

because we believe that the reason why the fisheries have been lagging in the maritimes is that they were fishing with old boats, not getting enough fish and not landing their fish as fresh as they should have been, so that they could not reach the markets in proper condition. Fish is a product that must not be mediocre; it has to be absolutely right or the consumer will not accept it. We are helping the fishermen in that way. If four or five or six fishermen desire to get together and build a dragger, for instance, I am sure they can land twice as much fish as they have been landing by means of the old boats they have. We have built a long liner which is called the *J. J. Cowie*. It has made six trips and the results have been very good.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Is that a steam trawler?

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): Yes, a long liner.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): What is the difference between a steam trawler and a long liner?

Mr. KINLEY: It is simply that they do not like the name.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): It does not smell very sweet.

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): It brings a lot of fish to the wharf.

Mr. KINLEY: How much?

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): Six million pounds in one case, but I was talking about the long liner at the present moment. We have built that long liner in accordance with the specifications of boats which are fishing in the Aleutian waters. We have a very good captain from the west who has got a crew together and he is at present on the sea. He is an eastern man with western experience. I have here the figures. The first trip of course, generally speaking, is not as good as when the gear is in proper shape. The first trip was made between April 8 and April 25; they landed 38,465 pounds of fish valued at \$2,456, and the members of the crew received \$201.58 each. The second trip was from May 3 to May 13 and they landed a value of \$1,450.30. The third trip brought 11,834 pounds and they were out for seven days. I may say that this boat is making trials on all banks which are reputed to be good. They are making trials of them all. They are making trial trips.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Exploration of the banks.

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): Yes. The revenue from fish caught between the period

May 21 of this year to June 21 has not been submitted to the department, but up to June 21 the *Cowie* had caught 81,500 pounds.

Mr. KINLEY: A Lunenburg schooner would catch that in three days.

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): Just a moment; and 51,400 pounds of halibut. The gross value of the total catch would be approximately \$8,158. We know that with this boat the fishermen would be able to fish the year round. They would be able to land a lot more fish than they are landing to-day with the boats they have, and we would have a continuity of supply. If we have a continuity of supply of good fish, better fish than we used to have, in the big centres, there is no doubt that we can increase the amount of fish consumed, which is to-day about ten pounds per person. We could increase that to fifteen pounds. That would bring about \$10,000,000 more to the fishermen. These are some of the things we have done and intend to do.

I said a while ago that our engineers are now in the field working with the officials of Nova Scotia trying to make plans to build what we are going to call unit fishing plants. They will be refrigerating plants, and with other ways of processing fish along with the experience gained in the province of Quebec we are going to do something better than has been done there. We shall have an item in the supplementary estimates for that. That is what we are doing, and that is more important than doing small things here and there. With regard to the removal of the duty on nets and so forth, I intend to recommend that to council.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Are they not pretty largely free now?

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): Some of them are, but I am going to recommend that.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is all very interesting, but is the minister now advocating a policy which has been the subject of great debate in Nova Scotia over a long period of time? If I gathered the minister's statement correctly his department is now advocating a return to the mechanical trawler; call it the long-line fisheries or the beam trawler, if you will, but a rose by any other name would smell as sweet to the shore fishermen of Nova Scotia.

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): Long-line is different from the trawler or the dragger.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): All right; there is no doubt about the impression that the minister has left on my mind at all events