

It extends from the Atlantic ocean 40 to 50 miles inland to the fields and forests of New Ross, New Germany, and Caledonia. It also contains a variety of coastal islands. I am fortunate, when I visit all my constituency, that I not only travel on planes and on highways. I also travel by boat as my constituency contains islands extending down the coast from East Iron Bound to Seal Island.

The South Shore constituency comprises the historic counties of Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne on the majestic Light House Route. I want to say to all Members of the House that they will find no better place to spend next summer than visiting the South Shore and driving the beautiful Light House Route and visiting the many marvellous and beautiful sights. They include historic towns such as Lunenburg, the home of the *Bluenose*, and the *Bounty*, where the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic provides one of the most interesting spectacles for all visitors. It is where one of the largest fish plants in the world can be seen, the National Sea Plant, as well as the historic boat building centre of Mahone Bay with its 11 churches.

There is the industrial centre of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, on the beautiful La Have River, a town that has benefited from industrial growth while at the same time retaining the natural charm and beauty of the area. There is Chester, Blandford, New Ross, New Germany, West Northfield and Riverport right out on the ocean, Queens County, the forestry capital of Canada, with its sawmills and Greenfield, and Caledonia, Liverpool, the historic privateering town with its Bowater Mersey paper mill and its Mersey Seafoods and Stempro, Port Medway, Milton and, yes, Port Mouton, a town I will talk about in a moment. Of course, there is also Kejim Kujik National Park. It comprises as well Shelburne County, probably the fishing centre of Canada if not of North America, where we have fishing communities extending from Port Lehebert on the east to Woods Harbour on the west and such significant and important towns as Shelburne, Barrington, Clark's Harbour, and I might say the historic town of Lockeport to which my ancestors came and settled 200 years ago.

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Fishery is a large part of what the South Shore is all about. As go the fisheries, so goes life on the South Shore, in particular life in Shelburne County and along coastal Lunenburg and Queens Counties.

We have done very well in recent years in our management of the scallop, lobster and swordfish industries. We have had the implementation of a limited entry

system which, while frustrating to some, at least has the advantage of providing control of the industry.

We now have a burgeoning new tuna industry. We had a wonderful fall when the tuna came off southwestern Nova Scotia. We look forward in the next couple of weeks to seeing the tuna management plan for 1989. It is important that in establishing that plan we see controls put in place to ensure that we do not create an over-capacity problem. There should be no new entrants in the tuna fishing industry in Atlantic Canada this year. Nor should there be transfers. Those licensed to fish in southwestern Nova Scotia should fish there. Those licensed to fish in the other areas should fish there. But we should be prepared to provide the necessary quota transfers to ensure that we take full advantage of the quotas that are available to us.

We have a new industry developing in the flounder area. I would like to see those fishermen identified as specialists as we deal with the difficult problem of diversifying our groundfish industry so as to take advantage of under-utilized species.

The groundfish, of course, represents our major problem. It has been in the news lately. The three fish plant closings that were announced in the last month or so were in the South Shore constituency. We are gravely concerned about the future there. We are going to need support not only from the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Siddon), who has been most supportive and who showed the wisdom a year and a half ago to set up the groundfish capacity committee whose report I have with me, but the support of other Ministers. The committee reported just recently. It has come forward with some very excellent recommendations that will provide long-term solutions to our groundfish problem, putting forth various ideas such as the designation of specialists and generalists within the fishing industry that makes greater efforts to reduce our capacity.

Our capacity problem is the one that has really precipitated the groundfish problem. It is a problem that was developed 10 or 12 years ago when the policy of the Government of the day was to provide a fishing licence for virtually anybody who wanted one. Unfortunately, that Government did not make provision to ensure that there were as many fish in the ocean as required for all the people who wanted to fish them. Thank goodness this Government is in power. It has the courage to tackle such problems. I want to compliment the Minister of Fisheries for the efforts and the manner in which he has undertaken to deal with this most difficult problem. I call on the Government of Canada to support the efforts of that Minister. We are going to need the support of Ministers far beyond the Minister of Fisheries and