rather poor time to do anything which would discourage people staying in the fisheries until such a time as there is alternaive employment elsewhere.

My main point is this: the Minister of Fisheries in Newfoundland, I understand, made certain representations to the department concerning certain other types of vessels which are perhaps as urgently needed as those now receiving a subsidy. I just wanted to say that I feel he has given very careful consideration to this problem and I would like to support his representations.

Mr. Crouse: Again, on behalf of Mr. Stewart, I would like to ask how many long liner type draggers are now based in New Brunswick? Also what is the number by counties or ports of registry, and the number built in Charlotte county, by whom, the contribution of the provincial government, the contribution by the federal government, and the total cost of the draggers.

Mr. MacLean (Queens): We do not have these detailed figures.

Mr. Crouse: In the interest of the committee could these questions be tabled and the answers put into the record?

Agreed to.

Mr. CLARK: So far as we can answer them.

Mr. Crouse: The second question has to do with item 150: how many bait freezing and storage facilities in the province of New Brunswick were built under this item; where are these plants located; what was the total cost to date of the plant at Beaver Harbour, Charlotte county, New Brunswick; how much was contributed by the federal government; how much by the provincial government of New Brunswick; how much by Connors Brothers, Limited?

Item 149 agreed to.

Item 150. To provide for assistance in the construction of bait freezing and storage facilities, subject to the regulations established by the Governor in Council \$30,000

Mr. Pickersgill: What is this item about, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. MacLean (Queens): This is an item under which grants are paid to certain fish plants on the condition that they supply certain accommodation for bait and on the condition that they are willing to provide this bait to fishermen concerned. They have certain requirements to meet, over a period, before their commitments are discharged.

Mr. Carter: Could there be some way developed which would expedite payments of these grants? A fish producer who might wish to take advantage of this grant would need to know what are the specifications and so forth before he starts to build the plant at all in order to incorporate them into his plant. I understand at the present time he cannot get this worked out soon enough to start and therefore he starts without it. After he gets it done he then tries to meet the specifications to the satisfaction of the inspector who inspects it and it may be a period of two years before this is accomplished. It seems to me that something should be done to expedite payments under this grant.

Item agreed to.

Supplementary item 562

Mr. Pickersgill: I am very much in favour of this item. Item agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall I report the items back to the house? Agreed to.