

Hon. Mr. GREGG: There has been a number of discussions on that point with a view to avoiding a situation, where a boat comes in, and somebody runs up the road to the cottages and says to the lady, "I have two fish here which I will sell to you for 50 cents."

Mr. HAHN: I would not make any complaints in respect to that objection, but it is just that these bigger institutions are being run by the government, and I would not like to see them being penalized as a result of being forced to buy fish—

Hon. Mr. GREGG: I would take it that, if fish was sold directly to the veterans' hospital in Vancouver for instance, that you would be able to work out that?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Not as it stands now, no.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: They buy direct from fishermen.

Mr. HAHN: I would not suggest that they do that. I was just raising the point because I was not sure what they do.

Mr. LUSBY: What has been the reaction of the fish buyers generally to the part they play in this scheme?

Hon. Mr. GREGG: Mr. Lusby, I think in your case you can rest quite happily, but I think it would be—is there anyone here from the south shore?

Mr. JOHNSTON (*Bow River*): Be careful what you say now.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: You are thinking now of Nova Scotia?

Mr. LUSBY: I am thinking particularly of my own area.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: I do not think there will be any difficulty in British Columbia.

Mr. LUSBY: There are some famous agitators there.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: Tell them the worst in respect to the Atlantic coast.

Mr. MCGREGOR: I think I should explain that we had 18 representatives of the fisheries council here, representing all provinces except Prince Edward Island. They came in, I think, not too happy. We discussed the whole thing until ten minutes after eleven one night, and then three hours the next day, and they told me themselves that they were going home a lot happier than when they arrived, because they had not realized what was involved. We told them that, administratively, we would try to help them all the way along. I am very happy to say that we have been promised, quite sincerely, the cooperation of the members of that council, and the other buyers that are involved. That promise was given quite freely, and I am sure they will do all they can to help us, and we will need it.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: You met some further buyers from the south shore last week?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes, we had a visit with men from Lunenburg, Shelburne, and Halifax, last week, and then I met some buyers at Winnipeg, and I met more buyers in Vancouver when I was out there two weeks ago.

Mr. BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, I think at this point, it might be of interest to members of the committee to have drawn to their attention something which all of them may not have seen. In a report on the fisheries council convention, I notice an article written by—and I can see his smiling countenance—Mr. McGregor, the director of the insurance branch of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. I also noted that Mr. McGregor has been invited to be a speaker at that convention. I was very pleased, I might say, to see that the commission is taking an active step to insure that the employers, as they are labelled under the plan, are going to have an opportunity of discussing this with the responsible officials of the commission.