

Supply—Fisheries

and eight of those were appointed to the constituency represented by the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Fisheries, and one I believe for the constituency represented by the hon. member for Queens.

Item agreed to.

Protection branch—

148. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and new equipment, \$154,583.

Mr. Sinclair: Item 148 is exactly the same phrasing as item 150. To be quite sure that I am talking on the right item, I will speak on item 148. As you know, I represent a very large fishing riding. First of all I want to express my delight that for the first time in my time in parliament the estimates of the Department of Fisheries have not been brought up at the last minute. The minister has very wisely brought his estimates forward earlier in the session. In recent years the fisheries items were brought up in the last day or two, and members like the hon. member for Peterborough West would be calling "carried, carried".

Mr. Fraser: Oh, Mr. Chairman, the hon. member never heard me call that at any time.

Mr. Sinclair: I do not suppose there are more than a dozen members here who represent fisheries ridings. I am sorry that the hon. member for Lethbridge is not here tonight because he would always listen to us with great attention even on the last day of the session when we would be telling our story about fisheries. I must first compliment the minister for having arranged for the estimates concerning this primary industry to be brought up early for once.

The second thing I want to say—and members in this house know I am not one given to flattery; unfortunately I have a rough tongue—is how pleased the fishermen of my riding are with the progress the fisheries department has made in recent years, and not just under the present minister. When Frank Bridges was minister some years ago he put the fisheries department on a good footing by recruiting very bright young men from the army, air force and navy for the fisheries service, and lifting the department up to a high rank in the public service. I am proud to say that the present minister—and after all he represents British Columbia as well—has carried that work forward by bringing to the Department of Fisheries his ability in business administration which has made him one of the better known industrial figures in British Columbia.

Mind you, there was not the same great need for proper organization of the fisheries

industry in British Columbia as there was in other provinces of Canada, but he has applied his industry to both the east and the west. That brings me to the particular point I want to speak about. I wish to discuss two dams. The first is the Capilano dam in my riding, and hon. members will understand my interest in it when they realize that the word "Capilano" is included in the name of my constituency. So far as this dam is concerned, I want to be on record as being entirely in accord with the stand taken by the minister. Most hon. members have been to British Columbia and to Vancouver, and those who have not are looking forward to their first visit. Vancouver is a great city. One of its greatest advantages is the fact that it has an extraordinary water supply from the Capilano and Seymour rivers arising in the mountains on the north shore.

We are seeking to build a larger dam on the Capilano river, and the sport fishermen are complaining that it will cut out a very small run of steelhead and coho salmon which are of use to sport fishermen but of no use to commercial fishermen. I feel, and most people in my riding feel, that the water supply to the lower mainland of British Columbia is of more importance than small sport fishing, and that the stand taken by the department is right. I know that they want to establish a small fish hatchery at the foot of the dam, but I think in fairness to the people of the lower mainland, and in view of editorials in the Vancouver press, the minister should make a short statement on the intent of the department to maintain a small sport fishery but not to stand in the way of Vancouver having an expanded water supply from the Capilano river.

The second thing I want to talk about is something I have talked about for five years, and I am especially sorry that the hon. member for Lethbridge is not here because in the last five years I think he is the only member who ever listened to me. I am talking about the Sakinaw dam. The minister is smiling because I even flew him over this little dam one day to show him how essential it was. There is in my riding a small fishing town called Pender Harbour, a town peopled almost entirely by the very best of all immigrants, Scots immigrants, men who observe the precepts laid down by my minister, the Minister of Finance, men who work long hours. They work from the beginning of the fishing season to the end of the fishing season, and now and again they start before the fishing season and quit after it has ended. They are eager producers. I know they go fishing afterwards sometimes because they are eager to produce, and as a