

Fisheries and Forestry (Mr. Davis) could then say that Canada is a benevolent nation because we sent fish to Biafra. The people of Newfoundland sent that fish to Biafra, and not the Government of Canada.

We have in Labrador about 1,863 fishermen. Of these, 263 are classified as floaters; they are people who go out in schooners and longliners and fish off Labrador. They salt cod on the boats. About 1,500 people are classified as livyers; they live on the Labrador coast, salt their fish ashore and go home in the fall. For the first time since John Cabot, these 1,800 fishermen failed completely. They had catches of 150 quintals of fish in previous years, and last year they had catches of 5 quintals. The fishermen of Newfoundland asked for some sort of disaster fund to be set up, but we are supposed to be satisfied with the dole, and with the welfare and Canada Assistance programs that come so benevolently from Ottawa. What did the Minister of Fisheries say to our fellow fisherman? He said, "Eat cake. Go on the dole."

We are supposed to be satisfied that the Minister of Transport, a Newfoundlander, represents us in the cabinet at the benevolent city of Ottawa. We Newfoundland members do not apologize for the efforts we make in this House on behalf of the people of Newfoundland. We do not apologize to the people of Toronto, central Canada or other parts of Canada for our efforts on behalf of the east coast people. The hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Carter) did not apologize for referring to the open receipt, under which our fishermen are paid once a year. How many hon. members would like to be paid once a year? I have heard that there are places in China where people are paid once a year. They are also doing that in Newfoundland with our fishermen. They fish all year and bring in their catches, and finally some benevolent merchant comes along and says, "I will give you 3 cents, or 5 cents, a pound for your fish."

We make no apologies for criticizing the way our country is going. Carpenters in Newfoundland are making \$1.50 an hour and carpenters a few miles south of us get \$7.50. Where is the justice in that? Our cost of living is the highest in the country. Surely hon. members know that in St. John's we have the highest cost of living in Canada. Our food costs are 6 per cent above those of other, major Canadian cities. For meat, poultry and dairy products we pay as much as 33 per cent more than the pay in Halifax which is only a

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gunshot away, to use an old Newfoundland expression. We pay \$300 or \$400 more for a car because it costs about \$200 to transport a car to Newfoundland. In this day when we are sending men to the moon and when the Minister of Communications (Mr. Kierans) is to launch a multi-million dollar satellite, many of our people do not have even a telephone. Many of our young people drop out before they reach high school. Many of them will live their lives in one of the great nations of the world and will hardly know how to read or write. It was estimated in 1966 that only 27 per cent of our young children who start in kindergarten will eventually finish grade 11. So I make no apologies for pleading for my province.

We have the greatest fishing resources of any country in the world. Last year, off the Hamilton international banks where our Labrador fishermen failed, one billion pounds of fish was taken by foreign vessels. There was a ratio of 80 to 1 as between the catches of Russian, Norwegian, Portuguese and Spanish boats and our own. But here in Canada we sit on our bottoms while other nations rape our resources. We have great mineral resources and a great people. Even the people of British Columbia are living in comparative affluence at this time. How long must our people stand by before this government is willing to recognize what is happening on our east coast?

Since I wish to continue my remarks another day, may I call it ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

POLLUTION—CANCELLATION OF FORESTRY RESEARCH BRANCH PROJECT

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, the question I raised earlier today concerns a very laudable project started by the Forestry Department in 1967. Its objectives were to find alternatives to the present toxic and poisonous insecticidal control of pests. The possibility of using non-toxic plant extracts which mimic the action of insect hormones was to be investigated. In other words, pest control by methods other than chemical sprays was to be researched. In the context of present proposals to ban the use of DDT and other chemical sprays, this was and is an urgent and timely effort.