

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

his riding. As it happens, the one fish plant now being operated at Selkirk is getting all the business at the moment. There were three plants in Winnipeg all of which have been closed down. Therefore, the decision of the corporation to build its new plant in the greater Winnipeg area and not in Selkirk is not a diversion from Selkirk to Winnipeg. In years gone by the operation has been more in the Winnipeg area than in Selkirk.

Let me now turn to the main point. The corporation looked at the regional side of the question. It was offered approximately \$1 million by our Regional Economic Expansion Department to locate at Selkirk. In reviewing the returns to the fishermen it found this was not enough. It found that it was only about

half enough. If the plant were located in Winnipeg on the main railway line, the transportation costs would be the minimum and a maximum return would be produced for 6,000 fishermen, approximately half of whom are Indian people, in western Canada.

I believe that as Minister of Fisheries I would be remiss in my duty if I were to turn my back on those fishermen in favour of an area of Manitoba which obviously is uneconomic. If the Manitoba government has its heart set on Selkirk, let it put up a few dollars. It obviously merely prefers to use words in this case, and its bluff has been called.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

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