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government and to Mr. Crosbie for the effort they are making.”

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On the question of science, the federal government is taking the matter seriously now. The premier said: “I don’t blame the federal government, in the blameworthy sense. Frankly, if Newfoundland and Labrador had had the jurisdiction we would be relying on the same scientists”.

The level of co-operation between the two levels of government is exactly the sort of approach that collectively we must all take if we are going to deal with this problem, if we are going to have a viable, professional, long-term fishery for our future. If not, we may never get there.

**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):** Madam Speaker, I am glad that the hon. member for St. John’s East mentions the co-operation he is getting, or seems to feel the federal government is getting, from the newly elected Liberal premier, Premier Wells. I cannot see that this is happening in Nova Scotia with Premier Buchanan and Mr. Siddon.

We have seen the Haché task force, we have seen Stein task force, we have seen the Harris task force and in all of those we have had hundreds of hours of work put in by people within the community: fishermen, fish plant owners, community leaders and others, who spoke about the problems.

What was wrong with the Haché task force was the fact that the minister thought it should concentrate only on the inshore and only on over capacity. I cannot say that I heard anybody talk only on over capacity. Certainly those from the province of Nova Scotia talked about the management of this minister and his ability to manage the fish.

Premier Buchanan came out last week and spoke about his inability to understand this minister not listening to the fishermen or to the people who work in the industry. I am glad that in Newfoundland you have such a good arrangement between a Liberal government provincially and a federal government. I am glad for the hon. member that he does not have our type of problem and that his fishery seems rosy.

But, I will say this and I will ask the member again, does he feel that the inshore fishing community in Newfoundland, in the Gulf, in Quebec, and in Nova Scotia, Scotia-Fundy—and I say Scotia-Fundy contrary to the impression that the minister for ACOA left that it was only in the southern end, Scotia-Fundy covers most of Nova Scotia except his own area, and it goes into New Brunswick for those figures—has capacity enough to catch and process all the traditional stocks, including some of the northern cod in his area?

Does he feel that the inshore fishery can catch all the traditional stocks, and that a good role for the offshore vessels would be to replace the foreigners who are fishing? If we had any activity out there, we probably would not see the foreigners coming into the waters because it would not pay them to come.

Does the member have it in his mind, because he is parliamentary secretary and maybe he could influence the department, that the inshore communities that are so dependent and the offshore plants in those communities could process all of the traditional stocks, and that the offshore should probably be directed to go and take over where the foreigners are fishing within the 200-mile limit, and therefore, eliminate the problem that is there presently

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Before giving the floor back to the hon. member for St. John’s East to answer, I would like to explain to people who are watching us what is happening this afternoon, because it has not been put on the record officially. Some members have decided to share the normal 20-minute period so we have divided the normal 10-minute period of questions and comments into two five-minute periods. understand what is happening.

There is but one minute left for the hon. member for St. John’s East to answer his colleague who has taken four of the five minutes.

**Mr. Reid:** Madam Speaker, one minute is obviously not enough. Frankly, it is going to take that long to be sure of the question I was asked.

First, the provincial minister of fisheries in Nova Scotia, the member representing Pictou County in Nova Scotia, has been very co-operative and very helpful, as have been provincial colleagues. I cannot answer the question in one minute—