

equipment. The government asked \$45,000 for her, but after some dickering, they agreed to sell her to us for \$25,000. As regards to the money which the government has in the fresh fish business, the answer is that it has none. They have money in the Newfoundland Dehydrating Company<sup>1</sup> and the terms of repayment are reasonable — over 20 years.

**Mr. Job Bonds?**

**Mr. Crosbie** First mortgage.

**Mr. Smallwood** Is it a straight loan, or have they got shares?

**Mr. Crosbie** Straight loan — first mortgage.

**Mr. Smallwood** Would Mr. Crosbie say a word on this \$4 million forecast. Appendix C, page 5: "We believe it is only fair to estimate the value of our herring fisheries over a period of a few years will be not less than \$4 million annually and this is a long way from \$181,406 in 1933."

**Mr. Keough** The value of exports of herring, according to statistics, is \$4,894,852; and with the development, the plant envisaged and actually in construction at Petrie's Point,<sup>2</sup> it was felt that the annual returns from the herring industry would be up in the vicinity of \$4 million, even though the price may drop.

**Mr. Crosbie** It is not over-optimistic.

**Mr. Hollett** On that same page, "We must bear in mind that there are many opportunities in Newfoundland, such as Fortune Bay and Notre Dame Bay that have herring in abundance which have not been productive for some years." Where did you get that information? I am informed that 50,000 barrels went to UNRRA from Fortune Bay. Herring also supplies the bankers with bait.

**Mr. Crosbie** We got it from the people from these sections. They are not nearly as productive as they were in 1921. We are not talking about the last 12 months.

**Mr. Hollett** They always got what they wanted.

**Mr. Crosbie** There is no one to pack them.

**Mr. Hollett** There was no sale before.

**Mr. Crosbie** Therefore they are unproductive. We do not say there are no herring in the bay.

**Mr. Hollett** 50,000 barrels is a lot for one year.

**Mr. Smallwood** Page 1, Appendix C — you say that you have not been able to get figures from Iceland except 1936, and you go on and give it, \$3 million. The year before last Iceland exported

15,000 tons of herring oil.

**Mr. Crosbie** We do not say that.

**Mr. Smallwood** I am saying it. If that was doubled, 30,000 tons, what would the value be?

**Mr. Crosbie** \$3 million.

**Mr. Smallwood** That is not oil alone?

**Mr. Crosbie** Oil, meal and herring — \$2.8 million.

**Mr. Smallwood** Have you the figures for BC?

**Mr. Crosbie** I think it is \$9 million.

**Mr. Smallwood** That would be three times as much. From 1939-1945 they packed one million cases a year of canned herring — and in 1942 1.5 million cases.

**Mr. Crosbie** These figures are given by the Dominion government.

**Mr. Hollett** On page 4 of the same report: "We understand that the Icelandic government has spent somewhere in the vicinity of \$800,000, but we have not heard any figures mentioned for the Norwegian government. We are given to understand the British Columbia government, in conjunction with the federal government spent annually about \$300,000 in fishery research". Has the Committee any authority for that statement?

**Mr. Crosbie** As far as I am concerned, I got it in Vancouver in 1943 from Major Sullivan and others interested in the herring fishery. All you have to do, if you want to check it, is to ask the Fisheries Board. In connection with the Icelandic government, we have that information from their ambassador in the United States.

**Mr. Smallwood** In Holland, pre-war, they had 265 vessels in their herring fleet alone; it went off during the war; but in 1946 they had 140 vessels, just after herring. It looks as if we should stop the codfishery and go in for herring.

**Mr. Crosbie** That is part of my argument. There are fish which have much more value, but that runs into tremendous amounts of capital. The Icelandic government realised that they could not go ahead without government assistance. I think in Iceland it is state controlled and private capital.

**Mr. Hollett** "To purchase and equip a purse seiner in British Columbia prior to the war, was approximately \$35,000 and today is about \$50,000." What was the cost to this country for a purse seiner?

<sup>1</sup>This company, owned and operated by Chesley Crosbie, was located in the Bay of Islands.

<sup>2</sup>Bay of Islands.