

agreement and then produced it. On the strength of the agreement he succeeded in shipping his crew, and it is on behalf of those men that I am placing this matter before the hon. Minister of Fisheries. Nordin hired the crew on the 23rd of April. The following are particulars of the crew, their length of service, and the wages owing to them:

W. P. Burke, captain	
Charlottetown—	
5 months wages at \$150.. . . .	\$750
4 months board at \$25.. . . .	100
(April 23rd to Sept. 23rd)	—\$850
L. Winchester, engineer	
Charlottetown—	
5 months wages at \$150.. . . .	\$750
4 months board at \$25.. . . .	100
(April 23rd to Sept. 23rd)	—\$850
John Skerry, cook	
Alberton—	
5 months wages at \$80.. . . .	\$400
4 months board at \$25.. . . .	100
	—\$500
Peter Parrington, mate	
Lower Montague—	
4 months wages at \$65.. . . .	\$260
3 months board at \$25.. . . .	75
	—\$335
Daniel Jarvis, seaman	
North Rustico—	
4 months wages at \$60.. . . .	\$240
3 months board at \$25.. . . .	75
	—\$315
Lorne Flood, seaman	
Southport—	
2 months wages at \$60.. . . .	\$120
1 month board at \$25.. . . .	25
	—\$145
James McCabe, fireman	
Charlottetown—	
2 months wages at \$80.. . . .	\$160
1 month board at \$25.. . . .	25
	—\$185
Edward Smith, fireman	
Charlottetown—	
2 months wages at \$80.. . . .	\$160
1 month board at \$25.. . . .	25
	—\$185

These are the claims totalling \$3,365, by the men against the ship and against the owner personally or under his firm name of the International Fresh Fish Corporation, Limited. After the crew had worked for a month naturally they asked for their wages. Mr. Nordin told them that the government had not yet sent his subsidy, but in a few days he would receive it and they would be paid their wages. Time went on without the men receiving anything and they became anxious, and finally, through their solicitor, they appealed to the courts and had the ship seized. She was sold in September, but the price realized was only sufficient to pay the legal expenses and some minor repairs. Thus after five months' service the crew were left without any recompense. As soon as this was known several people became interested in their plight. Delegations were sent to different quarters, and I am advised that a

delegation interviewed the government here. However, there was a letter sent by the members of the crew to the Minister of Fisheries, stating what they were up against and the loss they had sustained. I want to read this memorandum to the minister, which is dated Charlottetown, December 6, 1929, and addressed to Hon. P. J. Cardin, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and also to members representing Prince Edward Island. It reads: Honourable and dear sirs:

Mr. O. W. Nordin, president of the International Fish Corporation, came here and stated that he had a contract with the Department of Fisheries and was being allowed \$1,800 a month as a subsidy. On the 23rd of April we went to work on the steamer Amla (Ex. C. G. S. Brant) to get her ready to fulfil the contract. On the latter part of May we tried to get some wages, but although Mr. Nordin promised several times to pay us, we got nothing.

We are informed by several persons, and on good authority, that the company was not solvent and that we had better look out for our wages. On June 8th we applied to the admiralty court for a settlement, and after waiting until September 10th, the steamer was offered by sheriff's sale but did not sell. On or about the 23rd of September she was sold by private sale, but up to the present time we have not received our wages.

It is now nearly eight months since we started work and we have practically lost a season's employment through the International Fresh Fish Corporation's failure to carry out their contract.

We are enclosing a statement of wages—

That is the statement I have already read.—which will show that some of the crew were compelled to leave without any remuneration whatever before the steamer was sold.

As the International Fresh Fish Corporation had submitted bonds for the faithful performance of the contract, which they failed to fulfil, we respectfully request that these bonds be estreated to such an amount as will satisfy our claim for wages.

Trusting to have your favourable consideration as soon as possible, we remain your most humble and obedient servants,

(Signed) W. P. Burke, master
 Lemuel Winchester, engineer
 John Skerry, cook
 Peter Parrington, mate
 Daniel Jarvis, seaman
 Lorne Flood, seaman
 James McCabe, fireman
 Edward Smith, fireman.

To supplement this letter a large petition was circulated throughout Prince Edward Island, and I should like to read part of it to show how it supports the letter written by the crew. It is addressed to Hon. P. J. Cardin, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, at Ottawa, and also to members representing Prince Edward Island, and reads as follows:

We, the public and supporters of the Liberal party in the province of Prince Edward Island,