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within the last fortnight. I have known as many as 250 vessels from this port going out on mackerel fishing in Canadian waters. Vessels engaged in cod fishing would not use the canal as they go outside on the Banks. In my opinion, our fishing vessels would give preference to, and use the present routes by the Gut and Cape North, in preference to the proposed canal.