

Supply—Fisheries

the crew of the subsidized steamer Amla. I shall read the memorandum of agreement:

Memorandum of Agreement in duplicate made and entered into on the fourteenth day of May in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine between His Majesty, King George V, represented herein by the Honourable P. J. Arthur Cardin, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, of the Dominion of Canada, hereinafter referred to as the minister or the party of the first part, and the International Fresh Fish Corporation Limited, Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, owner of the boat "Amla", hereinafter referred to as the party of the second part;

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the covenants, agreements and stipulations herein contained on the part of His Majesty, the party of the second part, themselves, their successors and assigns do hereby covenant and agree to and with His Majesty, his heirs and successors in the manner and to the effect following, viz:

To provide and operate at their own cost the steamer "Amla" for collecting and transporting fish.

The "Amla" shall operate as above indicated along that portion of the north coast of Prince Edward Island from Alberton to Souris or Georgetown, making at least three trips per week, and calling at the different fishing points in order to collect and purchase the catch from the fishermen and bring the same to Souris or Georgetown, where the fish can be shipped by rail in special refrigeration cars.

The "Amla" shall be equipped with refrigerating compartments and have on board a special fish instructor and inspector to instruct and guide the fishermen.

The party of the second part guarantees to the fishermen a price of at least one cent per pound for fish as it comes from the water and 2½c. per pound for lightly salted fish.

Payment for fish purchased from the fishermen shall be made by the party of the second part on a basis of at least once in every two weeks.

The party of the second part agrees to submit to the minister or the party of the first part a certified cheque on a chartered bank in the Dominion of Canada or other security satisfactory to the minister for the amount of five thousand dollars to be held as a guarantee for the faithful performance of this contract and that the fishermen shall receive payment as indicated above for the fish purchased from them and also to protect the fishermen against loss should the party of the second part fail to fulfil its obligations, which certified cheque or other security shall be forfeited, as well as any moneys due under this agreement should the party of the second part fail to carry out any of the terms of this contract.

The party of the second part agrees to transport fish and other products for other producers and to facilitate the collection and shipments of potatoes and similar farm produce during the fall to the nearest railroad station, it being distinctly understood that the transportation and collection of fish must at all times be given preference.

The party of the second part shall maintain a sufficient crew on the "Amla" to properly operate the boat and handle the fish with proper expedition.

[Mr. McLure.]

The "Amla" is to be properly insured against loss, and it is a condition of this agreement that the party of the first part assumes no liability for damage to the "Amla" by act of God, fire, reasonable wear and tear and all and every other dangers and accidents of the seas, rivers and navigation of whatever nature and kind soever, provided that if the said boat be totally lost or damaged to such an extent as to justify abandonment thereof as for a constructive loss, this agreement shall thereupon be deemed to have expired and the party of the first part shall be subject to no further liability thereunder.

This agreement shall be effective from the first day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, to the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, or for such length of time as may be determined by the minister or the Party of the first part, in consideration whereof His Majesty represented herein by the minister as aforesaid agrees to pay to the party of the second part a subsidy at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars per month of lawful money of the Dominion of Canada, it being understood and agreed that, in the event of any trip or trips, or a portion of any trip or trips being missed owing to it being impossible to perform the same on account of weather or ice conditions, upon satisfactory evidence to that effect being furnished to the minister, he may direct that no deduction shall be made from the subsidy otherwise payable for the trip or trips so missed. But in the event of a trip or trips being missed through accident to machinery or the vessel, a deduction shall then be made from the subsidy provided in this agreement, said deduction to be made on a pro rata basis, the number of days so missed to be taken as fractions of the month.

Where the context allows, the expression "minister" shall include the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and the successors in office for the time being of the minister or such deputy.

In witness whereof the party of the first part, the minister as representing His Majesty as aforesaid, and the party of the second part have hereunto signed their names and set their seals.

Done this fourteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

Signed and sealed by the minister in the presence of:

F. J. Petry.

Wm. A. Found,

Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

Signed and sealed by the said party of the second part in the presence of

I. A. Ryan.

O. W. Nordin,

President.

International Fresh Fish Corporation Ltd.,
Owner.

I read this memorandum of agreement to show that the boat Amla was subsidized to develop the fishing on Prince Edward Island, to take care of the catch and to help in the marketing of it.

Afterwards O. W. Nordin came to Prince Edward Island and interviewed several fishermen, farmers and others, told them of the