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plants, in the layout of plants, in canning techniques in freezing and in smoking, and in special cases in the encouragement of the establishment of reduction plants. For the further improvement and development of our service during the current year, a position of director of industrial and development services was established, but up to the moment we have not been able to complete the arrangements for the filling of this position.

Where it is being spent this year is in the Bonavista area of Newfoundland. The two ships that we had down there last year were long liners. They were there last year, but they are there this year operating on a truly commercial basis. Last year they were exploring. This year we are endeavouring to see if they can fish profitably in that area.

In answer to the hon. member for St. John's West, may I say that they were sent to Bonavista because the largest number of fishermen was in that area and because the fishermen were farther away from the bank fishing. They had to depend more on getting their catch inshore. We were carrying on the investigation where the greater number of people could have the advantage of seeing the operation for themselves.

Another service that is going on at the present time is at Bay Bulls, where we are installing a drier for light salt fish. If that has as great success as the one that was put in at Fortune for heavy salt fish then I think we will have accomplished a very great deal in these experiments for the people of Newfoundland.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Did the department have two boats in the Bonavista area last year or one?

Mr. Mayhew: We had two boats there last year.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): These are the same two boats?

Mr. Mayhew: They were doing more exploring than fishing.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): I was aboard one of the boats and I must say that it was a very fine boat. If they were a little larger they would be better.

Mr. Higgins: What did the operations cost?

Mr. Mayhew: One of the boats down there this year is larger than the one we had there last year.

Mr. Higgins: What did the operation cost?

Mr. Mayhew: Last year it cost \$18,000.

Mr. Higgins: Why the reduction to \$25,000? Is that the reason?

[Mr. Mayhew.]

Mr. Mayhew: Is the hon. member referring to the total?

Mr. Higgins: The total vote last year was \$50,000; this year it is \$25,000.

Mr. Mayhew: We have not a director set up for this department, and it was one place where we could obey the commands of the Minister of Finance for some curtailment, and we thought it would be—

Mr. Higgins: It is the director's salary?

Mr. Mayhew: Well, the director's salary is some of it.

Mr. Gibson: I would think that they would be able to catch \$25,000 worth of fish with these large boats; otherwise I am badly misinformed about the richness of the fisheries there.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): These items that we have been passing more or less overlap. I asked the minister a question as to the results of the marketing efforts of the department last year, and I had special reference to the production in Nova Scotia. Will he advise the committee what has been the increase or otherwise in the quantity of fish produced in Nova Scotia and marketed in Canada, or marketed in the United States or elsewhere, and what has been the relative value of production in Nova Scotia, say in the last two years.

Mr. Mayhew: At the moment I have not the figures for Nova Scotia separately: I have the figures for the whole east coast. In 1949, \$28,927,000; in 1950, it was \$32,764,000, quite a substantial increase.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): An increase in value. What about volume?

Mr. Mayhew: The volume was 675,197,000 pounds in 1949; 735,132,000 pounds in 1950. Therefore both the volume and value have had a substantial increase.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): I would like to have it for Nova Scotia if the minister could give it. Every part of Nova Scotia is interested in the fishing industry, some of the counties more than others. My county is not greatly interested, except in lobster fishing, smelt and shad fishing. If I could get these figures for the province of Nova Scotia later it would be all right. I do not want to hold up the estimates.

Mr. Mayhew: I would be very happy to get the figures for Nova Scotia for the hon. gentleman and other hon. gentlemen. If I am unable to get them before the estimates are completed I will at least see that they are handed to the hon. member.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): Can the minister make a general statement as to the