

Mr. HAZEN: Mr. Bouillon has practically no travelling to do at all. He is employed for the purpose of sending us statistics of fisheries in his immediate district.

Mr. MARCIL: I would like to know whether these men are paid a fixed salary.

Mr. HAZEN: I fancy that the cases referred to are those of men employed in connection with the fishing bounties who are appointed according to the number of bounty claims that they take.

Mr. McKENZIE: I understand that the hon. minister will furnish me with a copy of the recommendations to council on the appointment of Mr. Ward Fisher, and the Order in Council.

Mr. HAZEN: I shall lay them on the Table.

Mr. KYTE: With regard to the bounty claim work, is that done by the fishery officer?

Mr. HAZEN: In nearly all districts.

Mr. KYTE: I think it has been taken away from Mr. Boudreault, the fishery officer at Petit de Grat.

Mr. HAZEN: I think there were complaints as to the manner in which Mr. Boudreau discharged the duty, and it was thought undesirable to place the work in his hands again, and my recollection is that he has ceased to be an officer of the department. I believe that his successor also is named Boudreau.

Mr. MARCIL: Has an appointment been made in the case of Mr. Jos. Riendeau of the Montreal district, who died?

Mr. HAZEN: No appointment has been made.

Mr. MARCIL: Who does the work formerly done by the late Commander Wakeham?

Mr. HAZEN: Dr. Bernier.

Mr. MARCIL: I see here the name of Captain Chalifour of L'Islet who was paid \$300 as an inspector. What is that for?

Mr. HAZEN: Captain Chalifour in addition to his other duties, acted as inspector after the death of Commander Wakeham, and before the appointment of Dr. Bernier.

Mr. MARCIL: Does his salary remain what it was at his appointment?

[Mr. Marcil.]

Mr. HAZEN: It has not been increased. Oyster culture, \$6,000.

Mr. KYTE: Will the minister say what is being done in this service?

Mr. HAZEN: My hon. friend will find a full report of the work done last year at page 300 of the Fisheries Report.

Mr. MACDONALD: An oyster bed was established at Cariboo in my county. What has been the result?

Mr. HAZEN: I understand that an experimental bed was planted there, under the direction of Mr. Kemp, six or seven years ago. My attention has not been called to it. Some years ago, as my hon. friend will remember, the provincial government, under agreement with the Dominion Government, took control over the barren bottoms, some of which are now leased to private parties for the planting of oyster beds. I fancy that the bed to which the hon. gentleman refers passed to the provincial government at the same time.

Mr. COPP: Has the Dominion Government supervision of the oyster beds recently planted along the shores of New Brunswick?

Mr. HAZEN: No.

Mr. COPP: They are managed by private companies?

Mr. HAZEN: Yes, under lease from the government of New Brunswick. There was a question of jurisdiction as to these barren bottoms, and five years ago we made an arrangement by which we gave over to the provinces authority to deal with them. It is under arrangement with the provincial government that these are now taken over and cultivated by private companies.

Mr. MACDONALD: Then, what has the Dominion Government to do with oyster culture now?

Mr. HAZEN: We control the public beds.

Mr. MACDONALD: How do you distinguish the public beds from the others? The particular place to which I refer is in a public harbour.

Mr. HAZEN: The public beds are those in which the oysters grown naturally, and which are resorted to by the fishermen to rake oysters; private beds are those where the oysters are planted on barren bottoms under arrangement with the government of the province. The oysters in these latter beds cannot be taken by parties other than those who own the rights, but access to the