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has been thrown out by Mr. Maclean with regard to the general policy of the department, and I have something in my mind along the same lines. That is, with reference to the controlling of our fisheries in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick by the Americans. From one end of Canada to the other I think the experience of the last few years has been that the Americans have practically control of our waters so far as the fisheries are concerned. The fisheries that I am connected with myself, in Lake Winnipeg and the Northwest, have been fished out by the Americans, and there should be something done by this Committee in the way of restriction; we should try to see if there is any way at all by which we can protect the Canadian interests as against the American. I want to ask the Committee to do something in the way of protecting Lake Winnipeg and the Northwest fisheries and would like to have one or two witnesses brought down and examined before this Committee regarding the condition of the fisheries in Manitoba and the Northwest. I am satisfied that Lake Winnipeg is in a pretty dangerous condition. We had there a few years ago the greatest whitefish fishery in the world, but that fishery has been depleted—I know the officers of the department will not agree with me, they have not agreed with me for years on that point—but I want it investigated. Our lakes have been fished out, not by Canadians, but by Americans; they have taken the Canadian industry by the throat and choked it.

Mr. MACLEAN.—Did they get licenses?

Mr. BRADBURY.—They have licenses in the names of Canadians, but they practically control the fresh fish trade.

The CHAIRMAN.—What do you propose in order to prevent that?

Mr. BRADBURY.—I want an examination made of our lake fisheries; I understand there is to be a Commission appointed; it has been promised the last couple of years, but I think it has materialized this year and that one or two commissioners have been appointed.

Hon. Mr. BRODEUR.—Two or three.

Mr. BRADBURY.—Is it the idea that this commission shall be in operation this year?

Hon. Mr. BRODEUR.—Yes, that is the reason for the appointment. I do not know whether it would be advisable, in view of the appointment of that commission, to investigate that question now.

Mr. BRADBURY.—It is a serious question and we have been appealing to the House of Commons to look into this matter. I think it would be well to have one or two men from the West brought here and examined.

Hon. Mr. BRODEUR.—One or two men will not give us much information, we will have to go into the whole question which is now before the commission, of which Professor Prince will be Chairman. Would it not be better to postpone the consideration of this question until next session when we will have the report of the commission to guide us?

Mr. BRADBURY.—I do not want to urge my views unduly and if you will promise me that this commission will go to work this spring I will accept your suggestion, but it has been delayed from year to year.

Hon. Mr. BRODEUR.—There has not been very much delay; Professor Prince has been looking into the matter. I would like very much to have the opportunity of examining Professor Prince on the organization of the department. A suggestion has been thrown out that we have not been distributing the work properly. Professor Prince has been appointed for the purpose of advising the department, and he has been relieved more or less formally of the administrative part of the work of the department. He was supposed to devote his time entirely to biological researches and to advise the department on the scientific part of the work, and during the last year he has been relieved from any administrative work. However, to make it clear I will read the recommendation of the acting Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, as follows:—