

Fisheries Research Board Act

travel develops to the point where competition is warranted, then certainly air routes may be entitled to competition.

For instance, we are spending I suppose \$20 million or more at this moment on new aircraft to serve the business we know we have. Now, if we only had a chance of getting that business from somebody else, it would not be a very wise expenditure. In other words both competing air lines would be spending \$20 million and perhaps competing for the same traffic.

Mr. Green: There is a reference in this resolution to increased powers of the corporation. Can the minister tell us in what way the powers are to be increased?

Mr. Howe: I really do not remember. There are two or three minor amendments that have no great significance. When the bill is before us we shall be able to discuss those changes more intelligently. I should perhaps know what the reference means, but I do not.

Mr. McLure: What will be the remuneration for these two new directors?

Mr. Howe: There is no remuneration. The T.C.A. directors are not paid.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Howe thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 330, to amend the Trans-Canada Air Lines Act, 1937.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

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INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD—
APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT
CHAIRMAN, ETC.

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (for the Minister of Fisheries) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend the Fisheries Research Board Act to increase the membership of the board from fifteen to nineteen including the chairman; to provide for the appointment by the governor in council of a permanent chairman at such salary as may be fixed by the governor in council, and for the appointment by the minister of an acting chairman who may, if he is not a member of the public service, be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the governor in council; and also to abolish the position of executive director.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Beaudoin in the chair.

Mr. J. Watson MacNaught (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Chairman, the fisheries research board of Canada conducts and controls all investigations into practical problems connected with the marine and fresh water fisheries. The

board operates seven main stations in Canada and one substation. Four of these stations are devoted to biological work, the study of fish populations, methods of fishing, and the remaining three stations deal with technical problems of canning, refrigeration, production of meal and oil, quality control of product and so on. Each of these stations is in charge of a director, and attached to them are scientific staffs as well as seasonal scientific staffs.

Because of the wide ramifications of the board's work, involving considerable expense, it is becoming increasingly evident that the existing structure of the board requires modification. The management of the board is at present in the hands of 15 members, two from the department, two from each of the fishing industries on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and nine scientists from Canadian universities. One of these is elected chairman and another vice-chairman. The board has a small staff at headquarters in Ottawa. The chairman and vice-chairman, both being university scientists, are normally resident elsewhere in Canada and able to give only part time to the management. At its last annual meeting the board recommended that this act be amended to provide for a full-time chairman and to allow a more balanced representation on the board itself. These amendments will be contained in the bill which will be introduced as a result of this resolution.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Is the parliamentary assistant in a position to say whether there will be any representation from the province of Newfoundland on the board, and who the new chairman is going to be?

Mr. MacNaught: At the moment I am not in a position to tell the house who the new chairman will be. Every effort will be made to see that adequate representation is given to Newfoundland.

Mr. Graydon: May I ask the parliamentary assistant if he has taken note of the comment made by the general manager of Trans-Canada Air Lines the other day when he was questioned in committee about serving that delicious food called fish, in which all Canadians delight and of which we should like to see the distribution even further advanced. According to the committee report the general manager said they did not serve fish on the air lines because it was so odoriferous. In connection with research I would think the parliamentary assistant would have the board deal with this subject. I must confess that I cannot agree with the statement, because I think there is no more delicious food served in Canada than that which comes out of the rivers, lakes and seas.