

Supply—Fisheries

to make, that the best method of introducing the consumption of fish to the consumer of Canada is through their duly elected representatives in the House of Commons.

Mr. Stick: What kind of fish?

Mr. Riley: If I may not proceed, that is all I have to say.

Mr. Mayhew: I may as well say to the hon. member that the head of this branch went to the parliamentary restaurant after the press statements and made inquiries to find out if there was any truth in the statement that we were not getting proper fish, that the parliamentary restaurant was not buying the proper kind of fish. We found they were buying good fish but the facilities in the kitchen of the restaurant were not of the very best. If you want to order from the table d'hôte you will probably not get the very best, but if you put in a short order you will get a choice piece of fish. There again we can only go in and inspect these places to see if they are serving the fish properly. That is as far as we can go. We cannot tell them what to do. You yourself can determine what kind of fish you are going to eat in the parliamentary restaurant by asking for it. When there is enough demand for it they will order it.

Mr. McLure: In the details there is reference to a demonstrator and lecturer. Then there is reference to home economists. I should like to know what they do.

Mr. Mayhew: The home economists give demonstrations at various places in Canada mostly as to the cooking of fish. If the hon. member would care to come to the kitchen in the west block some afternoon we will give him a demonstration, and he will go home very pleased with it.

Mr. Riley: May I take it from the minister's explanation in reply to my question that if the hon. member for St. John's West were to ask for Newfoundland cod in the parliamentary restaurant he might have it, that if I were to ask for mackerel I might have it, or Saint John harbour salmon, or if the hon. member for Northumberland were to ask for Miramichi salmon or smelts he might have them?

An hon. Member: Or Saskatchewan whitefish.

Mr. Mayhew: If enough people ask for any species of fish they will be obliged to get them.

Item agreed to.

154. To provide for the destruction of harbour and gray seals, \$30,000.

Mr. McLure: What is the reason for the decline in this item from \$60,000 last year to

\$30,000 this year? Have you found that there are not as many harbour seals? I know that in Prince Edward Island they are greatly on the increase. This year, on account of the ice floes coming down from the north, you could pretty nearly say that the place was polluted with gray and harbour seals. For the protection of the smelt fisheries there I think we should still continue to have this bounty paid for the destruction of harbour seals.

Mr. Mayhew: There is a bounty on seals. Last year there were only enough seals killed to require \$19,000, and we had \$60,000 in the estimates. Because only \$19,000 was used last year we have cut the estimate in two and put it at \$30,000. I think that is the answer.

Mr. Higgins: The bounty is only 50 cents?

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): How much is the bounty?

Mr. Mayhew: Five dollars for pups, and ten for adult seals on the Atlantic coast.

Mr. Higgins: Where was the \$19,000 spent last year?

Mr. Mayhew: In Nova Scotia \$5,430 was spent; Prince Edward Island, \$680; New Brunswick, \$2,555; and British Columbia, \$10,865. There was nothing in Newfoundland.

Mr. Higgins: Nothing at all?

Mr. Mayhew: No, they did not kill any.

Mr. Higgins: They certainly did.

Mr. Mayhew: They did not report it.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will proceed with the resolution in the name of the Minister of Agriculture concerning the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act; then Bill No. 357, an act to amend the Criminal Code (race meetings); then the resolution in the name of the Minister of Transport to authorize Canadian National Railway Company to construct a line of railway from Sherridon to Lynn lake; Bill No. 338, an act to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act. I understand these matters are not contentious, but here is the one that comes next, Bill No. 296, to amend the Income Tax Act. We could conclude by taking up Bill No. 194, an act to amend the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.