

Fishing and Recreational Harbours

it off to market. But on the advice of the Minister of State (Multiculturalism) from St. Boniface this fish plant for Selkirk was built right smack in the middle of a wheat field, ten miles from the nearest water as the crow flies—a monstrosity which has lost money in every year of its operation.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to say to the hon. member that not only did I get the fresh fish plant but I got the Royal Canadian Mint and a tax centre. There will be other things to come, and I hope people will support a good member who will probably get a lot more done than the people in his party.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. I would suggest to the hon. minister that this is not a point of order but rather a point of debate.

Mr. Whiteway: The minister takes credit for the FFMC. As far as the mint is concerned, I suppose he and Jim Richardson will fight about—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. The hon. member will refer to members of the House by riding and not by name.

Mr. Whiteway: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course everybody will recognize the former minister of national defence, who resigned because of differences with the government and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), as the hon. member for Winnipeg South (Mr. Richardson), and I shall so refer to him.

The Minister of State (Multiculturalism) wants the people of Winnipeg and Manitoba to know he has taken credit for that monstrous—

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I will be proud if you tell them. I hope you have the guts to tell them.

Mr. Whiteway: Mr. Speaker, that is one thing the minister does not have. I have the guts to get up in the House of Commons and make my position very clear.

I cannot help but comment in passing that some months ago the Prime Minister said he intended to strengthen multiculturalism. I should like the minister to explain how his appointment is in any way compatible with that stated objective.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I should like to ask the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Whiteway) if he and his leader are in favour of multiculturalism.

Mr. Whiteway: Mr. Speaker, now the minister has got his role straight. I have been waiting for three years for him to ask questions so that I may give him some answers. If he would not get so excited and would listen to members on this side of the House he would get a lot of answers—more answers than he could dream up questions.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Whiteway: The seals are yapping in the back.

[Mr. Whiteway.]

Mrs. Holt: That side has nothing to yap about over there.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. Standing Order 12(3) reads as follows:

When a Member is speaking, no Member shall pass between him and the Chair, nor interrupt him, except to raise a point of order.

I suggest that members look at the Standing Order.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Whiteway: Mr. Speaker, perhaps hon. members opposite, including the Minister of State (Multiculturalism) would address themselves to the question of how the administration of this act can be compatible with the user-pay principle espoused by the Minister of Transport. Certainly the fishermen on Lake Winnipeg should not have to bear the capital cost of maintaining the docks and piers which have been allowed to deteriorate because of this government's lack of recognition of the priority of this area. The government has allocated \$35 million for capital construction, most of which has gone to the coast rather than to service inland small harbours. That is something upon which hon. members opposite and even the minister should reflect.

I have one serious misgiving about this bill, Mr. Speaker, and that concerns the power given to the minister to institute regulations by order in council from time to time. We should take careful note of this because the regulations are very wide. On page 4 of the bill under the heading "Regulations" the following appears:

9. The Governor in Council may make regulations

(a) prescribing schedules naming the delimiting or describing the fishing or recreational harbours that are under the control and administration of the Minister for the purposes of this Act;

(b) for the maintenance of order and the safety of persons and property at any scheduled harbour;

(c) not inconsistent with any other Act of Parliament or regulations made thereunder, for the control of mooring, berthing, loading and discharging of vessels at any scheduled harbour;

(d) not inconsistent with any other Act of Parliament or regulations made thereunder, for the control of pollution at any scheduled harbour;

(e) prescribing standards for the accommodation and services provided or to be provided at any scheduled harbour;

(f) prescribing charges for the use of any scheduled harbour;

(g) prescribing the duties or functions of persons appointed or designated under this or any other Act of Parliament—

I shall skip to the final clause which is a sort of basket clause and reads as follows:

(p) generally for carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act.

I have some fears that the fishermen, particularly those on Lake Winnipeg and all those covered by FFMC, are going to be burdened with officials and bureaucrats who will descend on them with more regulations than could be memorized or understood by a Philadelphia lawyer. If those officials, bureaucrats and civil servants learn that a poor fisherman, or even someone who owns a recreational boat, is in violation of any of these regulations which are made by order in council rather than by act of parliament, he could be fined a maximum of \$50. To hon. members opposite and bureaucrats in Ottawa \$50