

*Inquiries of the Ministry***FISHERIES**

ATLANTIC SALMON—REVIEW OF CUTBACK IN NUMBER OF RIVER GUARDIANS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-Ste. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In addition to the positive action taken by the minister to conserve our stocks of Atlantic salmon, would the minister be prepared to review the cutback in the number of river guardians made last year on the basis of austerity measures and increase the number of wardens in order to afford better protection of our rivers?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we are reviewing that program at the present time.

ATLANTIC SALMON—PRESENTATION OF CANADIAN POSITION TO DANISH MINISTER

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillin-gate): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the attitude taken by Denmark in regard to the harvesting of Atlantic salmon on the high seas and its recent threatened withdrawal from the North Atlantic Fisheries Commission, can the minister say whether he has approached the Danish Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Norrman, and made the Canadian position clear in regard to high-seas harvesting?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we have made our position relative to the harvesting of salmon on the high seas very clear to Denmark in the various meetings that have been held by the North Atlantic countries involved in ICNAF. As the hon. member knows, we will obviously have to follow this matter up, as other countries have done, through other channels.

Mr. Lundrigan: A supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order. We are running short of time and the hon. member has asked one supplementary. I may return to him in a moment.

IMMIGRATION

TRANSFER FROM PENITENTIARY TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION OF MAN UNDER DEPORTATION ORDER AND NEEDING SPECIAL CARE

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Further to my question yesterday in regard to an inmate at

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the Prince Albert penitentiary being urgently in need of assistance at this time, could the Minister indicate to the House whether or not he has removed this man from the penitentiary and, if he has, to where has he been moved?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge no action has been taken to remove this man from the penitentiary. As my hon. friend may know, he is the subject of a deportation order which will be effected just as soon as it is possible to arrange for the reception of this person in the United States. I am advised that the psychiatrist or the doctor in charge of the psychiatric ward at the penitentiary has advised that there seems to be no advantage, from the health point of view, in transferring this person from the psychiatric ward to the hospital at North Battleford.

Mr. Skoberg: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the presence of this inmate is well known to all inmates in the penitentiary, and in view of the fact that there is insufficient staff at the penitentiary to care for this individual, would the minister immediately remove this man to some other institution in Canada where he could receive proper care and be treated like a human being?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, on this point I prefer to take the advice of the doctors who are on the scene rather than the advice of my hon. friend.

POST OFFICE

MONTREAL—RETURN TO NORMAL SERVICE

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Postmaster General in the continuing absence of the Postmaster General, whom I miss profoundly. Can the minister tell us when he now expects mail delivery service in Montreal to return to normal? I ask this question particularly since I have received a letter sent first class mail from Montreal 15 days after it left that city.

Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman would give me a copy of the envelope I would be glad to inquire why it went wrong.

Mr. Bell: Because it went through Westmount.