

"2. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries may issue licenses under this section, for a period in each case not exceeding nine years, under the following conditions:—

'(a.) No license shall issue until the site of the factory has been approved by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and no site shall be approved within fifty miles of any other whale factory, or in such proximity to any inhabited place or places as, in the opinion of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, may cause any danger or detriment to the public health;

'(b.) No license shall be issued until the applicant therefor has given assurances to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, of a satisfactory nature, that he (the applicant) is in a position to convert any whale captured into commercial products within twenty-four hours of the landing of such whale, and that he is also in a position to conduct his whale factory and business in such a manner that no noxious or deleterious matter will be introduced into any public waters, bays, creeks, rivers or harbours.

'3. The holder of any such license shall not operate more than one whaling steamer in connection with the whale factory under license.

'4. The license shall become void and forfeited unless the factory named therein is erected, equipped and working within two years from the date of the issue of the license.

'5. The fee charged on each such license shall be eight hundred dollars for the first year, one thousand dollars for the second year, and twelve hundred dollars for the third and each ensuing year, and the fee on all subsequent licenses for the same factory shall be twelve hundred dollars; such fee shall be payable to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, first on the issue of the license, and on the first day of July in each year thereafter: Provided that the Governor in Council, after the first two years, may exact, in lieu of such fee, a sum equal to two per cent of the gross earnings of each factory, which shall be payable as aforesaid.

'6. Every license, upon cause shown, after one month's notice in writing to the licensee, shall be liable to forfeiture for any infraction of this section, or any regulation under it, or for failure to fulfil and carry out the assurances required under paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of this section; and in the case of forfeiture, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries may, without any suit or other proceedings at law, and without compensation, cancel the license.

'7. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make such regulations as to him seem necessary for carrying out and enforcing any of the provisions of this section, and for controlling and regulating the manufactures carried on in the licensed factories, and the disposal of all refuse therefrom.

'8. Boats known as 'tow-boats' shall not be used by any one in the prosecution of the whaling industry, and no vessel other than the vessel from which the whales have been captured or killed, shall, by any method or contrivance, bring or tow into port any whale for manufacture or other purpose; but nothing in this section shall prevent any one, other than the holder of a license, or his employees, from towing any dead whale to land, and having it manufactured or otherwise disposing of it in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Mr. ALCORN.

'9. No one shall pursue, capture, shoot or kill any whale within the distance of one-half nautical mile of any vessel or boat not at anchor or engaged in any kind of fishing, or within one nautical mile of any vessel or boat at anchor or engaged in any kind of fishing.

'10. No one shall have in his possession, or use in the catching or killing of whales, any contrivance which does not include a harpoon, with a whaling line attached thereto, fixed or fastened to the boat or vessel from which the whale is captured or killed.

'11. Every one who violates any provision of this section, or of the regulations made hereunder, for which violation no penalty is herein specially provided, shall be liable to a fine exceeding two hundred dollars, and not less than fifty dollars.

'12. All machinery and apparatus, and all vessels and boats, and their tackle, apparel and furniture, used in violation of this section, or of any regulation made hereunder, shall be confiscated to His Majesty.—Mr. Préfontaine.

Hon. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries). Up to the present we have had no regulations with regard to our whale fishery, which has of late years become an important industry on the Atlantic coast and which we hope will also become important on the Pacific coast. In the United States there are no laws regulating the whale fishery, but there are laws in Newfoundland which have proven very satisfactory, and which have helped a good deal to develop the industry in that colony. We have copied the Newfoundland law almost word for word. In Scotland there are laws bearing on the subject and these were amended at the last session of the British parliament, also in the direction of the Newfoundland laws. By this Bill we intend to regulate the whale fishery so that it may be carried on under such supervision as will prevent it from being a menace and nuisance to other fishing industries. The locations will be secured from private individuals, or from the Crown, or from the provincial authorities, but it is provided that no vessel will be licensed to fish within fifty miles of another location. It is also provided that the license shall issue for the one whaling boat so that four or five tugs cannot be employed on the same location, which might tend to create a monopoly of the industry and cause a nuisance by the carcasses of the animals not being properly disposed of after the oil and other valuable parts are secured.

Mr. HAGGART. Does this apply to Hudson bay?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. To all Canadian waters.

Mr. HAGGART. You claim Hudson bay exclusively under the jurisdiction of the Dominion as Canadian waters?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. There is some question between us and the government of