

*The Address—Mr. Stewart*

the country declined. What did he do? Nothing. The record fails to disclose anything. In 1944 the Liberal administration had the idea of a massive public works program. They called it the "post-war development program". I know something about it because I worked on it. But what happened? It was put in moth balls and stayed there as far as the Liberal administration was concerned.

The hon. member for Gloucester did not ask the minister of public works of the government he supported to bring that program out of moth balls as capital assistance to his constituency or to the province of New Brunswick. In those years his constituency was receiving roughly \$400,000 in public works assistance from my hon. friend's party. Last year they received nearly \$800,000 from this government. Is that not capital assistance to the province of New Brunswick?

Then we have in New Brunswick something that means a great deal to the people of my constituency, namely the Campobello-Lubec bridge. I did not create the channel between Campobello and the state of Maine. It was there when the white man came to this country and before. It was there during all the time the Liberal administration was here, and many delegations came up to Ottawa asking that they be given a bridge so that they might have ready access to the mainland at all times. But their pleas fell on deaf ears.

The hon. member for Gloucester did not get up and state, "Oh, I am a New Brunswicker and the people of New Brunswick need this bridge". The record shows that there was not one word from him, and not much more from my predecessor. He did ask the Hon. Robert H. Winters to table the correspondence in this house, and if you examine the correspondence you will find that the Hon. Robert H. Winters disclaimed any responsibility in connection with the project. However, I wish to be fair. He did indicate that the federal government might pay 50 per cent of the Canadian cost, and that is where the matter lay until this government assumed office in 1957.

In 1958 the Hon. Howard Green, who was then minister of public works, had caused to be enacted a bill making the Campobello-Lubec bridge possible. The island of Campobello is now connected to the state of Maine by girders of steel and before too long, within a matter of a few months, that bridge will be open for traffic and will provide a safe means of egress and exit from Campobello to the state of Maine.

I say that the Liberal candidates in New Brunswick will have some difficulty convincing the people of Campobello that the Liberal party has the answer. They certainly did not

have the answer to the plea from the people of Campobello. I give my hon. friend from Gloucester credit for having some knowledge of the fishing industry; but when the government that he supported cut the fishery estimates for the province of New Brunswick by nearly \$400,000, not one single word did he utter in protest. Yet he stands up in this house and says this government is not doing what it should regarding the fisheries.

Before I resume my seat I wish to place on the record some figures regarding fishery expenditures in the town of St. Andrews. Prior to the advent of this government it was rumoured that the fishery station was to be moved from the town of St. Andrews in the province of New Brunswick, and yet my predecessor in this house and his cohorts from New Brunswick raised no protest. But if my hon. friend would examine the figures he would find that this biological station, and fisheries research board is very important to the economy of New Brunswick.

I should like to place on the record of this house some of the expenditures over the years since this government has been in office. I will give these amounts in round figures. In 1957-58 the sum of \$240,000 was spent on new construction, on salaries and wages, \$480,000; on research, including salaries and wages, \$659,000; on maintenance \$36,000. In 1958-59, there was spent \$93,000 on new construction; \$543,000 in wages and salaries, \$712,000 on research, \$43,000 on maintenance. In 1960-61—I have the figures here—we spent in St. Andrews \$82,000 on new construction; \$595,000 on salaries and wages; \$757,000 on research including salaries and wages; on maintenance \$48,000. In 1959 we spent nearly \$500,000 in St. Andrews on new construction.

Surely the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Robichaud) cannot say that this government is not assisting the fishing industry in the province of New Brunswick. When the government that he supported was in power we spent about \$57,000 a year on shipping construction for the fishing industry. That amount has been doubled, and with the increase in the subsidy it will be further increased. We increased the subsidy on fishing vessels from \$165 a gross ton to \$250 a gross ton. We provided a 40 per cent construction subsidy for other types of vessels. There are now being built in the constituency and in the adjoining province of Nova Scotia a great number of vessels which will add to the efficiency of the fleet. The hon. member talked the other day about a 6.6 per cent decline in the fishing this year. Let me refer