

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: Suppose the wife of a fisherman was engaged in the office of the same employer for whom her husband went to sea, would she be covered?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes, through her regular contract of service in the office. She is not engaged in the same fishing operation.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: But if she was engaged by another employer than her husband she would still be covered?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes, as long as she was employed as a bona fide employee.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: In the second paragraph under the heading "Earnings" on page 7 it states "thirty per cent of the value of the catch..." Is that thirty per cent of the value accepted as a rule of thumb?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes. From the information we obtained from the people whom we saw it appeared that they thought we were being a little generous. We had started off with forty per cent because we thought it would be a little difficult to work with 33½ per cent.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: They are satisfied with this?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: Has this whole plan been submitted to the Minister of Fisheries?

Hon. Mr. GREGG: His deputy minister and officials sat in on all the discussions on the plan.

Mr. MURCHISON: We have had a good deal of assistance from the Department of Fisheries and the officials.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: We will also require a great deal of assistance from their officials out in the field as this goes into effect.

Mr. BARNETT: I would like to refer back to the point raised by Mr. Johnston. I think we all agree with him this scheme will entail a lot of difficulty, but I feel, apart from any other consideration, it is important that the members of the committee should examine and assess the various strengths and weaknesses of the plan as developed so far.

That thought came to my mind when Mr. Johnston was speaking with reference to the question raised by Mr. Bryce in respect of the fishing on Lake Winnipeg or in respect of other similar inland fisheries. I think we should have some indication from the commission as to what steps they may have in mind to inform fishermen engaged in that type of fishing as to the pros and cons of coming in under this plan or electing to stay out. It seems to me that is going to be a rather important consideration in respect of the particular fisheries mentioned by my colleague Mr. Bryce.

I wonder if we could have some indication as an example of what the commission may have in mind in regard to informing fishermen in that category as to whether or not it will be in their best interests to come in under the plan or to stay out for the time being at least.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: Could I ask Mr. Bryce a question? In respect of those persons whom you had in mind who worked at fishing only, say, from November to April in the winter months, do many of them find employment in the open season somewhere else in insurable activities?

Mr. BRYCE: Some of them, yes; but you have fishermen who would be what I would term crofters, or small farmers. The man may stay at home for a week and put up his hay and then go back as soon as possible to his fishing.