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Mr. Chairman I think it will be something in the nature of an encroachment on the Health and Welfare Committee, and I suggest to Mr. Hillier that he submit it to that committee. In the meantime it is no harm to have it mimeographed and circulated among the members, but it is not strictly relevant to this debate.

Mr. Hillier I feel that a social security scheme for the fishermen would be a great benefit.

Mr. Smallwood The report Mr. Hillier has was prepared by Mr. Bannikin, and deals entirely with social security for fishermen only. I think that Mr. Job's suggestion is an excellent one and would meet the desire of Mr. Hillier to give the information to the other members.

Mr. Crosbie With regard to the discussion held a short time ago regarding the quality of fish. I have here the figures for 1943, 1944 and 1945, and the percentage of merchantable fish for these years is 4%, 2% and 2%.

Mr. Jackman Before we get on to the catch again I would like to protest against this niggardly sum the government is going to offer our fishermen. I would not like to say what I think about it, but I would like the opportunity of putting a vote of censure on the government.

Mr. Job That's been in force here for a very long time, you know.

Mr. Smallwood That makes it all the worse.

Mr. Chairman Is the committee ready for the question?

Mr. Vardy Before you put the question I would like the committee to turn to the report where it says "less \$90 ton bounty." I am wondering if the Committee is thinking of boats from 20 tons up. I think you will find that it is \$70 per ton from 12 to 25 tons, and there is not any bounty on the engines if they are gasoline; they must be full diesel. You get \$15 bounty on full diesel.

Mr. Job Mr. Reddy can reply to that.

Mr. Reddy That's only put in for comparison, probably the real bounty on that boat was \$45. That's the fishery bounty today.

Mr. Vardy This is going over the air, and people will be writing in expecting to get \$90 per ton for that boat. It's nice to clear it up. I may say that I have not looked at these figures before, although I made a guess the other day when I mentioned the assistance given ex-servicemen. I am happy that my guess was pretty well correct. I would

also like to have a word on this social security scheme. I have a lot of sympathy with this scheme prepared by Mr. Bannikin. I think we all will agree that Mr. Bannikin, being a very good businessman (he has invested most of the money he has made in various fishery experiments and otherwise), has a good knowledge of conditions in the country. I am in full accord with all the Committee say there. I agree with the report, generally speaking, all the way through. I would like to see more of these central curing stations to take care of the surplus fish. It would be a good answer to a lot of the country's taxes being spent very unwisely in other directions, by selling to better advantage to promote and modernise the fishery. It is still the staple industry.... I would like to see the future government of this country exert every effort to have fresh freezing plants built all over the country. Until then the fishing industry will have a struggle.

That matter of \$80 insurance. I would like to add my support to the previous speakers, because I think it is an insult to the widow of a man who goes to the Banks in Newfoundland or Labrador or anywhere else. We know that our government could easily place an insurance on the head of every fisherman, for a small nominal cost, and I think arrangements could be made whereby, for a minimum premium, provision could be made for those who were less fortunate. The time is ripe for it....

Mr. Hollett There is just one other point in connection with this. I may have something to say on the insurance later.

Mr. Job That's the only thing.

Mr. Hollett I understood the government were planning a fishermen's insurance scheme.

Mr. Job I never heard of it. The Board of Trade are working on it, and they have some proposals.

Mr. Hollett Did you inquire from the government whether they were doing anything?

Mr. Job No.

Mr. Hollett Would it be too much to ask the Committee to find out before the debate is over? The point I want to make is on page 54: "Under the incomparable chairmanship of Mr. Raymond Gushue the Board has functioned to the very great advantage of the industry and the country." I believe the Board is doing an excellent job, and I understand the Committee intended to pay the Board and Mr. Gushue a compliment, but what