

mon sense business administration along practical and progressive lines. If you would do that rather than pass so much legislation it would be very much better for the industry.

I have read the correspondence in connection with this trawler question and I find many letters from prominent people interested in the fishing industry of Nova Scotia protesting against this order in council. You have had letters from the Halifax Cold Storage Company, which operates one of the largest cold storage plants in the maritime provinces and which is subsidized to the extent of about \$700,000 by this government. They are practically out of business so far as the fishing industry is concerned.

I protest most vigorously against this order in council; I think the government would be well advised to pass another order in council now allowing the trawlers to land their fish under certain restrictions. If you carried out the provisions of Bill 26 it would satisfy both the trawler people and the shore fishermen. Something has to be done; you cannot confiscate these vessels without compensating these people for them.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I do not want to interrupt another address by my hon. friend, but I think I should submit to the committee that there are some 150 items still to be carried, and either we will each have to apply a self-denial ordinance or we must entirely forego the idea of proroguing this evening.

Mr. SHORT: I have taken very little time on any of the estimates, and I propose to have something to say in connection with some of these fishery items.

Mr. FRASER: I should like to ask the minister a few questions with regard to the fishery branch at Stuart lake. I have a return here with regard to the appointment of fishery guardians at Fort St. James and Takla lake. First there is a memorandum appointing J. P. Myers and George Hamilton to these two positions; then there is a memorandum from the deputy minister to Mr. Motherwell, superintendent in Vancouver, followed by a protest from Mr. Motherwell with regard to the suggested appointment. Mr. Motherwell says:

The information received at this office is to the effect that both the nominees in these cases, that is Messrs. Myers and Hamilton, are entirely unsuitable for the work required of them.

Then he goes on to say, with regard to the two men who are replaced:

Messrs. Kynoch and Forfar served last year and both very satisfactorily. Kynoch has had [Mr. Short.]

many years experience in the salmon business and several years in the Stuart lake hatchery. He is a very keen, conscientious man and has a thorough knowledge of his duties. It would be a great mistake to change him.

Then there is a letter from Mr. Casey to Mr. Motherwell asking his objections to these men, in these words:

You do not state in what respects the above mentioned men are unsuitable. . . .

Then there is a protest from John B. Babcock, deputy minister of fisheries of British Columbia, as follows:

Trust there is not truth in the report that Kynoch of Stuart lake is to be relieved. In my judgment he is one of the most capable and energetic fishery officers in the Fraser basin. I urge his retention.

Then there is a letter from Mr. Casey to Mr. Babcock under date of May 15 stating:

As you are doubtless aware the position is a seasonal one and while arrangements for the coming season do not contemplate the reemployment of Mr. Kynoch, further inquiry is being made in the premises to assure that the interests concerned are fully safeguarded.

There you have it from your own inspector of fisheries, your own chief man in British Columbia, that these are capable and desirable men who have discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the department, and you also have the commissioner of fisheries of British Columbia asking that these men be retained. What explanation has the minister for the removal of these men and the appointment of two men who are not acceptable to his own officials?

Mr. CARDIN: My hon. friend was good enough to tell me that he intended to bring up this matter on the discussion of the estimates. I have looked into the question, and after discussing it with the deputy minister I have come to the conclusion that the recommendation of Mr. Motherwell should be followed.

Mr. FRASER: Thank you.

Mr. MacLAREN: Is provision being made in the estimates for the clearing of small salmon streams on the New Brunswick coast of the bay of Fundy?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes, it is provided for in the general vote.

Mr. MacLAREN: Will it continue this year?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.