

Supply—Fisheries

Mr. Sinclair: The reason for this extra \$8,000 is the decision which was taken by the fisheries research board of Canada to bring their publications up to date. The amount of research in the laboratories has been out-running the facilities to publish the results of their experiments and the fishing industry is most anxious that these be made available. Last year we had a special item of \$14,200 for the publication of the scientific research by research stations and experimental stations. That work has gone out and this extra item will enable them to bring their publications up to date.

Mr. Higgins: Has there been any decision about the headquarters in the east?

Mr. Sinclair: The question of establishing headquarters of the new northwest Atlantic fisheries commission will be made by the commission, which is composed of representatives of ten governments. Two towns in eastern Canada and one United States town are being considered.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): When will the report of the fisheries research board be out?

Mr. Sinclair: I must confess that I do not know whether it is out or not. It should be out very shortly because they had their annual meeting over a month ago.

Item agreed to.

Special—

575. To provide for assistance in the construction of bait freezing and storage facilities, subject to the approval of the governor in council—further amount required, \$10,000.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Could we have an explanation of this item?

Mr. Sinclair: The availability of supplies of bait at convenient centres has long been one of the difficulties facing the fishing industry and different plans to overcome it have been tried. Order in council P.C. 3451 of August 3, 1948, established regulations for providing assistance in the construction of bait freezing and storage facilities. These provide for assistance in the provision, maintenance and operation of bait freezing and storage facilities up to a maximum of \$10,000 in each case.

In the main estimates last year \$30,000 was provided for the three applications which it was expected would be processed that year. Actually a fourth bait depot at Jordan Bay, Yarmouth county, Nova Scotia, is being considered and this extra \$10,000 is for that purpose. There is a fifth application presently being studied by the department.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Where are they?

Mr. Sinclair: Two in Nova Scotia and three in Newfoundland.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Where are they in Newfoundland?

Mr. Sinclair: East Coast Fisheries Limited, Colinet island, St. Mary's Bay, Newfoundland; East Coast Fisheries Limited, branch, St. Mary's Bay, Newfoundland; Fishery Products Limited, Trepassey Bay, Newfoundland. No decision has been arrived at on these three as yet.

Item agreed to.

GOVERNOR GENERAL AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

576. Office of the secretary to the Governor General—further amount required, \$50,000.

Mr. Lennard: I should like to have a little more information on this. Why was not a similar amount required in the years 1946 to 1953?

Mr. Abbott: Perhaps my hon. friend will allow this item to stand and I will ask the Prime Minister to come in. It is to bring last year's arrangements in line. As my hon. friend will recall, the present Governor General is not subject to income tax on his income.

Mr. Lennard: I might ask at the same time—

Mr. Abbott: Shall we allow the item to stand?

Mr. Lennard: Was not the previous Governor General subject to income tax in his own country?

Mr. Abbott: I believe not.

Mr. Lennard: I would like to know.

Mr. Abbott: Not with respect to his Canadian income.

Mr. Knowles: Will the Minister of Finance make it clear that the Governor General is free from income tax with respect to his income from the government?

Mr. Abbott: I believe that is correct, but I am speaking from memory.

Mr. Knowles: He pays income tax on his private income, but not on his salary of approximately \$50,000.

Mr. Abbott: Ten thousand pounds.

Mr. Knowles: His salary of \$48,667 is not subject to income tax.

Mr. Abbott: I shall send for the Prime Minister. I might say that there is a similar item in the main estimates which will come forward, so perhaps we could pass this.