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Affairs from New Brunswick and the Minister without Portfolio from Newfoundland to do exactly that same thing. We feel that it is a job that must be done if this industry in the maritime provinces is to prosper and to carry on as it has in the past.

I know that the minister is well aware of the concerted effort on the part of the fishermen in the New England states to have tariff restrictions placed on the importation of Canadian fish. The tariff board of the United States has on two occasions in recent years endorsed the recommendation of the fishermen of the New England states, and the only friend that the Canadian fishermen had in the final analysis was President Eisenhower who vetoed this recommendation. I believe that right at this present time consideration is being given in congress to some sort of quota or some sort of restriction on the importation of Canadian lobsters. Perhaps many in the committee would not realize that 90 per cent of the lobsters that are caught in the maritime provinces go to the United States. It is the one market that we have for 90 per cent of what we catch, and it is one of the greatest branches of the fishing industry in the maritime provinces. Ninety per cent of that catch goes into the United States. One would realize immediately that any interference with that market would be most harmful to the fishing industry.

We have made every effort to get markets in other parts of the world. In fact, during the last three weeks Conleys Lobsters, a lobster company in the little town from which I come, has made two shipments of lobster to Belgium by air. Nearly 30,000 pounds of lobster have been sent to Belgium in two shipments. A new process has been developed whereby ice is not used. They use just shavings and cardboard cartons.

The vice president of that company was in Ottawa this week and he told me that the last shipment that went out about a week ago had arrived. He was talking with them in Belgium while in Ottawa and they had 2 per cent weeks which is a wonderful record. That is the effort that is being made to try to extend the industry. Everything is being done by industry that can be done. It might also be of interest to the committee to know that the plane that takes these Lobsters from Saint John, New Brunswick, which is where they take off for Belgium, returned to Canada with monkeys from which Salk vaccine is manufactured in Canada. It is quite a contrast.

But that means so much to those in the maritime provinces. The lobster industry is one of the greatest industries we have. The lobster is one commodity for which there has

[Mr. Stuart (Charlotte).]

always been a demand. It has never been a drug on the market. It has never been a fish that cannot be sold. It is one that we have always been able to find markets for. But I must say again that 90 per cent of that market is in the United States. For that reason we must be extremely careful that it is not interfered with in any way. The diversion of \$625 million of Canadian purchases from the United States to Great Britain will not, in my opinion, be of any help to the maritime provinces. I believe that every maritime member here, if he would be sincere would say the same thing. In fact, I am doubtful whether it would be helpful to any part of Canada.

Mr. Churchill: Nonsense. Why do you not get on the subject before the committee.

Mr. Stuart (Charlotte): The minute I start to speak in this house, I am always interrupted. Here is the *Financial Times* that I received in my office today. I wish the Minister of Trade and Commerce would read these editorials. There is one that says, "Oh, how we hate the Americans", and I really believe that he is one of them. There is another one appearing in the *Ottawa Citizen* that I could quote. They are appearing in the press every day. I wonder whether the Minister of Trade and Commerce ever stopped to realize that if the President of the United States had said this, namely that we will divert \$625 million of purchases from Canada to Mexico what would have been said in this House of Commons. Surely he realizes that the American people cannot take a thing like that without retaliation.

Mr. Churchill: We buy more from them than they buy from us and you know it.

Mr. Stuart (Charlotte): I do not doubt that. But I am telling the hon. member I am quite sure that the section from which he comes is not in sympathy with the action he has taken in this regard or the action taken by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Churchill: You are wrong.

An hon. Member: June 10 showed that.

Mr. Stuart (Charlotte): There will be another June 10. And I can tell my hon. friend right now that he is not half as anxious for that June 10 now as he was two months ago.

An hon. Member: We sure are.

Mr. Stuart (Charlotte): When 700,000 people are unemployed in this country as was indicated today you will not wish for an election.

An hon. Member: You will not be back.