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Mr. BRADBURY.—That is what I want to find out.

Mr. MACLEAN (Lunenburg).—They simply buy them from the fishermen.

Hon. Mr. BRODEUR.—The work is done by Canadians but the commercial side of the industry is controlled mostly by Americans.

*By Mr. Bradbury:*

Q. Referring to the fishery branch of the department, you have made the statement that it would be a wise thing to have a Deputy Minister of Fisheries. Is it not a fact that the present Deputy of the Marine and Fisheries Department is practically only a figure head as far as the fisheries is concerned? What I mean by that is, that the policy of the fisheries branch is altogether controlled by the Commissioner, by yourself and others in your department, and that the Deputy has practically nothing to do with it? Is that not true?—A. Well, I should hardly say that is correct Mr. Bradbury. As a matter of fact the Minister of Marine and Fisheries himself takes a great personal interest in a great many of these matters, and goes into matters very thoroughly, and the Deputy Minister himself, I might say, also discusses the various questions that come up for consideration, but, of course, the work is really of great magnitude. I did not suggest a Deputy Minister of Fisheries, the question was put to me whether I objected to such a proposal.

Mr. BRADBURY.—It seems to me that we have so many deputies of departments, and I think you have enough men in the Fisheries Department, and if I understand the movements of the Fisheries Department, and I think I have followed it pretty closely the last three years, the views of Mr. Venning and yourself, and the Minister prevail, that the deputy does not cut much figure as regards the policy of the department. I look upon you and Mr. Venning as really responsible for the administration of the Fisheries Department.

WITNESS.—Of course we have officers in the field who report to us.

Mr. BRADBURY.—I know, but it seems to me that you are there, and there is no necessity for a deputy.

The CHAIRMAN.—With regard to that question of the restriction of licenses, which is a live question on the coast, I am not altogether satisfied.

Mr. MACLEAN.—I would suggest that that is one of the questions he is going to answer at the next meeting.

The CHAIRMAN.—Yes, but perhaps he will not answer it the way I want it answered, and I was going to suggest something to him, I would like him, in his answer—

Mr. CROSBY.—The Commissioner has showed conclusively his reasons, and he will answer the question in accordance with those reasons.

The CHAIRMAN.—The situation, of course, in my constituency, is that most of the licenses are in the hands of two American concerns, Burnham & Morrell and the Portland Packing Company. These American corporations seem to have a system of coming here with \$2 and obtaining a license to pack lobsters at a certain point, and they put \$2 into the department and receive a license. Then they have locked the door of the factory and compelled the fishermen, in a good many cases, to smack their lobsters to another factory that they choose to open somewhere else. That is a grievance to the young men who want to get into the business. The young man says: 'Why am I not allowed to pack lobsters? Here is a factory which has been closed for many years, no packing has been done in it, and the village loses the benefit of the people coming here, the merchants lose the benefit of the business which they used to obtain from the fishermen bringing their lobsters here.' That is what I am up against in my county and I want to know if there is any cure for that state of affairs, or if it must go on in that way. Have you, Professor, anything to propose better than the present system? You know how aggravating it is to the merchant, who is living at one of these points and doing business, and who wants to buy lobsters