

tacular, fits into our economy and will, if common sense rules are carried out, go on for a long time. I believe our subsidiary fisheries can, in many cases, be enlarged.... The figure of \$34,499,171 for last year was heartening, and although these are inflated values, yet our fishery is in a healthy condition and I believe a firm policy now, with an eye for new markets and also to barter where we can't get cash, will put us through. But it must be done by a combination of government, merchants, and fishermen. We are all tied up together. I believe the whole question of the Labrador cure is that we heavy-salt too much of it.... With regard to decked boats of 20-25 tons, those vessels would be very economical, especially on short hauls.... The time has come for the nations to get together to find out where fish spawn and to protect those regions, because the depletion of the Banks is caused by the heavy dories and nets ploughing up the bottom and destroying the food the fingerlings live on in their early life.... The depletion of the Banks also makes great inroads on the shore fishery. In the Straits of Belle Isle in 1880 it was usual for two men fishing from whale boats with hand lines to land from 360 to 460 quintals of shore fish from the 15th June to the 20th September. Today three men are doing well to land 160 quintals in the same time, fishing with motor boats. I believe the setting up of the Fisheries Board is a step in the right direction and more power to their elbow. The co-operative movement, especially in the fisheries, should and must be of prime importance to this country. It is only when the fishermen show an interest in the fish from the time it spawns until it reaches the consumer that our fisheries will come into their own. Bounties should be given for the repair of schooners.... I am not in a position to speak from experience with regard to the frozen fish business. I know it has a future. I believe that if we had one strong central company with faith in the resources behind it, this would be the coming industry, with the ships I have spoken about in the first part of this address....

The land for the bases is a job for the Foreign Office in my estimation, and is outside our jurisdiction, but I firmly believe we should get a government of our own people elected to present our case to those who made it, and to get the case adjusted. I believe we should get some adjust-

ments in lieu of hire for our land, that would pay us better in the long run. I believe central curing stations are long overdue, also cold storage facilities for storing the fish we have to keep over a long time.... Depots for salt outside of St. John's are long overdue. Anything that makes the outfitting of the fisherman less expensive should be of prime importance, first to the fisherman and then to the government. This should be done as quickly as possible. We should demand, while our present status exists, to have access to the British marketing agency in the same proportion as a regular citizen of the United Kingdom, and if we do get back dominion status we should be a part of that agency either by negotiation with the UK government or by other means, even if it meant a cash contribution towards its upkeep. They have the greatest marketing agency in the world and I believe there is no reason why we should not have a liaison with them.... There is one more thing I want to speak about and it is the insurance; as Kipling puts it, "If blood be the price of Admiralty", we have paid it in full in the past. I believe not in an insurance but a pension scheme paid something like the British government paid to their seamen and fishermen during the war, where a widow would receive a pension until she remarried, and the children until they reached a certain age. This could be a tax on the industry with the government standing a part of it. The time has come for social service to come into the picture in this country. The government employee gets it, why not the primary producer's dependents, if he is drowned? If a loss of limbs occurs through hardship, sickness, stranding or suffering hardship on wrecks, then he should be looked after....

Mr. Job I would like to thank Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Vincent for their kind words. I congratulate Mr. Smallwood on his very fine speech. The only disappointing part of it was the absence of remarks about markets. It is all very well to talk about getting new capital and developing fisheries. We have developed it to saturation point at the moment, and unless you get markets what is the point? I am disappointed he made no reference to the point I stressed so much here — a *quid pro quo* from the USA for the concessions already given them. When the delegation goes to London, I hope someone will not forget to bring up that point in spite of the fact that the Commis-