

to support larger quotas, or any of those facts. The Minister and his predecessors have said many times that there are too many fishermen chasing too few fish. Many people in the fishing industry quarrel with that. They are out on the sea hauling in their nets full of fish. They reach the quota which they are allowed for that vessel for a certain period of time and they cannot fish any more. The fish are there but they cannot catch them.

As fishermen will tell you, the fish do not wait around. They are not like western cattle; they do not stay in the pen until you come out next week to catch them. They go swimming off to other places, hide behind rocks, and that sort of thing. The fish which you may have caught this week when you had filled your quota may not be there next week when you go out and start on a new quota.

There is a lot of silliness in the fishing industry. Hon. Members from Ottawa may laugh, but fishermen have had to forgo taking in a net full of fish because they had filled their quota. They let those fish go and the fish swim off, or, more likely, die in the water because of the oxidization or whatever it is that takes place when they come up from the depths.

Mr. Waddell: It sounds fishy to me.

Mr. Crosby: I would like to take this opportunity to ask the Minister of Fisheries to take the steps which are necessary to review once again what the Department is doing with respect to the biological aspect of the operation in determining what the quantity and quality of the fish stocks are in the Atlantic fishery. I would like him to provide information in a readable form so that fishermen can have access to this information and decide whether the information on which the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is basing its judgment is reliable and accords with their own experience.

Fishermen have told me that they could not get a permit to fish in a particular zone because there were not sufficient fish there to support the permits which had already been issued. They have told me that they passed through those zones many times and the fish were there in abundance. The fishermen who had permits to fish in those zones took their catches, returned to port, and the fish were still there. That is what I mean. They are not going to stay there waiting to be caught by Canadian fishermen who have permits issued by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. They do not know anything about the permits. That can be a lost resource. I think a lot more can be done in that area, Mr. Speaker.

With regard to protection of the coastal fishery, we see some ridiculous situations. I keep looking at my colleague from Red Deer in the Province of Alberta. If they ever managed the red meat industry in Canada the way the fisheries industry is managed by the federal Government, the whole industry would be down the drain. Everything would be put into a hamburger machine. You would not get top quality steak. There would be no such thing as sirloin. They would take all the cattle and turn them into McDonald's hamburgers. That is really what they are doing in the fishing industry today. There is talk of quality but there is nothing done. The fish are out there. They

are caught today. They are let go. No one knows what is going on.

When our colleague in the other place, Mr. Kirby, was just a lowly citizen like the rest of us, he restructured the Atlantic fishery. However, paper will not restructure the Atlantic fishery. You cannot just write tomes of material; you must deal directly with the people involved, and those are the fishermen, the inshore fishermen and the independent fishermen as well as the large companies. You just cannot go to the large companies and say that the Government and the large fishing companies will take over the Atlantic fishery. That is not going to work; you must manage the industry in its totality. You must do it with a great deal of knowledge, common sense and judgment. You cannot just mash it all together and turn the fish into fishsticks for McDonald's. It is not that kind of industry.

There is quality in fish just as there is quality in western beef. No one knows better how to distinguish the qualities in the red meat industry than the western Canadian farmers. That is one of the problems. If the Department of Fisheries and Oceans would give the fishermen the facts, equipment and facilities to educate them in the way the western farmers and the cattle producers have educated themselves in their industry, the problem would be resolved. In the Atlantic fishery we want useful bureaucratic assistance. We want information, direct aid, equipment and facilities.

I could give you 100 examples, Mr. Speaker, of how the Department of Fisheries operates, but I will just give you two. As I say, western cattlemen would not put up with this kind of nonsense. The Department builds wharves in small craft harbours to accommodate local fishermen. They do not build these with a couple of carpenters and a few pieces of timber. You cannot build a wharf on the Atlantic coast in half a day. With the force of tides and so on, any wharf must be a very substantial structure. A new wharf for Indian Harbour or Peggy's Cove involves a \$.5 million expenditure or even more. The small craft harbours branch of the Department of Fisheries builds these wharves. We call the Member for South West Nova (Miss Campbell) the queen of small craft harbours. There is more money spent on small craft harbours in the federal constituency of South West Nova than there has been on fences for beef cattle in western Canada. A good wharf in a harbour means everything to a fishing community. Those wharves are expensive. The Department of Fisheries builds a \$1 million wharf, but does not put a light on it. Someone else must put the light on it. Some fishermen must make a deal with the Nova Scotia Power Corporation to put a light on that wharf and pay the monthly charge in order for that wharf to be used during dark hours. Anyone who lives in Nova Scotia will tell you that from about October to early May there are a lot of dark hours. I do not want to give anything away that would adversely affect the tourist industry, but there is not all that much daylight. If there is a \$1 million wharf with no light on it, one cannot make very good use of that investment. However, that is our Department of Fisheries and Oceans; it is what you call pennywise and pound foolish. For the sake of