

the fish stores that are filled up today with fish that has not yet been sold, and if and when it is sold, who can tell us what price it will bring to the fishermen? And what about the hundreds of fishermen who can't sell their fish, and can't even barter it for food? From January 1 to the end of September last year we exported over \$4½ million worth of fresh and frozen codfish, but for the same period this year the value was only \$1½ million, which is \$3 million less. That is a big difference in my eyes, and it tells us a lot...

Mr. Chairman There is altogether too much commotion in this chamber. Members and visitors will please refrain from commenting at all, because it is with the greatest difficulty that I am able to follow the speaker, and at any time I may be asked to rule upon a point of order which the speaker is trying to address to the Chair.

Mr. Starkes That's a big difference in my eyes, and it tells us a lot, for had we exported as much fresh frozen fish this year as we did last year we would have that much less salted fish to try to get rid of now.

Again, take our herring. From January 1 to the end of October last year we exported over \$4½ million worth of herring; but what do we find for the same period this year? Our herring exports are only \$2 million, that is over \$2½ million less than last year. Take lobsters. Our export of lobsters this year is \$150,000 less than last year. Look at dried squid. Out of 10,000 barrels packed this year only 2,000 barrels have been sold, leaving 8,000 barrels still in the country, mostly in the fishermen's hands and practically unsaleable. Look at the salmon. Last year salmon exported in the first ten months came to \$800,000. In the same period this year it is only \$550,000, that is \$250,000 less. And if you look at the pulpwood industry, what do you find? Practically all the camps cutting pulpwood had their quota reduced this year, and speaking of the district I represent, a very large pulpwood operation at Springdale has its camps at present all closed, while at Roberts Arm, where there is another large operation, they expect to close this week.

With all these facts staring them in the face, **Mr. Chairman**, I can tell you that thousands of our producers are today up against conditions worse than any they have seen for many years past. Not very many of them would give a plugged nickel for all the rosy pictures painted in this Economic

Report. I am compelled to base my figures on those produced by the Fisheries Board, and not on the figures in this Economic Report which is in my opinion absolutely wrong. As proof, in the fisheries this year we exported less than we did last year as follows:

Fresh and frozen codfish	\$3,190,396
Pickled herring, all types	2,522,623
Fresh and canned lobster	168,207
Salmon	245,157
making a total of	\$6,126,383

less this year than last year, to say nothing of our salted codfish, and as over 60% of our people are dependent on the fisheries for a living, speaking as their representative, and considering the facts as stated, I say that this rosy report is not worth the paper it is written on.

Mr. Penney I am going to take a chance, without any notes or preparation, to take issue with two matters that Mr. Bradley brought out in his extended talk. One of them is that he used a lot of "ifs" in his arguments about getting into the United States market. "If", and the result of it was there was no possible chance for Newfoundland to do anything there. Well, I want to say to him, although he is not in the House at this time, and to the delegates, that if we had the chance to send an official delegation to Washington, and spent one-third of the time there that the delegates did in Ottawa, then we would see and then we would know what could be done.

Another matter that Mr. Bradley stressed was speculation. There was speculation in our Economic Report, and speculation in this and that, and everything. I say to you that no man or woman who speculates in any walk of life, they never got anywhere, and Mr. Starkes should bear me out in that matter.

Now then, in regard to the Economic Report itself, I was a humble member of that Committee, and I want to say, notwithstanding the slurs that were put across this House about the report and the personnel of the Committee, we served honestly, unmoved by exterior motives of any kind, and I claim that the report is a good one. Lots of the information contained in that report is taken from all the reports of this Convention, compiled by all members of the Convention, and moreover they were also taken from official sources, and I believe they are right; and when one member says, "It was not an honest report", I