

pleted, it would make a big difference to the fishery there.

Mr. Hollett How?

Mr. Job It would enable them to bring fish from other places to the plant.

Mr. Smallwood By truck.

Mr. Hollett What other places?

Mr. Job Placentia Bay and Trinity Bay. You would not fish from the south of Trinity Bay up to there. I do not know the distance.

Mr. Hollett Therefore the government is going to spend \$1.5 million for the fish plant. I can see no advantage to the saltfish trade. You talk of green, fresh fish — I would like for someone to point out some fishing places along that road.

Mr. Starkes I agree with Mr. Job. There are several other places where roads are important — e.g. Green Bay. There it is four miles from the plant to the sea; if the road was made passable by truck, the men in Shoal Cove could send fish to the plant. I do not agree with one road only, Burin to Avalon.

Mr. Reddy I think the road to Burin is absolutely essential to the fish plant at Burin. One reason Mr. Monroe gave us was that he cannot get in touch with the plant except by steamer; and it is necessary for him to get in contact daily; and the only means is by road.

Mr. Hollett You are going to put a road there so that Mr. Monroe can get back and forth to his plant?

Mr. Reddy For the benefit of the plant. The Burin Peninsula is the most isolated place in the island of Newfoundland.

Mr. Banfield I disagree with Mr. Hollett regarding there being no fish caught in the bottom of Fortune Bay. There is a certain amount caught.

Mr. Hollett How much?

Mr. Banfield I have not got the figures.

Mr. Hollett There *may* be a reason for spending \$1.5 million on a road there; I was born in Burin and if the road is necessary, I am perfectly in accord. I am taking the attitude that they should show me that it is essential. Just how much fish is caught down there?

Mr. Job You do not know how much can be caught.

Mr. Hollett I have seen so much thrown away on roads, that I am getting fed up, especially when talking about a balanced budget. We have the distance from Burin to Argentina — 40 miles

— if Mr. Monroe wants to go to Argentina, he can go across the bay. If you can show me that this road is essential and beneficial then I am all in accord. The terrain through which the road will go has very little agricultural prospects. If we forget the transportation of fish — and there is very little fish — I cannot see what advantage it is to the cold storage plant. That road will be open six months of the year. Wherein lies the advantage?

Mr. Job It will be a connection between Fortune Bay, St. John's and other settlements, apart from the fish plant. There should be a connection between Fortune Bay and St. John's.

Mr. Hollett Do you know they go from St. John's to Fortune Bay by road? A distance of 55 miles?

Mr. Banfield The road is there now.

Mr. Job Some sort of road.

Mr. Smallwood How many fishing settlements will it link up with Burin? How many on the Burin Peninsula side and how many on the Placentia Bay side?

Mr. Ryan In the district of Placentia West, it will link up Boat Harbour and there are only half a dozen fishermen there.

Mr. Smallwood I cannot picture the way the road is going to run. This should not be in the report as a sample of road for fisheries.

Mr. Reddy It is not altogether for fisheries; it is to prevent isolation in the Burin Peninsula. The greatest salt codfishery in Newfoundland is on the Burin Peninsula.

Mr. Hollett If Mr. Reddy was minister of public works would he be prepared to authorise the expenditure in connection with the Burin and Avalon Peninsulas, knowing how little it would affect the economy of Newfoundland?

Mr. Reddy I certainly would. It would bring those people out of the isolation that they have been in for years and years.

Mr. Hollett I lived in Burin, I could always get to Canada or anywhere else I wanted to go; I was never isolated on the Burin Peninsula, if I was not afraid of getting seasick.

Mr. Ryan I agree with Mr. Hollett. The only explanation they give for it is that Mr. Monroe can get to the plant in Burin.

Mr. Reddy I agree with Mr. Job that it is essential. You have to get there by steamer and you are sometimes waiting a month; therefore the road is