

another man received \$509 for travelling expenses, which would mean another 5,000 miles. So in that district, which I know to some extent, these two men seem to have travelled 15,000 miles, and between them they received in salary \$260.

Mr. SINCLAIR: What duties are performed by Mr. Ward Fisher?

Mr. HAZEN: He is the assistant in the department to Mr. Founds, the Superintendent of Fisheries.

Mr. McKENZIE: And where does he travel?

Mr. HAZEN: He does not do very much travelling nowadays, but he has been sent on several trips to investigate matters that have arisen in the Maritime Provinces. He was sent down to look into certain breaches of the legislation that were alleged in Prince Edward Island and to report on them.

Mr. SINCLAIR: I see his travelling expenses for the year were \$438. How many trips did he make to the Maritime Provinces?

Mr. HAZEN: Whatever expenses there are charged are subject to be audited by the accountant of the department.

Mr. SINCLAIR: What is his salary?

Mr. HAZEN: \$2,100.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Would the minister kindly give me the regulations as to the minimum size of lobsters in the Maritime Provinces? I am anxious to have them placed on Hansard.

Mr. HAZEN: We shall allow one item to stand and I shall place on record the regulations showing the size limit, close seasons, etc.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Some time ago a dealer in St. John showed me samples of lobsters that were allowed to be caught in Nova Scotia. They were about three or four inches in length. It seemed a sin to destroy these very small lobsters, long before they were capable of reproduction. Several years ago I asked a question in regard to a condition which was being inserted in licenses for catching fish in the waters of Charlotte county. These regulations were inserted by the minister before the provincial election of 1912.

Mr. HAZEN: After that, I think.

Mr. PUGSLEY: The minister provided by regulation that fishermen should be obliged to give the Canadian canners the preference; even although an American

buyer might be alongside his boat, if a Canadian canner made an equal offer to the fisherman he would be obliged to give the preference to the Canadian. There was quite a rumpus about it in Charlotte, and just before the provincial election my hon. friend suspend the order.

Mr. HAZEN: That clause was put in at the time on the recommendation of Mr. Calder, who for a good many years past has been inspector in the counties of Charlotte and St. John. A large sum was being invested in a sardine factory at St. Annes and it was Mr. Calder's view, which was confirmed by the department, that it was desirable with a view of getting fish from our waters manufactured in Canada, that some preference should be given in order that this factory might be able to get plenty of material to manufacture the sardines. Unfortunately, however, the factory did not prove a financial success. It hardly got under way before it got into difficulties, and the result was that, after reconsideration of the matter, that clause was taken out of the license.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Its operation was suspended before the factory ceased operations; it was suspended just prior to the provincial elections of 1912.

Mr. HAZEN: I do not remember the date.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I wonder that it would not impress itself on the minister.

Mr. HAZEN: I do not think there was anything that, in the language of the Minister of Finance, would synchronize.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Oh, they synchronized, because there was a great deal of dissatisfaction among the men and an order went out from the department suspending the operation of this regulation until further orders. I was curious as to what happened afterwards.

Mr. HAZEN: It has never been restored.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I am sorry that the hon. member for Charlotte (Mr. Hartt) is not present, but he will have an opportunity of seeing my remarks in Hansard. My hon. friend will find among the correspondence in his department and in a return which he brought down upon my motion, a letter from the deputy minister asking Mr. Hartt's opinion upon this regulation, whether it would be advisable to put it into force, showing that the opinion of the member was being taken; and the minister will also find in that correspondence a letter