

for in these days of high prices of food, the question of a better and cheaper food supply is of much importance to Quebec. Mr. Thomson in the course of his interesting lecture spoke of the influence the train ferry had on trade and the carriage of fresh fish and meat, and said fish was destined in the near future to play a greater part in the feeding of the world than it had ever yet done.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor congratulated Mr. Thomson on the able and lucid manner in which he had placed the question before the meeting, and in expressing his thanks dwelt upon the importance of Canadian fisheries. He alluded to the time that he was appointed a member of the Fisheries Commission by the British Government, and the anxiety of the Americans to get hold of the fisheries showed how valuable an asset they are. He did not see why the port of Boston should be the fish distributing point, for Canada, but was told that the fish caught off the coast of Gaspé that went to Boston was afterwards reshipped to Toronto and other Canadian cities. He said we ought to be able to develop our own Canadian fisheries, as the possibilities were enormous, and from the year 1894, the consumption of fish had increased 90 per cent.

Mr. Godfrey W. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Jos. Picard, moved the following vote of thanks to Mr. Thomson, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved:—That the thanks of this general meeting of the members of the Quebec Board of Trade be expressed to Mr. Harry Cranfuird

Thomson, of London, for his most interesting address upon the extent and wealth of the deep sea fisheries of the gulf of St. Lawrence, the Baie des Chaleurs and the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, and that the Board desires to express its conviction of the inestimable value of these fisheries as a source of cheap food for the people of Canada and the United States, made so urgent by the present high prices of all other food. That the experience of Aberdeen, Grimsby and other fishing ports of the United Kingdom, when thousands of tons of fresh fish have of late years been sent daily in chilled cars to all the cities of England and Scotland, and also that of Gloucester, Mass., whence similar shipments are made to United States centres, and where fish preserving and curing in all its shapes is now being carried on, would seem to point to the advisability of more attention being paid in Canada to the exploitation of this source of cheap food. There would seem to be no reason why Quebec should not become, like Aberdeen or Grimsby, a distributing point for fresh fish brought in by properly equipped iced fish carriers from Baie des Chaleurs and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, destined to all points in Canada and the United States, provided a suitable iced warehouse were erected on the Louise Dock alongside both railway tracks and deep water.

Resolved:—That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Quebec, the Chairman of the Harbour Commission, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the Provincial Government.