

Mr. NEILL: For the money.

Mr. MICHAUD: For the refund of the money?

Mr. NEILL: Yes.

Mr. MICHAUD: No.

Mr. NEILL: What about the individual fisherman? Did he pay interest?

Mr. MICHAUD: Yes. Three per cent.

Mr. NEILL: And on what security?

Mr. MICHAUD: On his note.

Mr. NEILL: On the boats?

Mr. MICHAUD: No.

Mr. NEILL: Does the minister not think that if a fisherman in Nova Scotia could get a loan on the security of his notes alone, fishermen might also be allowed to get loans under the Fishermen's Loan Act on the security of their boats—not of their notes but of their boats. At present they must have land as security, and many of these fishermen do not own land. The minister would have been doing a great benefit to British Columbia, and no doubt to the maritimes as well, if he had had that Fishermen's Loan Act changed so that if a fisherman needed a thousand dollars or more he could get it on the security of his boat and gear. At the present time a man may have a boat worth \$25,000—that is quite common in the halibut or seine business—and yet when he wants to get a new net or an engine he cannot get it because his real estate must be worth double the amount of the loan. The result is that in British Columbia there has been only one loan granted, of the noble sum of \$400. As I say, the reason is that they are not so circumstanced as to get it. If the minister would forget any question of favouritism towards Nova Scotia and elsewhere and would get the Fishermen's Loan Act so amended that the fishermen could take advantage of it, he would achieve something really worth while. They are yearning to take advantage of the act, but it is no good telling a man who wants a loan on a fishing boat that he can get it if he produces a marble mansion or something of that kind. The proof of the truth of what I have said is shown by the fact that in all British Columbia, which produces fifty per cent of the fish production of Canada, we have been able to get only one loan, and that of \$400.

Mr. HARTIGAN: I think the hon. member is under a false impression as to the amount a fisherman can get under this law. As I understand it the limit is \$40.

Mr. NEILL: Perhaps the hon. member will tell me what is the purpose of the \$40 loan? What is the use of it to a fisherman needing a boat or a net?

Mr. HARTIGAN: The hon. member talked about a loan for a thousand dollars under another loan plan. But under this particular grant given to the province the maximum was \$40.

Mr. NEILL: What use is \$40?

Mr. HARTIGAN: That is up to the fisherman—perhaps for the repair of his nets or of his boat.

Item agreed to.

To aid in expanding the sale of the products of the Canadian fishermen in foreign and domestic markets, \$100,000.

Mr. NEILL: This item has been reduced. What phase of the work is to be carried on this year?

Mr. MICHAUD: Last year we were largely engaged in the organization of publicity work. The continuation of such publicity requires more money, and we are glad to find that the industry itself is devoting some money to advertising and publicity work. We thought this amount would be sufficient to carry on the work for the coming year.

Mr. NEILL: I will not detain the committee a moment but I should like to ask the minister about the advertisement I produce. I have seen lots of advertising put out by the department. Much of it was quite good, but I wish he would tell us what this drawing represents? What kind of fish is it?

The CHAIRMAN: Does the item carry?

Mr. NEILL: No, it won't carry. The minister is going to give me some valuable biological information.

Mr. MICHAUD: That must be one of the dogfish of which my hon. friend spoke.

Mr. NEILL: I would ask the minister to return my illustration. The fact of the matter is that it is a biological obscenity. It is not any fish at all; it is a composite animal. Did not the poet say, the like was never seen on land or sea.

Mr. BENNETT: Sea or land.

Mr. NEILL: The like has never been seen to my knowledge. It is not anything. I recognize in it a little piece of a halibut, a little piece of a herring, and so on. If the Minister of Agriculture were going to put on similar advertising, I suppose there would be an object part horse and part cow, with a touch of a hog in it, and flavoured with goat.