

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, October 28, 1968

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Gatineau) moved that the second report of the standing committee on finance, trade and economic affairs presented to the house on Thursday, October 24, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

FISHERIES

ESTABLISHMENT OF FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING CORPORATION

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to regulate interprovincial and export trade in freshwater fish and to establish the freshwater fish marketing corporation; to provide that the corporation shall conduct its operations on a self-sustaining financial basis without appropriations therefor by parliament; to provide that the Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Finance, under certain terms and conditions, to guarantee repayment of loans by banks to the corporation and to make loans to the corporation, the aggregate outstanding of amounts borrowed or loaned not to exceed five million dollars; to provide also for grants to the corporation, out of the consolidated revenue fund, not exceeding in the

aggregate of one hundred thousand dollars to enable the corporation to meet initial operating and establishment expenses; and to provide further for other related and incidental matters.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

L'AFFAIRE ROSSILLON

Question No. 264—**Mr. Matte:**

Has the government taken any steps to settle the Rossillon Affair and, if so, what steps were taken?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): As indicated by the Prime Minister in his statement in the House of Commons on September 16, the government has taken steps to make its position known to the French authorities, through the appropriate diplomatic channels, on the issues raised by Mr. Rossillon's visit.

HUDSON BAY COMPANY PRICES

Question No. 305—**Mr. Dumont:**

1. What is the price paid by Eskimos at Hudson Bay Company stores, at Fort Chimo, Cape Dorset and Arctic Bay, for tea, coffee, flour, cigarettes and cigarette tobacco?

2. What is the price paid by this Company to the Eskimos of the same areas for sealskins?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1.

Coffee—1 lb. vacuum packed tin			
Tea—60 tea bags, top quality			
Tea—1 lb. top quality			
Flour—25 lb. sack			
Cigarettes—20's regular			
Cigarette tobacco— $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tin			

	Fort Chimo	Cape Dorset	Arctic Bay
	\$1.00	\$1.08	\$1.09
	.79		
		1.40	1.42
	3.35	3.40	3.80
	.55	.47	.47
	2.25	1.90	2.00

2. Sealskins range greatly in value depending on size, quality and season. The average price paid at this time for sealskins is \$7.50

each. It should be noted that non-Eskimos pay the same prices for food and are paid the same prices for sealskins as are Eskimos.