

7. As a fish-plant in Richmond is an absolute necessity, we demand in behalf of the fishermen that the government take the initiative in encouraging Richmond County fishers to organize and establish a fish-plant somewhere in the county, at the most suitable point of course, which in our opinion would be either St. Peter's or Petit de Grat, the former being a railway centre and the latter on tidewater. At present our fish are all transported to Guysboro and Inverness counties and manufactured there.

8. We urge that a Fish Loan Board be created by the government whereby financial assistance could be given to fishermen by way of long term loans at moderate rates of interest. These would enable them to equip themselves with proper boats and gear, which are beyond the reach of the average fisherman to-day, large boats equipped with power being absolutely necessary if the shore fishermen are to be in a position to supply the markets. The day of the small fishing punt is over.

We believe that with proper equipment the shore fishermen can supply the markets of Canada despite all propaganda to the contrary.

9. We urge that every publicity be given the fishermen by radio or bulletin regarding supplies of fish taken and in storage plants also market conditions. These broadcasts would enable them to sell or hold their catches as conditions warranted.

10. We commend the short educational courses in vogue for fishermen, but believe they could be made more beneficial if a practical fisherman were employed to give instruction in such branches of the fishing industry as setting and handling of gear, ganging of hooks, make-up of trawls, nets, seines, etc.

We urge that these recommendations of ours be forwarded to the Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, and to every federal member in Nova Scotia, with the request that they do everything in their power to have the suggestions made by us, which have been ratified by council, put into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) REV. A. BOUDREAU,
D. H. CAMPBELL,
Special Committee.

Arichat, N.S.,
January 15, 1929.

Approved by Council unanimously, and ordered forwarded to Ottawa.

D. H. CAMPBELL,
Municipal Clerk.

Municipal Clerk's Office,
Arichat, N.S.,
March 7, 1929.

The CHAIRMAN: I think before we discuss this matter we had better look over the minutes of Father Boudreau's remarks and also study the report of the Commission and then we can deal with it much better. If that is satisfactory, that will be done. Is there anything else?

Mr. MACDONALD (Richmond-West, Cape Breton): There are one or two practical points I would like to bring before the Committee.