

his loyalty if he made a statement of a public or a semi-public nature. The canneries have not been very profitable during the last year, and I am informed that this \$500 fee is a very high one.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: May I ask this question? Is it good policy to practically wipe out a license fee at this time when every industry should bear its fair share of taxation? Could not my honourable friend let the law remain as it is, and ask the Department to make a recommendation to Council, if necessary, to make a refund during the present year or during dull times? I am satisfied that a recommendation of that kind would be sanctioned by Parliament if there was merit behind it. Next year times may be prosperous, and it will be difficult to increase the license fee again. There is no reason why the Government should face a deficit, as is proposed, of between \$35,000 and \$40,000. If my suggestion were followed, the Government could then make a recommendation to Parliament for the refund of these licenses.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: You could provide that when good times come again a higher license fee shall be paid. This is one species of paternalism that we are ever resorting to. Why should not the fishing industry, like any other, take its chances and take the bitter with the sweet? This is only encouraging the very thing which many of us are agreed should not exist.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yesterday we had newspapers making princely incomes asking to have the postage rates reduced.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: Some years ago I had something to do with increasing the license fee in connection with our inland fisheries. We were spending thousands of dollars every year for food and hatcheries in Lake Winnipeg and other places in Manitoba, and the fisheries license fee was not sufficient to cover the expense and warrant the upkeep of the fisheries in that Province. The result was, on representations being made to the Department, that the license fee was increased. These men are making considerable money. They do not produce the fish, but simply take them out of the water. I maintain that it would be a great mistake to reduce the fee.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is only the figures that surprise me. First the fee was increased from \$50 to \$500; now we propose to reduce it to \$20. This is done as a result of an inquiry by a Committee of members

of the House of Commons representing, I believe, all shades of opinion, and their report was unanimous. The Senate believes that the Government should stay its hand for a while and see whether conditions are such as to make this an unconscionable fee to impose upon the canners. I will submit the suggestion of my honourable friend to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. I do not know whether the Governor in Council has power to give a rebate.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: I think the canners will live through it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not insist upon my motion.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We will be meeting again in six months.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: They can come back every year when the fishing is not up to the standard.

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INVESTIGATION BILL

### INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I would like to ask the honourable leader of the Government as to what has happened to the notice that was sent back to the House of Commons with reference to our insisting on the amendments to the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have no news. Nothing has come back from the House of Commons.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

## INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION

### ITS NEXT MEETING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, at the last meeting of the Interparliamentary Union the Senate was honoured by the chairmanship of the Canadian group being given to one of our esteemed members, the Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster. I would ask the right honourable gentleman to tell us at what date this summer the next meeting will be held, in order that any Senator who may be in Europe at the time may obtain his credentials.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: The honourable member from Montarville (Hon. Mr. Beaubien) and myself attended as representatives of this Parliamentary group at the last, the twentieth, Session of the Inter-