

ton to \$503, but I don't think that's a fair value. It's in connection with the British government *quid pro quo*, and on top of that I might say that Canada is mixed up with it.

Mr. Smallwood How?

Mr. Crosbie Great Britain gets her wheat from Canada for \$1.50, so Canada and Great Britain got together and set the Norwegian price. They can still charge us \$18 for flour.

Mr. Smallwood Could Mr. Crosbie tell us what happens to most of the whale oil produced in Newfoundland after it goes away, and why the thing that happens to it after it leaves does not happen here in Newfoundland. He knows what I mean. It goes to Canada does it not? What do they do with it?

Mr. Crosbie Prior to the war it all went to Europe. Only under wartime conditions has it gone to Canada. It goes to a plant where it is deodorised and hardened; some parts of it are used for eating, and some is sent back to Newfoundland for margarine. In this country you can't establish a plant of this kind without a minimum of 5,000 tons.

Mr. SmallwoodHow many tons would you get out of the whales we have here?

Mr. Crosbie About 3,000 tons.

Mr. Smallwood Could you import some oil to make up the rest?

Mr. Crosbie No, but you can use seal oil and herring oil, but the last five years we have not had that much including all the oils. It looks brighter in the future, but I can't say for sure. I understand Lever Brothers may do it in the future.

Mr. Smallwood I thought you were going to do it.

Mr. Crosbie It costs too much money.

Mr. Hollett Are they all Newfoundlanders employed in the whaling factories?

Mr. Crosbie All except the gunners, who are mostly Norwegians. There are two Smiths who have been whaling for 20 years and neither one of them will take a gun yet. Outside of Williamsport¹ they are all Newfoundlanders, but the gunners are all Norwegians.

Mr. Northcott This list of wages, does that include all people employed?

Mr. Crosbie All men employed ashore.

Mr. Job I am rather surprised that this whaling industry is not conducted on a very large scale in

Newfoundland. I think there were factories in ten different places around the island some years ago, and it was manufactured just the same as it is today.... There was between \$500,000 and \$1 million invested in that industry, which was lost by the disappearance of the whales.

Mr. Smallwood There was a world wide shortage of whales for a time.

Mr. Job And the price of whale oil at that time — I think Mr. Crosbie mentioned it was around \$503 a ton — had gone down to about \$60 a ton, and it was impossible to continue.

[After some further discussion the section passed, and the committee moved to the section dealing with subsidiary fisheries]

Mr. JobWe talk cleverly of the development of the fisheries but there is a good deal to be said as to whether we will have the manpower to develop them unless we change our method of catching, etc., because without question the tendency has been in recent years to leave the fisheries and go to the forestry industry for one thing; also the growing generation is perhaps better educated than the older generation and a number of them like to seek what they term white collar work, and what effect those two points will have on the fishery is a question for the future. I think for that reason we have got to consider more the mechanisation of the fishery if we are going to keep our quantity up.

[There followed a discussion of the halibut and salmon fisheries]

Mr. NorthcottI see dogfish were left out. I am glad to see that the lobster industry is a big thing. I notice some lobsters were sent to Sweden. The price is really marvelous.... We have good inspectors, but not enough. Around our way an inspector will give us a license, and go to the other place and give another man a license. Then he goes off, and when he returns nobody has seen the lobster that has gone in those tins. It is not his fault, he is worked to death. If we could educate some of our teachers to assist in the inspection of lobster, salmon, herring, etc., during June, July and August I think it would be a good thing. Every other day you could have them come in and look over your factory and see that everything is tidy and clean. It is a sad state of affairs.... I think all lobsters should be inspected right on the road before anybody buys them. For instance Jack

¹ A community on the Northern Peninsula.