

States, and he said, "Yes, the trade is very much alive to it, and very much on their toes." He mentions Brazil. Is anyone trying to sell fish in Brazil?

Mr. Crosbie Yes, as far as I know.

Mr. Smallwood Well, are they trying to sell it anywhere else?

Mr. Crosbie I don't know, they don't tell me their trade secrets.

Mr. Smallwood Well, the fresh fish people concentrate too much on the United States. Are they paying enough attention to other markets?

Mr. Crosbie You are trying to pin me down to something I am not prepared to be pinned down to, and as far as I am concerned I won't be pinned down. You must remember that going into other markets costs a great deal of money. They have already spent a lot of money on advertising, and these people may not be prepared to go into these other markets and advertise. It may run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. I am not prepared to criticise them.

Mr. Northcott Getting back to fish again. Is there duty on all fish going into the United States? We have fillets, turbot, smelts, etc., is there duty on all of them?

Mr. Job Yes, but the duty varies on different sorts of fish.

Mr. Hollett I wonder if Mr. Job could tell me the price of fresh cod fillets in St. John's? I can tell you, 28 cents per pound. What do you think of that price?

Mr. Job A very nice price if you can get it.

Mr. Hollett I am looking at the cost of living of the average St. John's man and woman.

Mr. Job I think if we could sell the fillets here at cost they would be very glad to do something.

Mr. Penney As far as I am concerned the section of the report as read is self-explanatory, and I am

willing to accept it and move on to other business. I believe we should think over what kind of a delegation we are going to send to the United States to see about our markets for fresh fillets and other fishery products.

[The section passed, and the Secretary read the next section]

Mr. Job I suggest we adjourn until tomorrow to give the members time to master this report on the salt codfishery.

Mr. Chairman We have not been making much progress of late, and I suggest to you that since a great deal of time has been lost as a result of a shortage of paper, and we have a great deal of work to do, it would be advisable to hold night sessions. However, I am entirely in your hands.

Mr. Hillier I think it would be a good idea, if it would not be putting too much on the ladies who are reporting the proceedings.

Mr. Chairman I will look after that. I will see that they are not driven too hard.

Mr. Jones I think we should have one night to go over the report and see what we can make of it.

Mr. Job It is the most important part of the Fisheries Report. There is some justification for the request.

Mr. Hillier In view of the fact that the members received the report only this afternoon, we might dispose of the night session until tomorrow night. I make that as a motion.

Mr. Hollett Before the motion, I would like to ask Mr. Job or Mr. Ashbourne, did they make any inquiries whatever into the figures of the fishermen's insurance scheme in connection with this country?

Mr. Job Yes, it is in the report.

[The committee rose and reported progress, and the Convention adjourned]

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Mr. Chairman Appendix B, gentlemen, Salt Codfish, is now under consideration.²

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, on page 10 of the Appendix: "We suggest that salt be provided at the very lowest possible price, and the matter

of freights on salt coming into Newfoundland be reviewed. We understand that the present rate of freight on salt brought here by the government boats is about three times its cost in the West Indies."

¹Volume II:181.

²Volume II:215.