

My interest in this question arises, in part, from the emphasis Mr. MacMinn, of the B.C. provincial Department of Recreation and Conservation, placed in his report to the fisheries committee in B.C. on possible improvement of smaller streams in British Columbia.

As I recall it, the Minister of Forestries suggested to me that there was no real obstacle to co-operative work in this field. What I would like to know is does the Department of Fisheries have, within its existing organization, the necessary facilities to deal adequately with this kind of joint project if it should be brought forth? I realize this would involve a project which would be concurrent with one run by the provincial authorities in British Columbia, but I have a feeling that there are some possibilities along the east coast of Vancouver Island for a co-operative development which might not be entirely economic from a purely fishing point of view, but would assist in reclamation of agricultural land and this sort of thing. Is the department set up so that it could deal promptly with a situation of this kind if it reached a point where the department was requested to come in?

Mr. LOGIE: I think, Mr. Chairman, I win this one. Or lose it. So far, ARDA has not, to my knowledge, adopted a fisheries project, as such, under its own wing. They are usually part of a redevelopment plan for an area in which fisheries play an important part. And this is the way we see them continuing.

In such cases, there is an agreement that the two departments get together. In fact Mr. McArthur is our liaison officer and these things are thoroughly discussed. There have been several such meetings this year. So I think perhaps the answer to Mr. Barnett's question is yes, we are in close contact and presumably could act in concert if it came about.

Mr. BARNETT: This arrangement could include some appropriation of funds on an agreed formula from both sources. Is this correct?

Mr. LOGIE: I do not think we have tried this yet.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, before I ask for Vote 10 to carry, I want to draw your attention to the Item on page 151 under the heading Conservation and Development service—acquisition of buildings and equipment. There is a total item here of \$4.4 million out of a Vote of \$4.8 million under Vote 10, and so this is really the heart of that whole vote. I wonder whether, before passing the item, we are quite clear on what these items stand for. Are there any further questions on that before I call for Vote 10?

Mr. CARTER: Mr. Lamb explained it to me that there was \$2 million over in B.C., was there not? Did he not explain that \$4 million? I thought he explained it.

The CHAIRMAN: This is on the composition of the item of \$4.4 million for buildings and equipment?

Mr. LAMB: Yes. I have given the main items.

The CHAIRMAN: If the Members are satisfied with that I will now call for Vote 10. Shall Vote 10 carry?

Item agreed to.