

Mr. HAZEN: Yes, and it could have taken care of many more.

Mr. KYTE: What is the price now paid for dogfish?

Mr. HAZEN: It is \$4 a ton.

Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM: The minister says that the plant at Canso was able to take care of all dogfish available. How far along the coast does the minister go for the dogfish?

Mr. HAZEN: It is brought in to us by the fishermen and we collect it at different places. We go across as far as Arichat and down along the coast. The works took in last year 1,092 tons, 1,680 pounds. From that was produced 134½ tons of fish scrap and 8,876 gallons of oil. The Clark's harbour plant took in of raw material 164 tons, 774 pounds and produced from that of offal 111 tons and livers 228½ buckets. These works produced 34 tons, 450 pounds of fish scrap and 693½ gallons of dogfish oil and 131½ gallons of cod oil.

Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM: My information is that the department sent a boat down the coast of Inverness as far as Port Hood to gather dogfish twice during the whole season. It must be apparent to the minister that he cannot expect to get much dogfish by taking two trips in three months. It is difficult to keep any quantity of fish for two or three weeks in the hot season, particularly fish of this kind without a proper cold storage protection.

Mr. HAZEN: My understanding is that they keep in touch from the factory with the buyer down in that locality and when there is enough accumulated to make it worth while they send down a boat to get it. Some seasons two trips are made, and some seasons more.

Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM: The fact is that there is no inducement offered to the fishermen there to catch any quantity of the fish. When the minister says that the plant at Canso is capable of taking care of all fish available, I think he is not quite correct in his statement or acquainted with the industry. The capacity of the plant at Canso is 50 tons a day. If it is a good thing to continue this industry, my idea is that it should be extended a little. If there is any justification for keeping it going, there is three times the justification for establishing plants along the coast of Inverness county where there is abundance of fish available. To say that a plant with a capacity of 50 tons a day would take care of all fish caught along the coast of Inver-

ness is an extreme exaggeration saying the least. There are thousands of tons of fish available if reasonable prices are paid and proper means of transportation facilities provided.

Mr. HAZEN: Perhaps I did not use a very fortunate word. I meant to say that we were able to take care of all the dogfish offered that was available to us during this year. I do not mean to say that it could take care of all the dogfish that could possibly be got together. I perhaps used a word that conveyed a wrong meaning.

Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM: If the minister had a system of collecting these dogfish—

Mr. MCKENZIE: Grayfish, since yesterday.

Mr. HAZEN: The Act has not passed yet.

Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM: I think the change is a good one. I think if the minister proposes to continue the operation of the plant at Canso, it would be necessary for him to send boats along the coast of Inverness to gather fish and also along the shores of Richmond county. I have made that suggestion to the minister several times. I would suggest that he establish a plant along the coast of Inverness county for two reasons: From the standpoint of the fishermen it would be really a great relief. I had the promise of the late Government that this would be done in the winter of 1911 had the change come in the fall of that year and my hon. friend took charge of the Department. Our fishermen suffer for about two and one-half months from the ravages of these fish. It is impossible for them to carry on their fishing from the time the dogfish strike the shores of Inverness until they leave. We cannot keep our nets in the water, nor can we fish with lines. That is the in-shore fishermen from the straits of Canso to Cape North. It would be an important thing for them during the period when they cannot fish, to catch these dogfish and get a market for them. There is an abundance to keep two or three plants going, and there are plenty of fishermen along the shores who, in the season when they are doing nothing on account of the destruction of their gear by these fish, could devote their energies to catching them. I am also approaching this question from the angle of the farmer. We are told that the products of the dogfish plants is very valuable just now; that fertilizer is very scarce and difficult to get. This is proving to be a first-class article as a fertilizer, and if these plants were multiplied there would be no difficulty in getting a market for the product. In fact the far-