

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** No, Mr. Speaker. I anticipate that the bill will probably be put before the house within the next two or three weeks. There are very elaborate taxation provisions in respect of life insurance companies which require a great deal of effort on the part of draftsmen.

### NATIONAL REVENUE

#### CLOSING OF CUSTOMS OFFICES IN SOUTHWESTERN NOVA SCOTIA

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question I have asked on two other occasions. I asked the question in French on those occasions and have been trying to get an answer since February. Perhaps I should now ask it in English. How many customs offices in Nova Scotia, particularly in the Southwestern part, are to be closed? I was not able to get an answer earlier. That is the reason I ask this question again.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I was certainly not in the house when those questions were asked in French, because I understand French a little better than English.

[English]

However, I can inform the hon. member that there are supposed to be 69 customs offices closed in Canada. A decision has been made in respect of only 15 of these. Before they are closed we will have discussions with every member of constituencies in which these customs ports exist.

### NATIONAL PARKS

#### ALTERATION OF LAND TENURE PRINCIPLE

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, now that the government has decided to alter the land tenure principle of national parks to meet the special circumstances of the Quebec Civil Code, will the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development give the same consideration to the special circumstances regarding western parks, particularly in those areas where alienation took place prior to 1930?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** I do not

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know, Mr. Speaker. I will consider the question asked by the hon. member. The Code Napoleon applies in the province of Quebec and if Manitoba wants to adopt it, the proposal will be considered.

[English]

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

### FISHERIES

#### DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Defence Production who, I presume, is acting on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries, in his absence. Has the minister met with representatives of the fishing industry to iron out some of the difficulties which have arisen as a result of the implementation of the government's program of aid to the industry, and what was the outcome of these discussions?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Supply and Services):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, there has been a series of meetings. I believe I revealed that there was a meeting on Monday with Newfoundland representatives. There have also been conversations with representatives from the maritime provinces, and representatives from the department have been in the maritime provinces for personal consultations. The mechanics of this scheme have virtually been completed now and we are hopeful that the details can be disclosed some time during the coming week.

#### REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF SALT FISH POLICY

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell the house whether a date has been set by the government to announce the new salt fish policy and, more particularly, the date for the establishment of the salt fish marketing board as suggested by the Minister of Finance?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Supply and Services):** No, Mr. Speaker; no specific date has been set. Again, as with the fresh fish industry, there are some details of the mechanics which have to be discussed with the fishermen and the trade. These discussions are taking place at maximum speed. The objective is again to make an announcement, hopefully within the next week or so.