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vessels which will be operating for the company which is building the plant at the Champlain industrial park site in Chamcook, N.B. I hope that when this plant is completed all the vessels which will be subsidized under our program will be bringing their hauls to Canadian plants.

The hon. member also asked what is the cost of the advertising which he has referred to. We have a very limited budget for advertising in fisheries; I believe it is in the vicinity of \$45,000.

The hon. member also referred to subsidies. I want to inform him that all subsidies are being made applicable after full consultation with the fishermen's loans boards in the Atlantic provinces and the province of Quebec.

The hon. member for Gaspé asked for the reason for the discrimination in the premiums paid for insurance on lobster traps. This is a similar practice to the one which exists in automobile insurance or fire insurance. The rates are based on the risks in different areas. As far as the lobster traps are concerned, the amount of insurance depends on the season, on the area, on how exposed the traps are; and even taking all this into account, this program costs the department money to operate.

So far as the price support of perch is concerned, this scheme was introduced in the Great Lakes area and in Lake Erie in particular at the request of the industry and of the fishermen, and the price was based on 80 per cent of the average price received by the fishermen in 1963, 1964 and 1965. The reason for introducing this was to stabilize the price of perch in the fall of the year, because when the catch is heavy it can force a drop in price from an ordinary price of 25 cents a pound to 3 or 4 cents a pound as was experienced in the fall of 1965. As a result, this year the price has been stabilized.

● (4:50 p.m.)

Now, Mr. Chairman, these are some of the points which were raised. The matter of pollution has been mentioned by some members. The hon. member for Prince Edward-Lennox referred to a particular matter which comes under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Transport. I will make it a duty to discuss this matter with my colleague, the Minister of Transport, and I will discuss with him also the points raised by several other members, including the hon. member for Comox-Alberni and the hon. member for Victoria

[Mr. Robichaud.]

(B.C.). The hon. member for Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare referred to the freshwater system at Lockport and Shelburne, and I want to assure him this program is well under way. I hope tenders will be called for these projects in the very near future.

Item agreed to.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT—

5. Operation and maintenance, including Canada's share of the expenses of the international commissions detailed in the estimates and of the costs of programs and projects shared jointly with the provinces and industry, \$18,099,000.

10. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment, including acquisition of land for the international pacific salmon fisheries commission, as required by article VIII of the convention, \$4,822,000.

15. Grants, contributions and subsidies in the amounts and subject to the terms specified in the sub-vote titles listed in the details of estimates, \$3,025,000.

FISHERIES RESEARCH BOARD OF CANADA—

20. Administration, operation and maintenance, including an amount of \$265,000 for grants for fisheries research and for scholarships and authority to make recoverable advances of amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the share of the international great lakes fishery commission of the cost of work on lamprey control and lamprey research, \$8,770,000.

25. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment, \$3,000,000.

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1a. Departmental administration—to extend the purposes of fisheries vote 1 of the main estimates for 1966-67 to include Canada's fee for membership in the international council for the exploration of the sea and to provide a further amount of, \$18,000.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT—

5a. Operation and maintenance including Canada's share of the expenses of the international commissions detailed in the estimates, \$290,000.

10a. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment, \$824,000.

Mr. MacLean (Queens): I would appreciate it if the minister would give a brief word of explanation of the purpose of this vote.

Mr. Robichaud: Mr. Chairman, this has to do with the construction and acquisition of buildings and works. Part of it has to do with the construction of a haul-out for the fisheries patrol boats at Newcastle, New Brunswick. It includes also a new bait service depot for the Newfoundland bait service in the Labrador area, I believe at West St. Modeste.

Item agreed to.