

on the two coasts were practically similar. Was there some depletion of a run on some particular river that justified this expenditure, or what was the idea?

Mr. MICHAUD: I am told that it was in order to build up the Atlantic salmon fisheries in the eastern part of Nova Scotia.

Mr. NEILL: What particular rivers were concerned?

Mr. MICHAUD: I am told that practically all the rivers in the eastern part of Nova Scotia were concerned.

Mr. NEILL: And what was the cost of the hatchery?

Mr. MICHAUD: Some \$30,000.

Mr. NEILL: And for that we had to go hungry in British Columbia.

Mr. MICHAUD: Oh, no.

Mr. NEILL: Officials were discharged from the hatcheries in my district in the fall of the year, when there was work for them to do. When I inquired as to the reason I was told that the vote had petered out. I inquired further, and I have a letter from the deputy minister saying that the construction of a new hatchery in Nova Scotia took up a good deal of their money.

Mr. MICHAUD: I do not think it is fair to draw the conclusion that the hatcheries in British Columbia were closed in order to provide money for the construction of a hatchery in Nova Scotia. There was no relation between the two.

Mr. NEILL: The minister misunderstood me; that was not what I was trying to convey. I did not say the hatcheries were closed, but in the fall of the year, when the hatcheries in British Columbia were still running, their work was hampered. Men were taken off, and when I asked why I was told there was no more money. If you put a man in a hatchery to do the work of two men, provided he was not underworked before, the assumption is that the work will suffer.

Mr. MICHAUD: I understand that in the fall of last year the appropriation was practically exhausted, and the work in the hatcheries all over Canada was curtailed to the limit in order to make the vote extend to the 31st March.

Mr. NEILL: Let us be frank about it; was it in order to help the political fortunes of Mr. Ernst?

Mr. MICHAUD: I do not know anything about that.

[Mr. Neill.]

Mr. CAMERON (Cape Breton): I cannot agree with my hon. friend from Comox-Alberni with regard to the appropriation for the hatchery in Nova Scotia. I think that salmon hatchery is destined to do a very good work with regard to the rivers in eastern Nova Scotia.

Item agreed to.

Marine Biological Board of Canada, \$188,300.

Mr. NEILL: What is the extra \$13,000 for in the supplementaries?

Mr. DUNNING: We will come to the supplementaries in a moment.

Mr. BARBER: I notice that the total vote for this board, including the item in the supplementaries, is \$201,000. Would the minister explain whether this covers salaries and expenses and, in case an investigation is carried on such as was carried on at Cultus lake, whether any money comes out of the fish culture vote to assist in that work?

Mr. MICHAUD: Yes.

Mr. BARBER: Would the minister give me the details of the salaries and expenses?

Mr. MICHAUD: The salaries at Nanaimo station are as follows: Doctor Clemens, \$5,400; Doctor Foerster, \$3,900; C. R. Elsey, \$2,760; Doctor J. L. Hart, \$3,000; C. McMottley, \$2,400; Doctor A. L. Pritchard, \$2,760; A. L. Tester, \$1,620; J. P. Tully, \$1,740; W. E. Ricker, \$1,800; Miss D. Dickinson, \$960; Miss E. Robinson, \$960; Miss E. Keighley, \$1,020 and T. Russell, \$1,200. Then there is the foreman at Cultus lake, W. F. Baxter, \$1,500; E. L. Kennedy, \$1,200, G. G. Thomson, \$1,200. J. H. Stannard, foreman, Queen Charlotte Islands, \$1,500, and D. Crocker, \$1,200.

Mr. BARBER: I am not so much interested in that. The information I wanted was whether this vote for the biological board, totalling \$201,000, is for salaries only.

Mr. MICHAUD: Yes, for salaries and investigations all over the country.

Mr. BARBER: No expenses connected with it? Are the expenses paid out of the fish culture vote?

Mr. MICHAUD: There is the cost of publicity and the travelling expenses, and there is the salary of Doctor Huntsman, as well as the salary of Miss Rigby, who is assistant editor and clerk. There are expenses totalling about \$18,000, but this covers salaries for the Prince Rupert station, the Halifax station, the Nanaimo station and the St. Andrews station.