

*Supply—Fisheries*

**Mr. Sinclair:** Queens-Lunenburg is a fishing riding.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** The hon. gentleman has been most helpful by his question. What I am suggesting is that after 20 years of Liberal government a great fishing community like the county of Lunenburg gives every evidence of prosperity and well-being today. That is precisely the point I was trying to make, and I thank the hon. gentleman for making sure that I made it in the way I wanted to.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** Not a painted house in 1938; remember that.

**Mr. MacInnis:** What about Bonavista-Twillingate?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** That is precisely what I am coming to. My friend the hon. member for Coast-Capilano when he was minister of this department and his predecessor before him from the time of confederation in 1949 have been working hard to bring about conditions in Bonavista comparable to those in Lunenburg.

**Mr. MacInnis:** And working hard to close the mines of Nova Scotia.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** And that is exactly what the hon. member for Queens-Lunenburg was objecting to. He was objecting to the fact that we were trying to give the people of Newfoundland the kind of benefits his constituency enjoys. If that is what elects people in Lunenburg county it sounds to me like a narrow conception of Canadianism which I do not believe is true of his constituents, many of whom, including one of his predecessors in this house, were Newfoundlanders themselves.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Just like you.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I am not even going to put the question to the minister, because I am convinced that he does not feel that the building of this experimental salt fish plant at Valleyfield was any injury to the province of Nova Scotia or that it was any injury to the fishing industry of Canada or a mistaken thing to do. I think the sooner we get away from this idea that helping one fishing community is harming another, and the sooner we achieve on the Atlantic coast the same kind of attitude that hon. members from the prairies—

**Mr. Sinclair:** And British Columbia.

**Mr. Pickersgill:**—and from British Columbia have of supporting, regardless of party, the industry on which their constituents depend for a livelihood, the better it will be.

**An hon. Member:** You did not say that about Beechwood.

**Mr. Sinclair:** He wanted a Beechwood in Newfoundland. He moved an amendment.

[Mr. Cardiff.]

**Mr. MacInnis:** Would the hon. gentleman permit a question?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Certainly.

**Mr. MacInnis:** The hon. member made reference to the support given by former ministers to the industry on which the people in the maritime provinces largely depend for a livelihood. My question is one that has often been raised in this house. What support did the hon. member for Coast-Capilano give the coal industry when he suggested that the mines be closed down?

**Mr. Sinclair:** Perhaps the hon. member would be specific and tell me when I am alleged to have made that statement.

**Mr. Nowlan:** It has appeared in a good many newspapers.

**Mr. MacInnis:** It was carried in Canadian Press reports on or about May 23, and if there is any denial of it I would suggest that the hon. member for Coast-Capilano take up the question with the Canadian Press.

**Mr. Sinclair:** Mr. Chairman, I will point out that I addressed a meeting of 600 people at St. Francis Xavier University when the whole economy of subsidies was discussed by the professors and students, a discussion which probably would be a little over the head of the very juvenile member who raised the question.

**Mr. Nowlan:** He certainly put you and the whole Liberal party in Nova Scotia into water that is over your heads.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Are you going to offer a fight, too? There are nothing but fighters on the other side of the house.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Chairman, I have felt no ill will at any time toward the hon. member for Queens-Lunenburg. He seems to be a very estimable young man with a great deal to learn, and I hope he will learn it in time. I also hope that one of the first things he learns is that if we are going to have the kind of prosperous codfishery both he and I want, and I give him full credit for wanting it, we will have to work together to make it a single harmonious Canadian industry. That is what the Department of Fisheries has been trying to do over the years, and that is what I am confident it will continue to do under the hon. gentleman who is now the minister.

**Mr. Crouse:** Would the hon. member permit a question?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Most certainly.

**Mr. Crouse:** Would you agree that the location of this plant is advantageous to