

the finest, in connection with the fisheries. It would be a shame if it should not become known to the Newfoundland people, especially the fishermen. It would be a pity to skip it. We are torn between two desires, to get through our work on the one hand, and to let the people know what is in the report on the other hand. I have not yet got a clear picture of what the prospects are for the fresh fish industry in Newfoundland. For example, we hear in the United States they are going into this fresh fish industry on a gigantic scale, building new plants, building draggers and trawlers in many dozens. In Canada they are doing the same thing; Iceland has already done it and are doing it even more; in England they are starting now on the construction of fresh fish refrigeration plants, and the same in Norway. What I am trying to do is to fit Newfoundland into that picture for the next four or five years. What is to be the outcome of this industry in Newfoundland? We have the best fish in the world, lovely quality. What are the actual chances of marketing? What are the chances in competition with Canada, Iceland, Norway, England and France? France is building in St. Pierre, they tell us, a \$4-5 million plant. How are we going to market this 30 million pounds of fresh fish in the next few years if the only markets are the United Kingdom and the United States, and all the countries in the world are trying to get fish into these two countries? Now, Mr. Job, I know if I could make him mad I could make him talk, but what is the picture?

Mr. Hollett Well, make him mad!

Mr. Smallwood I can't make him mad, he is too much of a gentleman. I know the prospects for the next six months are not very bad, but I am asking him to look ahead of 1947, and give us the picture of the next four or five years of this very important fresh fish industry.

Mr. Job I am afraid we can't give you any more than we have already given you in the report. I am not going to go ahead and say what the market will become; he can draw his own conclusions as well as we can. I believe the markets will come back, but when he talks of expansion in the USA, it is fresh fish expansion, not frozen fish expansion; that's one of the things we have to remember as well. At the present time the market is overstocked in the United States. When Mr. Smallwood goes up there and goes around and

see things, he will be able to judge better than I can. We have to make a guess.

Mr. Hollett On page 2 of the Appendix: "Another heavy investment is in draggers, say around \$350,000." I wonder if the Committee inquired as to the number of small and young fish that were killed and had to be thrown away?

Mr. Job It is so new that really we have not had time. These draggers have been going only about six months. Perhaps Mr. Crosbie could shed some light on that.

Mr. Crosbie My experience with draggers is that very little fish is thrown overboard. There's a good deal of small fish caught, but most of them go down the hold with the other fish. We know what is brought in, but not what is thrown away. With regard to Mr. Smallwood's question, I am not so pessimistic as some people. In this country we only know one fish — cod. Actually it is only one of the many varieties of fish that are required in the fish business. I think it has a tremendous future in this country over the next four or five years. There are markets that we have not heard about, and have never gone to look for. We don't actually know what conditions are. There is Brazil, these people consume a lot of fresh fish. With regard to competition from the United Kingdom, I don't think we are going to have any. Their catch will be all consumed in England and very little exported. Iceland's production is being bought by Russia, and probably will be for the next few years. I don't think we will have much competition there.

Mr. Smallwood They are starting a five year plan there with regard to fish.

Mr. Crosbie I don't care, I think there is a tremendous future in frozen fish and canned fish.

Mr. Smallwood Where?

Mr. Crosbie Brazil and other places. One of the Committee men said to McLean, "You are near the United States market", and he said, "Yes, but we don't look to them, 40% is shipped to Canada and 60% to other countries."

Mr. Smallwood That's canned fish?

Mr. Crosbie Yes, that's what I am talking about, frozen fish and canned. In San Paulo and Rio alone they consume a lot. There are other markets besides the USA that we ought to look to.

Mr. Smallwood But are they doing that? I asked Mr. Job if the trade was doing anything about getting other markets apart from the United