

EVIDENCE

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TUESDAY, June 7, 1966.

● (1.00 p.m.)

The CHAIRMAN: Order please, gentlemen. We carried item 10 last week and we are now moving to item 15.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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

This involves education work in fisheries, assistance to the construction of bait freezing storage facilities, and so on. Shall we proceed now.

Mr. KEAYS: Mr. Chairman, I notice in vote 15, an amount of \$34,000 in the form of a grant to the Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere school. I am wondering whether this school is giving the same results today as it was 20 years ago, and, if there is still the need of continuing that grant?

Hon. H. J. ROBICHAUD (*Minister of Fisheries*): Mr. Chairman, I can answer this very briefly unless Mr. Keays wants to carry on further.

Mr. KEAYS: Not at this moment.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: Yes; in fact I asked myself that very same question, if that school was really fulfilling the need or the objective for which it was established some years ago. We discussed this matter with officials of the Provincial Department of Fisheries in Quebec and it was agreed a few months ago that the work that was done previously by Le College de Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere will now be carried on under the supervision of Les Pecheurs unis de Quebec. Those are special grants which are made available to certain universities to promote adult education and the co-operative movement. We had a meeting here last Wednesday with representatives of the different colleges and universities who are receiving such grants—as we have now included in the estimates—It was decided to carry on with this grant which will now be made available to Les Pecheurs Unis de Quebec to proceed with adult education and co-operative movement promotion. It was agreed also to retain the service of those who are available from the staff of Le College de Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere who have been engaged in this type of work. We are convinced following the meeting we had last week, that very profitable work can be done under the new group.

Mr. KEAYS: I am happy to have the Minister make that statement because I realize there is a need for adult education facilities for the fishing industry. But, I am wondering, owing to the fact of course that the Quebec United Fishermen operate mostly in the lower St. Lawrence region, whether it would not be better if that item under vote 15 were included under vote 20 and added to the