

due respect to *The Canada Gazette* I suggest that there are very few people who read it, and there might very well be passed an order in council changing boundaries, which would escape the notice of the ordinary citizen. I would ask the minister to explain why there is any necessity for altering the procedure that has been followed through the years in regard to these harbours.

Mr. HOWE: It seems rather an anomaly that, for instance, the boundary of Vancouver harbour must be determined by statute, whereas the boundary of Victoria harbour, a very important harbour, may be set by order in council. In the same way, Halifax harbour must be determined by statute, and Sydney harbour can be set by order in council quite legally; so also can Louisburg. I do not know why we should distinguish these seven harbours. I have no great objection, but—

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: I take it the reason is that these harbours are under dominion authority.

Mr. HOWE: So are the others.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: But dominion authority in an entirely different sense. These harbours are administered by the dominion and their boundaries are fixed by statute. My hon. friend here perhaps feels that some person in one of these big cities would be prejudiced by the fact that an order in council was passed altering the boundaries of the harbour, he knowing nothing of it, although theoretically he is supposed to know, and he would be bound by it. I submit there is really no good reason why the procedure should be altered in this case.

Mr. POULIOT: There is a moving picture entitled *Modern Times*, by Charlie Chaplin, in which there is a board for television, and the gentleman in charge of that board sees all that is going on in the workshop. I wonder if such a device cannot be used to control the management of all the harbours by one person in Ottawa.

Mr. FINN: Before the amendment is carried I wish to ask the Minister of Marine a question with reference to schedule B, Halifax harbour. I am not a sailor or a navigator, but it says:

For the purposes of this act, the harbour of Halifax shall include all the waters lying northwest of a line running north 56 degrees east and distant 3,500 feet southeasterly from Pleasant point, and including the waters of Bedford basin and the Northwest arm.

Just what does that include? Or might I put it this way; does it include the Dartmouth side of Halifax harbour?

[Sir George Perley.]

Mr. HOWE: Yes, all the waters of Bedford basin, the harbour of Halifax, the Northwest arm, the Halifax arm out of Chebucto head.

Mr. FINN: As I read this it looks as though for the purposes of this act the harbour of Halifax shall include all the waters lying northwest—that is westerly, the Dartmouth side is easterly—of a line running north 56 degrees east and distant, 3,500 feet southeasterly from Pleasant point, and including the waters of Bedford basin and the Northwest arm. The main harbour of Halifax has Halifax on the one hand and Dartmouth on the other. The district of Woodside contains the Acadian Sugar Refinery. The eastern passage district contains the Imperoil works. In the town of Dartmouth there is the skate and nail factory and the Consumers Cordage Company. I look forward to development on the eastern side of Halifax harbour, which is Dartmouth, and on the western side, which is Halifax, in the same relationship but not in the same degree as Carleton is to Saint John. The hopes and aspirations of the people of Dartmouth, the town in which I was born, have already been gratified by the building of a pier there. There is a Dartmouth branch to Windsor junction, which has now been continued on to Dean settlement, a distance of about seventy-two miles of railway, and this includes the Dartmouth shore, so that developments may take place there. But I wish to be assured that this definition of Halifax harbour is broad and wide enough to include the eastern side of Halifax harbour. I rather doubt that it does.

Mr. HOWE: I can positively assure my hon. friend that the Dartmouth shore of Halifax harbour is in the harbour just as much as the Halifax shore of Halifax harbour.

Mr. FINN: The only point is that according to this definition, for the purposes of this act the harbour of Halifax shall include all waters northwest of a line running north 56 degrees east. You get that point north 56 degrees east and then you go westerly. Now if that is in the centre of the harbour, although it includes specifically the Northwest arm and Bedford basin, it does not include the town of Dartmouth, and I am not able to take a chart and find out whether it does or not.

Mr. CAHAN: Will the hon. member allow me a moment? I looked into it, and it includes everything that was included in Halifax harbour by the earliest statutes down to the present. This schedule includes everything that was in the area of Halifax harbour in the early statutes of the province, and at later dates.