital is equipped with an air conditioning unit and while the ship is at sea trade winds ease the temperature somewhat. The morale of the ship's crew is good.

### BROADCASTING

#### FOWLER COMMISSION—ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I wish to direct to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister inform the house when the cabinet committee studying the Fowler report will be in a position to indicate which of the recommendations of that committee will be accepted by the government?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder if that is a question that can be answered at this time. The implication is not clear to the Chair, but it does appear to me that it is the type of question which should wait for a reply, and which should be placed on the order paper.

### FISHERIES

#### SEAL HUNT—ATTENDANCE OF MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. This house being aware that the seal hunt begins today in the gulf, would the right hon. gentleman soothe our anxieties by denying the rumour that the Minister of Fisheries, who was with the hunters today, was skinned alive.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

### CANADA PENSION PLAN

#### DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION TO TAXPAYING SEAMEN

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue, of which I