

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. MacDonald, Cape Breton South): I think the hon. member should withdraw that expression "black-guarded."

Mr. MACDOUGALL: I do not wish to see a member from New Brunswick decrying an industry that is capable of development.

Mr. VENIOT: That is not a withdrawal.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: I do not wish to cause any trouble, but I want to see this industry developed in Nova Scotia and I am sure no member from one of the other maritime provinces would try to oppose its development.

Mr. VENIOT: I want that word "black-guarded" withdrawn.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: Certainly, I withdraw it, but the hon. member is not doing anything to assist the development of the industry in Nova Scotia.

Mr. VENIOT: I am not decrying the Malagash salt industry, but I am just as much concerned in defending the rights of the fishing industry in my province as the hon. member from Nova Scotia is in defending the industry in his province. If we are compelled to bring in Malagash salt and use it in the fishing industry in New Brunswick, the use of that salt will lessen the value of our cod on the market because of the discolouration that takes place in the brine. Everybody admits there is a scum and that scum will discolour, especially the cod caught late in the fall of the year. That cod should be almost perfectly white in order to command on the market the price that it should receive. The price is diminished by reason of the fact that that white cod is discoloured by the Malagash salt. That is the only objection I have to its use; I am not objecting to its use in the conservation of herring.

Mr. SMITH (Cumberland): I think it was admitted in one of the telegrams I read from a firm that they found this sediment or discolouration material, but they have abandoned that seam and are working a new seam which is absolutely clear and without sediment.

Mr. VENIOT: I have no proof of that to warrant any person using it and that is the reason, if I mistake not, that the Department of Fisheries ordered an investigation of which they have not yet received the final report. I am positive that if the time comes when scientific research shows that that sediment no longer exists, our New Brunswick fishermen will use the Malagash salt. But

they will not use it in any quantity until they are sure that its use is not going to destroy the cash value of the product they put on the market. That is all I wish to say now in respect to that or anything else connected with the fisheries.

As regards the sales tax and excise tax we shall discuss them on their merits in their proper place, when they come before the house.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I wish to say only a word of explanation. I do not intend to make long comments on all the statements made by the different speakers, but I consider the hon. member for Dorchester deserves our congratulations for the able speech he made to the committee this afternoon. He is keenly interested in the fishing industry in this country. At the beginning of his remarks, he asked the Minister of Fisheries whether any communication had been received from the Minister of Fisheries of Quebec in regard to the cooperation that was suggested by a resolution adopted by this house about a month ago. I answered, not to my knowledge. I was speaking from memory and, of course, subject to correction. Since the question was put, although it is Saturday afternoon, I had somebody call at my office and make a search, and my secretary tells me that during the first days of May a letter was received from the Minister of Fisheries in the province of Quebec, Mr. La Ferte, relating to the resolution which was adopted by this house and to which I referred a moment ago, and stating that there were difficulties in the way of the administration of fisheries in the province of Quebec, and asking for the cooperation of the federal authorities on the lines suggested by the resolution. I want to make that correction immediately in order to be fair to the Minister of Fisheries in the province of Quebec.

Mr. POWER: If the hon. minister had only known that two hours ago we might have got nearer to prorogation.

Mr. DURANLEAU: This matter has been left in abeyance pending the end of the session, which has been expected from day to day during the last few days. I can assure the committee that as soon as we are relieved of the heavy work of the session I shall immediately take the matter up with the Department of Fisheries at Quebec, and any assistance or cooperation that can be given by this government to the province will be given. I can understand that the duality of administration of fisheries in the