

technological research station at Grande Rivière. I mean they could incorporate both there because, it seems to me, the station at Grande Rivière should get away from some of the technological work and do a little more practical work. Since it is situated in an area where all the fishermen are, greater benefit could be derived from this education which possibly could be given under the research board at the technological school at Grande Rivière.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: In reply to this brief remark made by Mr. Keays, I wish to say that the whole matter of research in Quebec is now under very serious study. In fact, I believe there is a meeting taking place today or tomorrow between the chairman of the Fisheries Research Board and provincial officials of the Department of Fisheries in Quebec City in order to review the whole research situation. So far as the Quebec United Fishermen are concerned, I want to make it clear that we insisted, when we met with them, that this work had to be expanded not only in the regions where they are keenly interested but, I would like to mention, for example, the north-shore of the St. Lawrence River. There is a great need on the Northeastern Shore of the St. Lawrence River for this type of work. They have agreed that those regions would be given special consideration. I cannot make any commitment at this time on what will be done to further research in Quebec but, I want to assure members of the Committee that we have it in mind and a meeting is taking place today or tomorrow between the chairman of the research board and the Quebec officials.

Mr. KEAYS: Mr. Chairman, I think it would be to the advantage of the Department of Fisheries if the biological and technological studies made in eastern Canada were concentrated more in certain schools or stations which they now have and, that we should consider more practical application of the studies to the fishermen. I would think, with the provincial school of fisheries at Grande Rivière and with your technological station there, we should consider more practical applications of knowledge to our fishermen, and it would certainly be of greater advantage to leave the research and technological studies to other larger stations because, there is definitely a need to show our fishermen some practical ways of doing things. This is why I think this adult education program which is going on at Ste. Anne de la Pocatière could be much better applied to our own fishermen.

In the past what has happened is that most of the people who get interested in the studies of fisheries at Ste. Anne de la Pocatière are people from the cities of Quebec and the surrounding areas of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, and our own fishermen and sons of fishermen who could possibly get some advantage out of the studies, cannot afford to go to school at Ste. Anne de la Pocatière and a school closer to their homes would certainly be of some benefit to them.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: This type of work is already being carried on, on a much larger scale, again following consultation with officials of the provincial department of fisheries in Quebec. We are making special attempts now to familiarize the fishermen with not only the experiment we are making in their own areas but also with the findings of the research board. I agree there has been lack of communication in the past. There has been in the past lack of communication on the part of the research board with the fishermen themselves in order to assist them to put into practice the findings of the board, but, there are now major improvements in this field.