

many economic problems presently faced by our east coast fishing industry, is it the minister's intention to call a fisheries ministerial meeting for a review of fisheries development programs? If so, when will a conference of this type be called?

Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): In fact, Mr. Speaker, such a conference has been called for Wednesday of next week in Moncton. I will meet with the provincial ministers of fisheries for the Atlantic provinces and Quebec in order to discuss the national development program which has been implemented since the federal-provincial fisheries conference was held here in 1964.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Fisheries whether he has anything up to date to relate to the house about the involvement of the British Columbia government in the fishing vessels assistance regulations?

Mr. Robichaud: Mr. Speaker, this matter was discussed at a federal-provincial fisheries committee meeting held here in Ottawa a few weeks ago. Unfortunately no final decision has been reached yet.

[Translation]

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

"GRANDE HERMINE"—TRIP TO GASPÉ FOLLOWING EXPO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

Is not the fact that Cartier discovered Canada in 1534 by setting foot for the first time at Gaspé justification enough, historically speaking, to incite the minister to order immediately the transfer to Gaspé of the replica of the *Grande Hermine* instead of keeping it at La Ronde where it is shivering at the present time?

Mr. Speaker: Order. That is an argumentative question.

[English]

Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. May I ask whether he authorized the press release in the name of the hon. member for Quebec East saying the *Grande Hermine* was on its way to Quebec?

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Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member's question falls into the same category as the one asked by the hon. member for Bonaventure.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

INQUIRY AS TO NAMING OF APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Is he yet prepared to take the house into his confidence and announce the names of the members appointed to the Northwest Territories legislative council?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to announce that the following persons have been named to the council of the Northwest Territories: Mr. John Havelock Parker, who is deputy commissioner of the Northwest Territories at the present time; Mr. James Gordon Gibson, businessman, a resident of Vancouver B.C.; Air Marshal Hugh Campbell, retired, a prominent businessman in Ottawa; Professor Lloyd Barber, dean of commerce, University of Saskatchewan, and John (Tetlich) Charlie, who is chief of the Fort McPherson Indian band, hunter and trapper.

Mr. Speaker, it is not our intention that the appointment of a resident of the Northwest Territories should be a binding precedent, but I think the very large and important Indian population of the territory might well be initially represented by assistance from Ottawa.

Mr. Nielsen: As a supplementary question, can the minister say whether it is the government's intention to eliminate the undemocratic form of appointing members to this government body and make the council fully representative this session?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's question does not seem to be of immediate urgency. It may be a matter of import later on, and as such I suggest to the hon. member that the question should not be answered now.

Mr. Nielsen: Then I direct a question on government policy to the minister, and ask him whether it is government policy that the council be made fully representative this session.