

Mr. DUFF: I am sorry my hon. friend does not read the newspapers. I have explained the matter in this House, and the newspapers contained many columns about it last year. These vessels are not racing vessels; they are fishing vessels. They, with their crews, leave the ports of Lunenburg, LaHave and Mahone in the month of March when my hon. friend and I are comfortably seated in the House of Commons. They go out and anchor off the Sable island banks where they fish for about a month.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): My hon. friend referred to the fact that the holding of this race caused an additional shipbuilding effort to the number of fifteen ships. Presumably it was because it was felt that the grant would stimulate interest in fishing. All I am asking is whether these ships were built purely because of the stimulus and the advertising which would result from the race, or whether they were built because they were actually needed.

Mr. DUFF: They are built for both purposes. The race gave a stimulus to young men to go and secure owners to put up money to build the new schooners. The result is that the fleet has been increased by fifteen or sixteen ships in the last year, and the same number this year. These vessels are not racing yachts; they are ships that are on the ocean from the 15th March until the middle of October or later. They fish on the Sable island banks, the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and elsewhere, where fishermen, to the number of about twenty on each vessel, spend the whole summer, returning with fish to the value of some \$30,000 in each ship. Every vessel added to the fleet brings into the country yearly product valued at some \$30,000, and I certainly think that a grant of \$5,000 voted for the purpose of promoting this industry does just as much good as a similar grant voted for agriculture.

Mr. BROWN: I want the hon. member to understand that the matter is one that has my sympathy. But he apparently does not see any inconsistency between his advocating this grant and the statement that fishermen are going to the United States. Does it not seem that we are building up at one end and allowing the industry to go down at the other? Does the hon. member not see any inconsistency there?

Mr. DUFF: I do not think there is. The people who are going to the United States are young men and women. The men who are going are not fishermen.

Mr. BROWN: You mentioned fishermen as well, I believe.

Mr. DUFF: There are a few from Cape Breton and the counties along the shore, but most of the men who have been fishing in these vessels of which I speak will remain at home. Now, because of the depression in the fishing industry, a number of fishing schooners of the type of that which won the race last year have been sold, as my hon. friend says, to gentlemen who are in a more profitable business and who hail from the United States. And the joke is that these vessels hail from Lunenburg, although they are owned and operated from the United States, because Americans cannot go into that particular business with ships of their own.

My hon. friend from Portage la Prairie (Mr. Leader) raised some question with regard to this grant of \$5,000. Of course I am quite willing to take this criticism in the right spirit. But I would call his attention to some of the amounts that have been spent in agriculture. In my opinion the \$5,000 voted for the schooner race was just as beneficial in the interests of this country as

5 p.m. some of the moneys voted for agriculture. We vote some \$8,000,000 all told for agriculture.

For instance, for seed and fertilizer we grant \$260,000, and for live stock \$1,000,000. We on this side of the House do not complain about the votes to agriculture which the western provinces receive. I noticed somewhere the other day in looking over the estimates that a large amount was voted for seed grain as well. It seems to me that if this government and past governments can have voted large sums of money for seed grain and for other agricultural purposes, my hon. friend from Portage la Prairie should not complain if a certain amount is granted to the fisheries of the country; because, in my opinion, neither this government nor any other has done what it should have done to encourage our fisheries. I see that while in the Speech from the Throne His Excellency speaks about agricultural depression he makes no mention of the depression in either the fisheries or the lumber industry. I think that the sooner His Excellency is made aware of the conditions in the Maritime provinces and is shown the opportunity we have for development there, he will see the wisdom of including in the next Speech from the Throne some practical reference to fisheries and lumber.

One hon. member yesterday spoke about the Hudson Bay railway. Now, this is something on which we have spent a large amount