

my hon. friend that I realize that he is making these suggestions in the best of good faith. Any suggestion of that sort is always considered by myself and the officials of the department, but at the present time we do not feel justified in acting upon my hon. friend's recommendation.

Mr. KYTE: I am inclined to think this work has not been carried on with that degree of vigour with which it should be carried on, and, if it were, I think probably better results would have been obtained. I suppose one of the largest fishing communities in Nova Scotia is situated in my county, at L'Ardoise, along the southern shore of the coast. There are probably 1,500 people engaged in the industry there. They are net fishermen, and they suffer grievously from the depredations of the dogfish. I have never heard of a case where the steamer from the reduction plant came to L'Ardoise to gather dogfish. It is possible she comes, but if so, her trips are very irregular. I know the fishermen in that district complain very bitterly that they are not getting the opportunity for furnishing dogfish to the reduction plant at Canso that they would like. Another point is that probably the fishermen are not paid sufficiently for the work of catching those dogfish for the reduction plant. If the plant is not getting a sufficient quantity each year to make its operation profitable, perhaps if they were able to handle a larger supply each year the profits would, in the aggregate, amount to considerably more than at the present time. I should like, for my part, as I said, to see the work carried on with more vigour, and in a way to reach the fishing districts in southern Cape Breton better than in the past. I know that there are large quantities of dogfish to be had there, but the fishermen do not sell them to the plant. I do not know just why it is, but such is the fact.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Will the minister please state the names of the officers employed in the Canso reduction work and the salaries paid to them?

Mr. HAZEN: The officer in charge is Charles Lhonnes, I think.

Mr. SINCLAIR: What is the salary being paid to him?

Mr. HAZEN: I will get that information.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Is Mr. White now in the employ at the Canso plant?

Mr. HAZEN: When the work is going on he is employed as bookkeeper.

Mr. SINCLAIR: I do not see his name in the list of employees in the Auditor General's Report. I know he formerly was in the employ.

Mr. HAZEN: As a matter of fact, while they are manufacturing, he gets \$50 a month.

Mr. SINCLAIR: His name does not appear in this blue book at all.

Mr. HAZEN: He must be there somewhere.

Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM: Who was the buyer of dogfish whom you had at Port Hood?

Mr. HAZEN: The officer in charge of the factory goes along the coast each year and makes the necessary arrangements. I do not know who was the buyer at Port Hood, though I assume that the information is in the department.

Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM: When the fishermen go out in the morning looking for codfish or mackerel or any other fish, often the first difficulty they meet is a shoal of dogfish. They then have to give up fishing, and if they had any fixed market or any regular visits from the Government boat they would obtain large quantities of dogfish and thus help to supply the plant at Canso with material for its work. If the Government boat could go down the coast more regularly, say once a week, there is no doubt that she would be well supplied with dogfish provided a reasonable price were paid for them.

Mr. HAZEN: I am told that the boat goes as often as there is sufficient fish to justify a trip. On some occasions when the boat has made the trip, it has not obtained enough fish to pay for the coal used. If we could be sure of getting twenty tons a day, we should be very glad to send the boat along the coast every day. I shall be glad to ask the officers of my department if any scheme can be devised by which more of these fish can be got, along the lines suggested by the member for Inverness.

Mr. CHISHOLM: Could not the minister have this boat sent along the coast of Inverness as far as Cheticamp? If he should do that, I assure him that he would get at least a boatload every third day at this season provided reasonable prices were paid.