

of Canada Creek, in the county of Annapolis, enjoys \$500; while M. J. Coady, of Southwest Margaree, in the constituency represented by my hon. friend from Inverness, has a salary of \$60 only. Mr. J. G. D'Entremont, of Middle West Pubnico, fishery officer in Digby county, enjoys \$800, while J. A. Donovan, of Ingonish, in the constituency of Cape Breton North and Victoria, has to be content with \$60. Mr. J. A. Evans, of Chester, in the constituency of Lunenburg, enjoys \$700; while N. Ferguson, of Port Moren, South Cape Breton, receives only \$55. W. E. Fraser, of Liverpool, in the county of Queens, enjoys \$750; while Ed. Hall, Main-a-Dieu, South Cape Breton, has a salary of only \$55. D. L. McDonald, Bailey's Brook, in the county of Pictou, is paid for his services \$75; Walter Purdy, Deep Brook, \$700; J. J. Ross, North East Margaree, \$60; C. F. Rathbun, Hortonville, \$400 (that is in King's County, Nova Scotia, I think); T. Sullivan, Little Bras d'Or, \$55; George Walls, Shelburne, \$750; E. J. Thibeau, Thibeaupville, in the county of Richmond, \$100; R. Sutherland, River John, \$150.

Hon. members of this committee will observe that in every case the fishery officers enjoying large salaries happen to reside in the counties of Nova Scotia represented by Conservative members, whereas in nearly every case the fishery overseers who must be content with a smaller salary happen to be discharging their duties in the counties of Nova Scotia represented by Liberal members.

Mr. DUGALD STEWART: What is the salary of the fishery officer in the county of Yarmouth?

Mr. KYTE: Mr. D'Entremont gets a salary of \$800.

Mr. DUGALD STEWART: The hon. gentleman said he was in the county of Digby?

Mr. KYTE: It should be Yarmouth.

Mr. DUGALD STEWART: Represented by a Liberal?

Mr. KYTE: Unfortunately not represented at the present time, but it was represented by a Liberal. I scarcely imagine that the fishery officers who are residing in the counties represented by Conservatives have any more important duties to perform than the fishery officers in other parts of Nova Scotia. It is well known that Guysborough, Richmond, Inverness, Cape Breton are fishing counties, having a

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large portion of the population engaged in the fishing industry. The duties of inspectors in these counties are as important and the districts quite as large and as difficult to get over as in the other counties. I am not going to say at the present time that any of these gentlemen who enjoy the larger salaries are paid too much for their services, but if they are not paid too much, then the other fishery overseers whose names I have mentioned are not receiving a sufficient salary. I am aware that before the late Government went out of office the Fisheries Department and the then Minister of Marine and Fisheries had in contemplation the readjustment of the salaries of the officers I have mentioned. Nothing effective was done in that direction, and I regret very much that during the past five years the present minister has been unable to devise some plan whereby a more equitable adjustment of the salaries could be made and the grounds of complaint—and there are substantial grounds of complaint made by the fishery officers who are paid small salaries—removed. The salaries of fishery officers in the county of Richmond are: Mr. S. Boudrot, Petit de Grat, \$100; Mr. Anthony Sampson, L'Ardoise, \$125; Mr. Thibeau, \$100. Probably a larger portion of the population of Richmond is engaged in fishing than in any other county in Nova Scotia. The work that is expected of the fishery officers of the county of Richmond, whose names I have just mentioned, is quite as important and exacting as the work that pertains to the offices of gentlemen occupying similar positions throughout Nova Scotia. If those who are enjoying a salary of \$600, \$700 or \$800 are not paid too much for their services, then certainly the officers in my county are not paid sufficient salary. The discrepancy is entirely too great. I have to congratulate my hon. friends representing Lunenburg, Shelburn, Queens, Digby and Annapolis upon their ability to impress upon the Minister of Marine and Fisheries the necessity for securing larger salaries for the men discharging those duties in their respective constituencies. I find no fault with them whatever. I regret that the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries has not been able, during the five years that he has been head of the department, to readjust the salaries so that the other fishery officers, whose names I have mentioned, would enjoy a salary adequate to the services which they perform. I am very glad to hear from the minister that the Government is contemplating a readjustment of the scale of salar-