

*Telegraphs Act*

exploitation in the sub-area concerned of fishes of the cod group (*Gadiformes*), of flat fishes (*Pleuronectiformes*), and of rosefish (*genus Sebastes*), . . .

Those are the only three which are mentioned. Am I right in assuming that all fish of all kinds—including shall we say scallops and shellfish—are included within this convention? Then if I am right in assuming that, what representation on the panels have fish other than those mentioned in paragraph 2, namely cod, flat fishes and rosefish?

**Mr. MacNaught:** I say this subject to correction, Mr. Chairman, but I do not think any other fish are included except those in subsection 2 of article IV.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Those are all that are included in this convention.

**Mr. MacNaught:** That is right.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 2—*Definitions*.

**Mr. Bell:** With respect to clause 2, paragraph (c), "convention area", I am wondering about the rights that the French fishermen have and have had for years inside the territorial waters of Newfoundland. I realize that the question of territorial waters is a controversial one, but would the rights of the French fishermen still be protected?

**Mr. MacNaught:** Any rights the French fishermen had under international law would not be interfered with by this convention unless they agree later on to give them up.

**Mr. Power (St. John's West):** I may be wrong in my history, but it is my notion that the rights that the French fishermen had in Newfoundland waters were treaty rights and that these were abolished about the beginning of this century. French fishermen have no more rights in Newfoundland waters now than the fishermen of any other foreign nation.

**Mr. MacNaught:** I prefaced my remarks by saying "any rights that they had". I am not saying they had any rights.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 3—*Regulations*.

**Mr. Bell:** I should like to make a comment with regard to the licences that may be issued. I do not know how far the regulations will go but this is quite a broad clause and as a novice in the fisheries game I should like to pass on one suggestion. I suggest that every care be exercised in the issuing of licences to see that the people who actually do the fishing get the licences. We are having trouble now in Saint John county,

and I think it extends into Charlotte county. I should like to say that the fisheries department is aware of it and is giving us good co-operation, but so far as any new areas or any new licences that may be issued under the regulations are concerned we should start right from the beginning to see that those who actively work the weirs and do the fishing are the only ones who are considered for licences. I think that would be commendable.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Applewhaite):** When shall this bill be read the third time?

**Mr. Knowles:** Next sitting of the house.

**TELEGRAPHS ACT**APPLICATION OF PART III CONCERNING MARINE  
ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANIES

**Hon. W. E. Harris (for the Minister of Transport)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 30, to amend the Telegraphs Act.

**Mr. L. Langlois (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, this is a very simple bill and I wish to make the following statement in order to further clarify the situation. The Telegraphs Act, chapter 262 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, applies to the province of Newfoundland since confederation. Part III of the Telegraphs Act which relates to marine electric telegraph companies was first enacted in 1875. Prior to that date there was no legislation of the parliament of Canada dealing with the control of cable companies.

Part III of the Telegraphs Act applies to every company authorized by act of parliament to construct or maintain telegraph wires or cables placed under or across any territorial waters of Canada so as to connect a province with another province or to extend beyond the limits of a province. It also applies to companies authorized to construct or maintain such wires or cables before the 8th day of April, 1875, by act of the parliament of Canada or by act or charter of any of the provinces constituting Canada in force at that time. Only companies to which this part applies are authorized to construct, maintain or use such wires or cables connecting two or more provinces or extending beyond the limits of a province.