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with the very great help of the Minister of Fisheries, certain negotiations were conducted in Great Britain and, as we know, a contract was given to Canada for \$5,200,000 worth of canned salmon for this year. I do not think too much can be said for Mr. Fraser and his associates. That work was done by an industry working for itself and for the fishermen on the river. Too few industries in Canada try to do this work on their own behalf.

Usually when an industry gets into difficulty they come to the government for assistance. I have taken my part in this house in asking the minister to do something about canned salmon stocks in British Columbia to the point where, at one time when things were desperate, I asked for some type of subsidy. The Minister of Fisheries did not agree with me at that time and I think the reason why he did not agree with me was because he had this other arrangement prepared whereby representatives of the industry were to go to Great Britain. They did a wonderful job there and I think Mr. Fraser and his colleagues are to be highly commended and I offer my compliments to these gentlemen.

I do wish to say in conclusion, and I am keeping my remarks brief because I do not wish to speak at too great length, that there is a matter I would like to bring to the attention of the minister and that is the problem of poaching in Queen Charlotte. The minister this afternoon mentioned that a helicopter service is being used in the Atlantic. It seems to me that the problem of dealing with poachers in the mouth of some of the small rivers in Queen Charlotte could be handled in the same way. Poachers cannot be tracked down entirely by fisheries patrol boats and I believe a helicopter should be used to great advantage and I hope the minister will consider that suggestion.

I would like to mention one other thing. The minister's department has a man by the name of Mr. Rothery who is the inspector in charge of part of the river at Steveston, and I would like to say to the minister and his deputy that that man is doing a very fine job there. Things at Steveston are very good fisherywise, and I think this gentleman is responsible for the very fine relationship which exists there between the industry and the fishermen on the river.

In conclusion, I would again compliment the minister on the finest presentation of the work of a department I have heard in this house since I first came here.

**Mr. Ashbourne:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to add my congratulations to those that other hon.

[Mr. Goode.]

members have proffered the Minister of Fisheries for the very excellent review he gave us this afternoon on the work of his department. His speech was extremely interesting and it seems to me that rather than being like a fish out of water he was entirely in his element. He has certainly obtained a very fine grasp of the problems of the fishing industry since he became the minister in charge of this department. However, being aware of his great capabilities and knowing of the success he has already achieved in the field of finance this was not altogether surprising.

Now, Mr. Chairman, this is all to the good because the Department of Fisheries is very important and we are all very proud that the minister is making such a great success of his job. We believe that as time goes on the industry will see the great benefit which will arise as a result of the aggressive work already carried out by the minister and his officials in the Department of Fisheries.

In this regard, sir, I would like to say how glad the people of Newfoundland were last year to receive a visit from the deputy minister of fisheries. He spent some time in Newfoundland and I believe that from now on we shall see a great improvement in fishery development in that province. There was perhaps a little misunderstanding in Newfoundland last year with regard to the broadcast the Minister of Fisheries made at that time, but that has now been cleared up and I understand that definite plans have now been made as regards improved marketing facilities for the sale of codfish so that the producers will obtain increased benefits from their products.

Five years have now passed since Newfoundland entered confederation and perhaps, Mr. Chairman, I might have the indulgence of the house in saying that all hon. members from Newfoundland, and we have seven in this house, are delighted to be here and I think I can speak on their behalf in voicing sincere thanks to other hon. members for the courtesy and friendship which they have shown us. I would also like to express the hope that the progress which has been evident since confederation will continue to be satisfactory and continue to be to our mutual advantage.

I would like to address myself to some of the problems facing our people today, with special regard to our fishermen. We are still, so to speak, in a transition period and we are grateful for the progress which has been made. We are very glad that an insurance scheme has been incorporated in the plans which have been brought into existence