

and must be done during the present session. I do not intend any remarks or any suggestions that I now make to be exhaustive. The subject is too large for any one man to cover adequately. I do want, however, to make a few suggestions to the government in connection with the fishing industry of the province of Nova Scotia, and I make them now because I believe that a full discussion of the fisheries' commission report will not be possible during the session.

In the first place, scientific research needs to be intensified. We have, it is true, a biological station at Halifax. While it has achieved valuable results, it is only scratching at the surface of a great problem. The research needs to be intensified, and the fruits of that research need to be brought home in a practical manner to the fishermen.

The next thing which needs to be done is to have the fishermen organized along co-operative lines so that they will not buy in the most expensive market and sell in the cheapest. Hon. gentlemen opposite have always used this expression as a sort of dogma, and they now have a chance to give their views practical application and enable the fishermen to organize cooperatively.

In the next place, market development is necessary. I know that a campaign has been carried on to educate people in the use of fish, but that campaign has not been adequate, and it needs to be re-started on a more intensified scale. Coupled with it there needs to be improved transportation facilities to get fish to market in the proper condition. The system of collection boats has been started at places along the coast. That system needs to be extended to cover the whole coast line wherever people are unable to get their products into the nearest market.

Standardization, inspection, and grading of the product which comes on the market is the next essential. The consumer, in order to make him a permanent customer, needs to be assured that he is getting the best article obtainable, and these products should be graded, just as are other products, by government inspection.

The next necessity is the perfection of a system of storm signals and bait reports. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has, I see by the papers of Nova Scotia, offered to inaugurate a system of storm warnings. The same despatch, which emanated from Ottawa, stated in effect that that was due to the insistence of the hon. member for Antigonish-Guysborough (Mr. Duff) on the floor of this house. I have not heard him myself, but I hope that he has done something towards getting this from the minister,

because it is a step in the right direction. I was also pleased to learn that seventy-five vessels of the Lunenburg fleet are equipping with radio to prepare themselves for receiving the broadcast weather reports. But this is only a beginning. The Louisburg station may not be sufficient. It may be necessary to broadcast from five or six stations in the provinces in order to give complete reception at sea. There have been no tests to determine whether you can hear Louisburg at a particular point or not. It should be started on a larger scale. The commercial station at Halifax and the station at Moncton should also broadcast the storm warnings and as well there should be included a system of bait reports to tell the fishermen at sea where the nearest point is at which they can obtain bait when they need it.

In the next place, provision for giving fishermen information as to market quotations is a necessity. In very many isolated districts to-day there is no such provision, and the fisherman does not know if he is getting a fair price for his product or not.

Lastly, and as I say, I do not mean these suggestions to be exhaustive, there should be developed a more intimate association between the ministry, or the department administering the fisheries, and the fishermen. In the past that department has been administered by the Minister of Marine as a subdivision or branch of his department. It is the unanimous opinion of the people of Nova Scotia—and I believe the other provinces agree—that the only effective way to administer the department is to sever it completely from the Department of Marine and to place it under a responsible minister. Then, and then only, will we get that intimate touch which is necessary for the industry to prosper and improve.

Now, Sir, I have given these only as suggestions, but I give them because, as I said, immediate action is necessary; something must be done to save an industry which has great potentialities, an industry which ought to grow and prosper, but which to-day is decaying and dying. And I may say that in any references which I have made to the province of Nova Scotia I have not been actuated by any feeling of depression or any lack of faith in her future. I believe she has a wonderful future if a lead is given in governmental policy; but in so far as this present session is concerned, as revealed by the budget, to which we look at least for some intimation as to the policy of the ministry, it is exceedingly barren. We who come from Nova Scotia are appealing: first, for a national fuel policy and protection for steel to enable our