

receives an honorarium of \$1,000 a year. I think we should have better representation than that with regard to a \$3,000,000 industry. I say this without reflecting on Mr. Babcock.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Mr. Babcock is receiving that from the British Columbia Government.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: What is he receiving from the Federal Government?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Nothing.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Then there is no point in contradicting my contention.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Nor does Mr. Found receive anything.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Then there is another point about the reports. It is stated here somewhere that the Commission shall report from time to time. How often do they report, and what is done with their reports?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Three of the reports of the investigators are now in the press and will soon be ready for distribution.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: I take it that that means these reports of statistics?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Reports of investigation, and on the life history of the halibut.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: I stated, and it has not been commented upon, that the gentleman who is the chief scientific investigator had already made two reports on the life history of the halibut before he joined this Commission. If the Commission have confidence in him, why have they not acted on his previous reports?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am told that the reports to which my honourable friend alludes were but preliminary works, and that the reports he is now making are far more scientific and accurate.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: But they confirm the general statement. For instance, I read here a sentence from the report of our own Deputy Minister, which says that spawning fish have disappeared from the British Columbia banks. They must have disappeared a long time ago, for he is dealing with reports that are two or three years old. What have we done about it?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is easy to make general statements and to conclude that there has been a depletion of the halibut fisheries, but the minute investigation is necessary for the purpose of finding a remedy for this depletion.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: I object to the imputation that I have made unreliable statements. I have read from the report of the Deputy Minister of Fisheries of this Government. The only statements I have made as to present conditions have been made out of this report. I know as a matter of fact that they are correct, because I have been on the halibut fishery grounds and have talked to people engaged in the industry, who have told me that conditions are simply shocking. They are amazed at the inertia of the Government in not dealing with the situation.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Of course one might get such impressions from fishermen individually, but I think that if my honourable friend desires to inquire directly from responsible representatives of the Department he will have the opportunity of doing so next session.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I think it would be well for us to follow the suggestion of the honourable leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) by referring the question to a special committee next session. The matter is complex to most of us.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think that whenever any honourable member feels that it would be useful to have a committee to consider any department, the appointment of such a committee can be secured.

The resolution was reported.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand for the adoption of the resolution was agreed to.

AMENDMENTS TO BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT

JOINT ADDRESS TO THE KING

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand that the Senate unite with the House of Commons in an Address to His Most Excellent Majesty The King, praying that he may graciously be pleased to give his consent to submitting a measure to the Parliament of the United Kingdom to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1916.

Hon. R. DANDURAND: This debate was adjourned because of an inquiry made by the honourable member from South Bruce (Hon. Mr. Donnelly) as to the procedure adopted by the Federal Government in the transfer of the natural resources to Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The honourable gentleman desired to know whether it was not necessary to consult the other five provinces and secure their approval of the agreements that were made. After