

foundland Fisheries Board and its energetic and capable Chairman, Mr. Gushue, at the disposal of the country and I feel sure that if the trade and the people of Newfoundland will continue to place their confidence in Mr. Gushue and his very capable Board, there is every hope for the future of the fishing industry.

As a closing comment, may I say that the Committee has worked hard and has done its best to present an intelligent report. The Committee invites fair criticism; but I ask the delegates to be reasonable and not expect ready answers to questions which even a minister of fisheries might not be able to answer. I am not that minister.

In view of the voluminous nature of this report, I suggest it be divided for reading and debating purposes into 12 sections which I shall define as we proceed. The first section for treatment in this manner is on pages 1-15 of the report which will automatically include Appendix A, the report of the sub-committee on cold storage. These pages comprise also an introduction to the report. I therefore now request, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, that the Secretary read pages 1-15, and Appendix A.

[The Secretary read this section of the report]

Mr. Job Mr. Chairman, I want to make note of one omission I made when introducing this report. I had a note to remind me to inform those who don't know that the Committee was strengthened very much by the inclusion afterwards of Mr. William Keough, because he has kept our records wonderfully, and is actually responsible for the wording of this report.

Mr. Chairman This section is now open for debate. We shall deal with the different sections one by one and pass them seriatim.

Mr. Smallwood On page 6 of the Appendix — does that mean an individual plant?

Mr. Job That is one plant.

Mr. Smallwood You gave the amount paid to fishermen and to labour employed in and around the plant for 1943-1946, and the figures rise every year, so that last year that plant paid \$234,000 to the fishermen and to the plant workers \$69,000. Can Mr. Job give us any idea of what those corresponding figures might be in 1947, taking that plant as being subject to the same conditions as other plants throughout the country? I am trying to get the position generally for the fresh fish industry in 1947. Could you give us an

outline of what it might be?

Mr. Job It is impossible to give any outline; we do not know what the position is going to be. We have not made any contracts. The American market at the present time is in a bad condition. The British market has not purchased any fish. It is utterly impossible to make any commitments. I would not risk stating what I think would happen. We are all hoping that if we get a contract in the United States and if the American market recovers, we will produce on the same scale. It is indefinite.

Mr. Smallwood Where was most of the fresh fish sold in 1946? What I am trying to get at is this — you mention the United States and the United Kingdom — the United Kingdom is still in the picture, is it?

Mr. Keough Page 13 of the report shows the amounts which went to the different markets. I question whether a great deal more went to the States than to England.

Mr. Job Here it shows 7.5 million pounds exported to Canada — some of that was transhipped to the States.

Mr. Smallwood I do not want Mr. Job to say more than he can, but I am trying to get the fresh fish prospects for 1947-48. The position today is you can sell to the United Kingdom and United States and some to Canada; a lot of what went to Canada was re-sold to the United States?

Mr. Job 90% of it.

Mr. Smallwood I know Mr. Job is well-informed on this business — he is actually in it, how much are we likely to sell in 1947 to Great Britain and the United States? You say no contracts are made — is not that really late?

Mr. Job No. This is about the time we make contracts with Great Britain; as a rule there have not been any contracts made ahead with the United States. The position there is very bad. There is a tremendous amount of fillets in cold storage and until that is disposed of, it is impossible to gauge the US market in the future.

Mr. Smallwood How is the price shaping?

Mr. Job Very low, there has been a drop in prices. I do not want to talk about it.

Mr. Smallwood On page 15 of your main report it says:

Notwithstanding all the emphasis that has been put in the foregoing upon the importance of the US market, it should not be