

There are many varieties of fish which I cannot take time to discuss with you. I would like to discuss, however, our lobster fishery. At one time we only canned lobster, but today the greater part of our lobsters are being shipped alive. I am sure that the co-operative men in this Convention will agree that, through the shipment of live lobster by the co-operatives and private firms, the fishermen are much better off than they ever were. I am glad that the co-operative movement has taken over such work, and I wish them luck in the future. Now then, we come to the product about which many people are sceptical and that is the value of our waste. When we first started in Corner Brook to manufacture herring oil and meal after extracting the oil from the water, we had water left. During the last two years we have found this water valuable and today there is not a thing which cannot be used, including the water. This also applies to the whaling industry, and I am sure we are going to find the same in all the other branches of our fishery. In Iceland and other countries, all this waste is utilised, running into millions of dollars; and waste can be utilised in this country as well. I am sure that in centres such as Bonavista where they are handling large quantities of frozen fish, fish waste plants could be established and the fishermen will get more money per quintal for their fish and get rid of the dirt and the filth around their harbours.

The value of our fisheries in 1946 was somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$34 million. The Fishery Committee valued the fisheries at \$25 million. I think they can be valued at more if we have faith and courage enough to go ahead, to move forward, to push and strive for greater developments. I feel that if our fisheries go below \$25-30 million, it is because we are lacking foresight and vision, something which most Newfoundlanders find in other countries, and which we seem to lack in our own. I have every reason, the country has every reason, to feel optimistic over the future of fisheries. We have unlimited resources and raw materials; we have the fishermen; we have everything that anyone needs to develop the fisheries in this country and push them forward. We may need assistance, more research information, more biological information and a better laboratory than the one we now have, but these are things we can have if we want to fight for them, push for them and insist

on them. There is very little more I can say on the Economic Report.

This country and this Convention is facing very momentous weeks just ahead. We are going to discuss forms of government. We are going to discuss many different things, but I would like to say to you all, let us remember it is a fine country that we live in, that we fought for and that we will fight for again. During those weeks let us forget our political passion, let us argue out those things sensibly, reasonably and intelligently. Let us give the public of this country the facts that we can give them without being hot, personal and abusive. We can do it if we wish, and I for one intend to follow those lines, and I hope and trust that we can prove to our country and our people that we are sensible, reasonable and willing to co-operate and work together.

Mr. HillierMr. Hickman, in a very fair speech calmly made here two or three days ago, gave me the impression that he was a bit disappointed in connection with Convention proceedings. If that is so, I can quite understand it. I too have been somewhat disappointed, because the mental picture I had built up of this work has been dashed to pieces. I have no desire to prolong this Convention one hour longer than is strictly necessary, so my remarks will not be lengthy. I am not aspiring to a place in any future government Newfoundland may have, so like Mr. Hickman, I have no axe to grind. My only wish is that whatever our political set-up, it proves to be productive of the most good for the most people and in the general interest of all. I do not look on the dark side of life, even when clouds are heavy and dark I look beyond them in hope. I believe that we have somewhere resources as yet untouched which can be profitably developed, and that those we have can be further developed; but capital, labour and government must work together. A government must not be expected to shoulder all the responsibility in making a country progress. We, the people, have to bear our share, and blame ourselves to the proper extent for lack of progress.

With a long pull and a strong pull all together, I see no reason why matters in this country could not be considerably improved. I fear in the past there has been a little too much of self and not enough of the realisation of the necessity of pulling together. What are the hopes of mending our