

sion of Government has said they did not think it is a matter for discussion. I firmly believe if it is brought up, the matter will be discussed. I am still of the opinion that the most vital part of the whole report is where we stress the need for the US market. Unless we can get something of that sort, it will be a poor situation in the future. It is all very well to say America has a big fishery of its own, we can still get a small quantity and it would make all the difference in a decent living for our people and the reverse; if we do not take this opportunity, it will be a great mistake. I distributed copies of a pamphlet on that question and received from outside the country, from people who are used to national questions, a very flattering statement. They thought that we had put forward an extremely strong case for approaching the US.... Great Britain has already purchased considerable quantities of frozen fillets from Norway. Her readiness to buy from Norway was on account of exchange. We are up against that in the British market today. With the consent of the Treasury I hope something can be done in regard to Great Britain. The American market remains in its present position. You know what it would mean if we have to shut down the cold storage plants. I again stress that we must push that question of *quid pro quo* from the United States.

**Mr. Reddy** ....I would like to refer to the deep-sea fishermen of the southwest coast, as I feel I know something of the hardships they encounter whilst pursuing their avocation. This type of fishing entails greater hardship than the shore fishing. The men leave their homes in the dead of winter, when storms are most severe, and the danger and hardships to which they are subjected earn for them a special place in our consideration and a special recognition by the government in any future plans for the development of the fisheries.

This past number of years many of our sea fishermen proceeded to Lunenburg to engage in the deep-sea fishery. The return they receive for fishing there is higher than for fishing the same length of time in Newfoundland. I believe if the cost of production in this industry was lowered, those men would earn as much in this country as they do in Lunenburg — thereby adding the wealth of their labour to their own country.

The Newfoundland fishermen have paid a

heavy price down through the years — hardly a year passes without the loss of some fishermen. There have been occasions when entire crews failed to return. Many of the stories of heroism and suffering are never told. Although those men have insurance under the Bank Fishery Act, the amount paid to dependent widows and children is a mere pittance. Of course the PMD Fund gives great assistance to such bereaved families, but I urge the government to immediately devise plans for adequate insurance for those brave toilers of the deep.

This past year has witnessed the inauguration of a more modern way of fishing. A large fresh fish filleting plant has been completed at Burin, as well as a fishmeal plant considered equal to, if not surpassing, anything of its kind on the North American continent. Three fair size draggers are in operation at the plant, manned with local captains and crews, which up to the present time has brought to the old and historic town of Burin, with its long and checkered history in the Bank fishery, an unprecedented era of prosperity that has penetrated many towns and villages on the whole Burin Peninsula. The undertaking has required large capital expenditure — whether this is American or private capital I am not aware. I do know for the proper development of the fisheries of this country we need capital to the extent of at least \$50 million....

In common with many others I view with the utmost alarm the increased activity of European countries on the Grand Banks. Unless some international control is exercised, those famous fishing grounds will be depleted of fish, which in turn will have a serious effect on our shore fishery. I would suggest that the Fisheries Board take immediate steps that would lead to the protection of the fishing banks, the lifeline of our country's natural resources.

Referring to the Burin Peninsula road, to which some members here yesterday showed much disfavour, I entirely disagree. Mr. Monroe appeared before our Fisheries Committee and stated he was prepared to expand his plant at Burin by another million dollars if adequate communication could be provided. This road would serve four districts — Fortune Bay, Burin West, Burin East and Placentia West. The people in those districts realise that this road would bring them out of the isolation they have so long en-