

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Have there been any prosecutions under that? Have there been any violations?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No, there have been none.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: None have been observed. Then there is another provision here. I should like to ask whether this is new, and, if it is not new, how it has operated in the past. It is:

It is understood that nothing contained in this convention shall prohibit the nationals or inhabitants or the fishing vessels or boats of the Dominion of Canada or of the United States of America, from fishing in the waters hereinbefore specified for other species of fish during the season when fishing for halibut in such waters is prohibited by this Convention or by any regulations adopted in pursuance of its provisions. Any halibut that may be taken incidentally when fishing for other fish during the season when fishing for halibut is prohibited under the provisions of this Convention or by any regulations adopted in pursuance of its provisions may be retained and used for food for the crew of the vessel by which they are taken. Any portion thereof not so used shall be landed and immediately turned over to the duly authorized officers of the Department of Marine and Fisheries of the Dominion of Canada or of the Department of Commerce of the United States of America. Any fish turned over to such officers in pursuance of the provisions of this article shall be sold by them to the highest bidder and the proceeds of such sale, exclusive of the necessary expenses in connection therewith, shall be paid by them into the treasuries of their respective countries.

Was this in the old convention?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, that was a part of the old convention.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: How has it operated? How much has been received from the sale?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: There were but one or two boats seized during the closed season. The proceeds did not represent anything of importance. I am informed that the whole industry makes a very special effort to respect that clause of the treaty.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Another section, then, has been a dead letter.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If laws are dead letters because they are not violated.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Can the honourable gentleman tell us how this Halibut Commission operates, what time the commissioners spend on their job, and how they go about it? I have a hazy idea of that, but I should not like to state it authoritatively.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I understand that the Commission has a staff of experts who are working continuously under the direction of the commissioners.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Could the honourable gentleman tell us the names of the commissioners?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The commissioners are Mr. John P. Babcock, Chairman; William A. Found, Miller Freeman and Henry O'Malley. I am surprised that my honourable friend has not the report of the International Fisheries Commission appointed under the Northern Halibut Treaty, which report bears the signatures of those gentlemen.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: I was under the impression that those were the commissioners. I happen to know that Mr. Babcock is virtually the whole of the British Columbia Department of Fisheries, and is a very busy officer. Mr. Found, I think, is virtually the whole of the Department of Fisheries here, and is also very busy. How they can represent our interests on an International Halibut Commission having to do with an entire fishery worth \$3,000,000 a year, I cannot understand. I think we should have some serious representation.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The Commission is an administrative one. It directs, but does not go out to investigate. It has a staff for that purpose. I am glad to hear from my honourable friend that he realizes that two of the four commissioners are very busy departmental officials. On that score, at all events, they cannot be accused of negligence in the discharge of their duty.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: I do not accuse the commissioners of negligence.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Mr. O'Malley is the Commissioner of Fisheries of the United States.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Yes. Mr. O'Malley regularly visits the scene of halibut operations, and is very adequately represented in Alaska during his absence. He is anything but an ornamental commissioner. He is one of the brightest minds in the United States service. The other American Commissioner, Mr. Miller Freeman, of Seattle, is also a frequent visitor to the scene of operations. I do not know how much time Mr. Babcock spends there, but I have seen in the British Columbia statistics the statement that he receives an honorarium of \$1,000 a year for his services to the Halibut Fisheries Commission. I leave it to any honourable gentleman who has to do with business to say what kind of service can be expected from a busy officer, situated 2,000 miles from the scene of operations, who