

outfitting for that fall trip, which is much more than for a trip in the summer or spring, and that cost was largely brought about by the money which fishermen were charged up with on account of bait. I think it is important for us to know just how the supply of bait now would apply to the possibility of fishermen prosecuting the bank fishery in the late fall, and whether or not we might not come to the conclusion that the fishermen are perfectly right. It is senseless for a man to go out on the last trip in the fall if they find when they come in with a loaded ship that they still have nothing coming to them towards their income for the winter.... I would suggest that it would be wise if we knew just what it would cost a banker, or the individual member of a crew, to get sufficient bait to enable him to proceed on the fall trip.

Mr. Job That's an interesting point. I really don't know, but we could take it up. I should have thought that there would be no question at all that they would make a good deal of money on it, but I can't say definitely.

Mr. Hollett I am referring to the salt fishery more than to the fresh.

Mr. Job I was thinking of the fresh fish.

Mr. MacDonald Mr. Chairman, might I ask the committee if they can tell us by whom these ships are owned or who operates them? Another heavy investment is the draggers. Is that investment by private enterprise or is the government going to bill us for new draggers?

Mr. Burry Mr. Chairman, there is a small item here regarding the smelt fishery. I have no doubt there will be more said about that, but I wonder if there is any idea of continuing this industry to any extent, of if it means anything to Newfoundland. I know there is a lot of smelt on the Labrador, and I was wondering if there was any possibility of the fresh freezing process being continued, as I think we might have some frozen and sent to the markets. I know the committee will be dealing with this further and they might go into that.

Mr. Job I think it is gradually increasing.

Mr. Chairman Any further comment on that section, gentlemen? Are you ready for the questions? Moved that section 1 be adopted.

[The section was adopted. The Secretary read

*pages 3, 4 and 5 of the report]*¹

Mr. Northcott I wonder if the committee could tell this Convention just what is Newfoundland's quota on fillets, etc., under the preferential rate of 1-7/8 cents.

Mr. Job We are really operating under a joint quota and it is to this country's advantage to get as many pounds as possible in under this quota at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Northcott Any duty on fresh salmon and lobster?

Mr. Job I cannot touch that question.

Mr. Smallwood Is there a race to get in that 18 million pound quota?

Mr. Job We produce as much as we can and get it in as soon as we can. There is no actual race. We want to get a quota of our own, and a special one, if we can.

Mr. Smallwood With the total quota for Newfoundland and Canada being 18 million pounds, is the situation now that the one who gets there first gets the larger share of the total quota? Might it not be a little dangerous to get a quota of our own? Our share of the 18 million pounds was 5 million, and unless the quota was increased might it not be dangerous? Last year we got 5 of the 18 millions; we succeeded to that extent but if a definite quota is obtained is not the position that it might be less than the amount we got last year? I have in mind the pitifully small volume of fishery exports of Newfoundland as compared with those of Canada. I am not in the trade and many of the members of the Fishery Committee are and undoubtedly they know of what is in the minds of the Fisheries Board and in Mr. Gushue's mind, but to me it does seem that there is a certain amount of danger.

Mr. Ballam I think there is a very great danger if we do not have a quota, in view of the fact that today you have a joint quota and this new plant is starting in Louisbourg....

Mr. Job That is why I referred to the necessity of making some special arrangements direct with the United States on this matter. Unless we do get some special arrangements we may not get anything. We want to get a good quota but it will depend on ourselves.

Mr. Hollett There is one paragraph to which I would like to refer. On page 4: "The codfish sold

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