

fisheries. The lobster and salmon fisheries come to almost \$2 million, and we should certainly be greatly interested to see that they are scientifically fished and conservatively fished, and not over-fished, so that by and by the salmon and lobsters will have to have a closed season to prevent their extinction.

Mr. Newell On that point I note that on the first page of the Appendix the total poundage of live lobsters to Canada and USA is approximately 2.5 million pounds, and the total returns approximately \$650,000, and I think that works out to around 25 1/3 cents per pound as the declared value to the Customs. When I take what value is declared to the Customs, and the figure we have is 25 cents per pound on that basis given there, and then on page 57 of the report, which has not been read yet, in the section on co-operatives, you have the fact that they shipped 900,000 pounds and got a net proceeds of \$300,000, and the price to the fishermen is given as an average of 32 cents per pound. Well, that would seem to further substantiate the argument that this other figure is considerably too low, that actually it should be a good deal higher than that. I don't know if losses involved by the private companies were so much heavier than the losses of the co-operative, because the figure of 32 cents per pound averaged by the fishermen in your co-operative take the losses into account.

Mr. Hollett What page?

Mr. Newell Page 57. That would seem to strengthen the idea that the value of our lobster exports might be up to \$1.5 million.

Mr. Keough In the shipment of live lobster the exporter might invoice them up at this price and then the price might jump and he gets that extra.

Mr. Newell I am not questioning the validity of our information, but what I am suggesting is that if one group of people average that price over the season it stands to reason that all others might have had a chance to do likewise — therefore the value would be considerably higher.

Mr. Fudge Mr. Chairman, I wish to retire owing to being on the Woods Labour Board.

Mr. Chairman Very well, sir.

Mr. Chairman The motion is that this section do pass as read.

Mr. Reddy I would like to make some reference

to Mr. Harrington's remarks re dogfish. They are a menace to fishermen all over the country. A few years ago, due to persistent agitation by fishermen, an experiment was carried out in connection with J.R. Dickson of Fortune, and large numbers were caught and freighted to Canada. The thing became uneconomical because it involved too much expense, but it did destroy much dogfish. It had to be abandoned although it did do much good. The Commission of Government agreed whole-heartedly in destroying this menace.

[The section was adopted]

Mr. Job The next section is "By Products", pages 324-35,¹ and Appendix G.²

[The Secretary read from the report]

Mr. Smallwood These two plants which you spoke of in St. John's and Bonavista, is there not one in Harbour Grace for fishmeal?

Mr. Crosbie No, there is a freezing plant in Harbour Grace.

Mr. Smallwood But aren't they arranging to make fishmeal?

Mr. Crosbie It may be brought from Harbour Grace to St. John's.

Mr. Reddy There is one at Burin.

Mr. Hickman Cod liver oil factories — there were 127 licensed in 1945 and only 111 in 1946, yet further on in the report it says that the demand is in excess of the supply. I was wondering why the reduction of 16 plants last year.

Mr. Keough I obtained these figures from the Fisheries Board, and I put that question to them but they could not give me any satisfaction. It was not a matter of licenses being refused, they were not applied for.

Mr. Starkes The price last year did not warrant it and they did not ask for a license.

Mr. Smallwood Won't you have to amend this now: "We are advised that the operators of one large plant in St. John's (and another in Bonavista), have now made arrangements for the manufacture of their waste." Mr. Reddy says there is a plant in Burin, and that will be three.

Mr. Crosbie Earlier in the report it was mentioned that there was one in Burin and one at Isle aux Morts. There will be four.

Mr. Smallwood Could Mr. Crosbie tell us what white fishmeal is, is that meal made from codfish rather than herring?

¹Volume II:193.

²Volume II:236.