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border in freshwater species. In fact, we do have a very competitive situation.

Mr. Whiteway: Mr. Chairman, when other witnesses come down, does not the Committee oftentimes pay the expenses of such witnesses? If that were so, I would move a motion that the Committee pay all expenses for the witnesses and save the fishermen that much more money.

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The Chairman: We used to pay when we asked them to come.

Mr. Smith: We demanded they come this time.

Mr. Whiteway: I would move, sir, that the expenses of all witnesses connected with the FFMC be paid by the Committee.

The Chairman: We will consider that motion at the next meeting if we have quorum. We are only three here now, so we cannot decide.

Mr. LeBlanc: If that were approved, it would save money for my Department in taxi chits and everything.

The Chairman: Thank you very much. I want to thank the Minister, the officials of the Corporation and the officials of the Department. The meeting is adjourned.

[Traduction]

concerne les espèces d'eau douce. En fait, nous ne sommes pas en situation vraiment concurrentielle.

M. Whiteway: Monsieur le président, est-ce que d'ordinaire le comité ne rembourse pas les notes de frais des témoins qui viennent déposer devant nous? Si c'est vrai, je proposerai que le comité défraie toutes les dépenses des témoins et épargne ainsi plus d'argent aux pêcheurs.

Le président: Nous assumions les coûts lorsque c'était nous qui les avions convoqués.

M. Smith: Nous leur avons demandé de venir cette fois.

M. Whiteway: Monsieur, je propose que les dépenses de tous les témoins ayant rapport avec l'Office de la commercialisation du poisson d'eau douce soit défrayées par le comité.

Le président: Nous délibérerons cette motion lors de la prochaine réunion, si nous avons le quorum. Nous ne sommes que trois maintenant, alors nous ne pouvons en décider.

M. LeBlanc: Si on l'approuve, vous épargnez de l'argent à mon ministère, qui doit payer, entre autres choses, les billets de taxis.

Le président: Merci beaucoup. Je voudrais remercier le ministre, les fonctionnaires de l'Office et les fonctionnaires du ministère. La séance est levée.

Dear Mr. Miller,

I am writing to bring you up-to-date on discussions I had recently with the Honourable Mr. J. P. ... Minister of Renewable Resources and Reorganization Services, Manitoba, and the Honourable Mr. ... Minister of Northern Saskatchewan, concerning the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation. I was accompanied by Mr. Bestrom and Mr. Bowring who, along with the representatives of the Inland Commercial Fishermen's Association with whom I had the opportunity to meet on June 2, ... more than adequately fulfilled the mandate for which it was designed, it appears that approximately 100 fishermen are suggesting a broader "social" mandate.

As you know Section 15 of the *Freshwater Fish Marketing Act* requires that the Corporation be operated on a self-sustaining financial basis without appropriations therefor. The Minister responsible for reporting to Parliament on behalf of the operations of this Corporation must retain control of the appointment of the persons directing the affairs of the Corporation to ensure that the affairs of the Corporation are managed in a responsible way consistent with the purposes for which it was established.

* Letter also sent to

Honourable A. Adair, Minister, Alberta Dept. of Recreation Parks and Wildlife
Commissioner S. Hudson, Government of the Northwest Territories

Mr. Bestrom and Mr. Bowring and the representatives of the Inland Commercial Fishermen's Association have indicated to me that the Corporation as presently established lacks a good deal of flexibility in meeting what I