

"The *Dream* is fit only for service on St. John River above the falls—absolutely useless in the Bay of Fundy in winter, in even moderately rough weather. One of our 10-ton Irishman-rigged fishing boats, handled by a Grand Mananer—"

Whatever that may be—

—"wound down the *Dream* ten times in ten hours at any season."

I am not capable of forming an opinion as to what the Grand Mananer's craft might do; but, if this vessel is only about 29 or 30 tons, and if she is not fit to keep the Bay of Fundy in rough weather, even admitting that Mr. Thorne is a valuable friend of the Government, it seems that \$3,600 a year is a dear figure to pay for her. These are the facts as they have been stated to me. I understand that the *Dream* is employed sometimes for other services, which, I suppose, are useful to the Dominion. I see, among other things, that it is stated that the *Dream*, a day or two before the 15th August, was utilized to carry a certain George J. Clarke to Grand Manan and the Islands to obtain Conservative names to be added to the list. I should like to know something about the *Dream*. It is clear that this *Dream* is a reality and not a vision, as for several years \$3,600 a year rent has been paid for her, and I should be glad to hear the views of the Minister as to the services she can render. A craft of that size is certainly not fit to encounter very rough weather in the Bay of Fundy or elsewhere.

Mr. TUPPER. The *Dream* is not a large vessel, but she has performed very important work, and performed it well, since 1887, and the charter that the hon. gentleman alludes to includes not merely the ship itself but the keeping of her in repair by the owner. The repairs on these ships form a very expensive item, as I know by the ships owned by the department, and a very large sum has been spent by the owner, Mr. Thorne, from whom we chartered that boat. I think this boat cost originally \$16,000. She was built for pleasure purposes originally, and it was thought she would suit the purposes of the department in 1887; and she is not required, for the purposes for which she was first got—guarding and protecting the herring fisheries of the bay—to stand out in very bad weather, but she is employed from one end of the year to the other at \$300 a month. The only trouble we have experienced is when it is necessary to send her across the Bay of Fundy—for instance, to St. Mary's Bay, in Digby County. With a bad sea it would be difficult for the *Dream* to make that trip. That was not the original purpose for which she was obtained, nor was she secured to patrol those waters. With reference to Mr. Clarke's trip, I am responsible for that. I asked that gentleman to give me some advice in reference to the organization of the fisheries in that district in which he lives, and I authorized him to go to Grand Manan on the *Dream*. In reference to the obtaining of names for the voters' list, that is something I did not hear of until the hon. gentleman mentioned it; but I asked Mr. Clarke to go there and make enquiries for me in reference to the fisheries, and he asked if he could go on the ship. The commander of the ship would have no authority to allow anyone on her without permission given by the responsible head of the department.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) The hon. gentleman stated that she cost \$16,000.

Mr. TUPPER. I am not sure. I am only speaking from recollection.

Mr. GILLMOR. I hardly think the *Dream* would cost \$16,000. I have represented Charlotte County for thirty years, and I think I could have given my friend any information he required, without his having to go to the expense of sending Mr. Clarke to my county in the steambot.

Mr. TUPPER. I might have asked the hon. gentleman to go away, but probably he would have preferred to stay here and vote.

Mr. GILLMOR. It would not have been at all necessary for me to go away in order to give the hon. gentleman the information. With regard to the *Dream*, there has been various opinions. It is my impression that the *Dream* is very well fitted for a large part of the service in the Bay of Fundy in the inner bays. She is a very nice little vessel. I do not know about the charter, whether it is very high or not, but I should think it was a pretty good price.

Mr. TUPPER. It would be high without the provision for keeping her in repair.

Mr. GILLMOR. All owners of vessels keep them in repair. I think the *Dream* is a very convenient and nice little vessel, and as far as I know she has rendered very good service. I would like to enquire of the Minister about those boats that were seized—have they been given up?

Mr. TUPPER. They have been given up.

Mr. GILLMOR. I am very glad they have been given up. I was very sorry they were seized. There is a dividing line there which is not marked off in any way, and they have always been in the habit of fishing close to that line. Now, with regard to protecting the fisheries, I hope the time is not far distant when our relations with our friends across the border will be such that we will not need to be watching when these vessels go across a certain line. I do not believe it is at all necessary for the protection of the fisheries. Two months ago we had a discussion here about the fisheries, and about the habits of the fish, and my friends from Nova Scotia concluded that the process of fishing was depleting the whole Atlantic fisheries, and that the herrings were all exhausted. What is the result now? Only a few weeks, and the herrings are as plentiful as ever. I am informed that you can get a hogshead of herrings now, five barrels of these small herrings, of which they make sardines, for \$2. The mackerel are coming in, and yet only a few weeks ago we were told that the process of fishing had destroyed the fish. It is quite impossible for the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to make rules that will satisfy everybody; he cannot make them to satisfy the few gentlemen that are here representing those constituencies. The fact is, that very little is known with regard to these artificial processes of breeding lobsters and salmon, and I think myself that it is money thrown away. I think that the natural, old-fashioned way of multiplying the fish and every thing else is the best way. You cannot make much of these artificial processes of incubating lobsters and other fish. I do not think that much good can come from money expended in that way. I know that the Minister of Marine is very anxious to make a record for himself with regard to protecting the fisheries, and I approve of it. Now, in these days