

Mr. HAZEN: This case has been before me off and on for a number of years, it has been reported on not only by Mr. Cunningham, our chief fishery officer in British Columbia, who is an old and experienced official, but by our fishery officers here. I shall be glad to show the hon. member the whole correspondence, and perhaps he will then be satisfied that it was impossible to take any other action than has been taken by the department.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Will the minister show the papers to Senator Bostock who is familiar with this matter?

Mr. HAZEN: I have asked Mr. Found to make a note of the matter, and I shall be glad to send the file of papers to Senator Bostock so that he may look into it himself.

Mr. KYTE: Has there been any increase in the number of fishery officers in Nova Scotia during the last year?

Mr. HAZEN: No.

Mr. KYTE: Has the minister the list of fishery guardians for the county of Richmond, N.S.?

Mr. HAZEN: The number in the county of Richmond is twenty-six, but I have not their names here.

Mr. KYTE: That is a very large increase—

Mr. HAZEN: It is the same number as last year.

Mr. KYTE: Perhaps—but a very considerable increase over the number of a few years ago. I would like a list of them. The department have been good enough to furnish me with a list in the past.

Mr. HAZEN: Certainly. I have asked Mr. Found to have a list prepared and sent to the hon. gentleman.

Mr. SINCLAIR: And may I have a similar list for the counties of Guysborough and Antigonish?

Mr. HAZEN: Yes.

Mr. COPP: Who compose the Advisory Board?

Mr. HAZEN: There are four members from Nova Scotia, Mr. Hemon; Mr. Short, of Digby; Captain W. C. Smith, of Lunenburg; and Mr. King, who was appointed on the recommendation of the Halifax Board of Trade. From New Brunswick, there are Mr. F. E. B. Young, of Caraquet; Mr. Carson, of Kent County; and Mr. John Jack-

son, of St. John. There is also a gentleman from the Gulf District, Mr. Arsenault; and from Prince Edward Island, Mr. Longworth, of Charlottetown.

Mr. COPP: Do they meet here?

Mr. HAZEN: Yes, together with the officials of the department. Once they met in Nova Scotia, and once in Prince Edward Island. These gentlemen act without pay; all they receive is their actual expenses.

Mr. MCKENZIE: What are their functions?

Mr. HAZEN: They are purely advisory. They meet with the deputy minister, the Commissioner of Fisheries, and other officials, and discuss such matters as close seasons, fish hatcheries and other subjects relating to the fisheries, and make recommendations. The Bill which I introduced yesterday, and which was read the second time to-day and referred to the Committee on Marine and Fisheries, was prepared largely as a result of their deliberations with the officials of the department.

Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM: Does not the minister realize that he has left a very large part of Nova Scotia unrepresented on the Advisory Board, in that there is no representative from Cape Breton? I regard the functions of this board as very important. It is the medium through which the fishermen can place their case before the Government. I notice that three of the Nova Scotia members of the board are from the western portion of the province, while Cape Breton, which is surrounded by the most important fishing waters of Canada, has no member on the board. I think that is a mistake, and I have called the attention of the minister to it more than once. I regret that he has not seen fit to appoint a representative from that portion of the country.

Mr. HAZEN: We have requests from time to time to appoint on the board representatives from different sections. For instance, there is no member of the board representing the county of Charlotte, N.B., though its fisheries are very important, including extensive sardine weirs and important lobster and other fisheries. There was a representative from this section for the original board, but at his death the place was filled by the appointment of Mr. Jackson of St. John. There are other important fishing centres which are not represented on the board. We do not wish to make the board so large as to be un-