

Oral Questions

up the Mackenzie Valley. There have been extensive discussions between Canadian and United States officials about a general pipeline treaty which would govern the construction of any pipeline either in Canada or the United States.

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FISHERIES

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON SEAL HUNT

Mr. Gus MacFarlane (Hamilton Mountain): My question, Mr. Speaker, is for the Minister of Fisheries. I should like to know if we can expect any forthcoming reports concerning the seal hunts which have occurred in relation to the experience that was brought to our attention by previous television films and could we expect any report concerning what has happened in relation to the minister's efforts in this area.

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, I would inform the hon. member that in the gulf the hunt was not very successful because of ice conditions. On the front, the quota has almost been reached now, but the seal hunt will be coming to an end in a matter of hours or days.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

PROPOSAL FOR ESCALATION OF PENSIONS OF RETIRED PERSONNEL BEFORE AGE 60—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. When we were dealing in the latter part of 1974 with the estimates of the minister's department he said he would look into the matter of the unfairness created by the fact that retired armed services personnel have to wait until age 60 before their pensions are escalated. Is he now in a position to report on this matter?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker, I have no further report.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, will the minister continue the study in the hope that he will have a report soon?

Mr. Richardson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to do so.

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HARBOURS

HALIFAX—DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SHED RENTAL POLICY

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport with regard to the shed rental policy for the port of Halifax.

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

An hon. Member: Now, we are getting down to the nitty-gritty.

Mr. Stanfield: Since the Minister of Finance will not get down to the nitty-gritty, it is just as well that I do. Is it now the situation that the shed rental policy may be implemented for the Port of Halifax soon, despite many indications to the contrary given by the Board in the past.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think I will have to give about the same answer I gave a few minutes ago to the representative of Dartmouth. Mr. Taylor will meet with the mayor of Halifax and I will want to have a full report on this in order to have clear information. The port of Halifax is prospering this year. I do not regret it, but I think it will be much more prosperous than the port of Montreal. It is going very well. This is a good thing. As soon as I have an answer from Mr. Taylor I will be happy to give a precise answer.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

Fourth report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates in both official languages—Mr. Leblanc (Laurier).

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,256, 1,312, 1,571, 1,692, 1,694, 1,697, 1,736, 1,891, 1,901, 2,084 and 2,123.

If question No. 47 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

I ask that questions No. 606 and 1,099 be made orders for return and also ask the consent of the House to table immediately the information which has already been submitted. The balance of the information will follow as soon as it is submitted to me.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 1,920?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.