

*Inquiries of the Ministry***MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS****INQUIRY AS TO LOCATION OF PROPOSED NEW OBSERVATORY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. I am sure we were all interested in the fact that it was indicated to Her Majesty the Queen when she was here that there would be a giant telescope and observatory constructed in western Canada which is to be called the Queen Elizabeth II observatory. Could the minister tell us where this observatory will be located; or if that information is not available, when he could give us some word in regard to it?

**Hon. W. M. Benidickson (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for Red Deer for his question. I agree with him that this announcement was received by Her Majesty, and I think the country at large, with great pleasure. But I would point out that it is a recent announcement. Before the announcement was made there had been some investigation as to site, but those investigations have not been completed. The officials of my department are considering possible sites, knowing the necessity for making a decision at an early time. I think perhaps within three or four weeks we will be able to tell my hon. friend what selection has been made. Certainly it will be made on a technical basis, so that this will be one of the most important telescopic sites in the world.

**AGRICULTURE****TURKEYS—REIMPOSITION OF QUOTAS ON IMPORTS FROM U.S.**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture, and in his absence I should like to direct it to his parliamentary secretary. My question involves an urgent matter. Would the minister consider raising the import tariff on live turkeys coming into Canada from the United States, or impose import quotas so as to give adequate protection to turkey raisers who will otherwise be put out of business?

**Mr. B. S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I have in my possession a telegram received by the minister from the Canadian turkey federation. It suggests that they may request a

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

meeting with the minister, and the minister has replied that he would be delighted to meet with them at any time.

**FISHERIES****NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING ESTABLISHMENT OF STRAIGHT BASE LINES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. It has been some time since we discussed his estimates, and I should like to ask him whether in the interval any progress has been made in negotiations which will enable him to indicate to the house when he expects some straight base lines to be established which will untangle our fishing zones from the sinuosities of the coast line.

**Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, as I previously stated in the house, the second phase of negotiations is under way. In recent weeks we have had discussions with a number of countries, yesterday with Norway and the week before with Denmark. These negotiations are not completed and I will not be in a position to give any further details to the house until they are completed.

**IMMIGRATION****TORONTO—STATUS OF PERSONS CONCERNED WITH NEWSPAPER STRIKE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Hubert Badanai (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, on October 7 the hon. member for Danforth asked the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration whether he had completed an investigation into the I.T.U. situation in Toronto, particularly with reference to people from outside Canada who were working for the newspapers, and if he had completed his investigation was he in a position to give the house a report.

On behalf of the minister I wish to say that the persons involved number 12, of whom five have been admitted as landed immigrants. Of the remainder, six have been permitted to enter Canada without status and one is an applicant still in the United States pending a decision in his case.

Of the five admitted, one is of managerial status and does not come within the context of the strike situation. The other four were to meet all the requirements for persons seeking to become landed immigrants, and