

there are large number of fishermen, to have an officer of the regional office go down there, at a special date, to explain to the fishermen the requirements?

Mr. MCGREGOR: That advertisement said to write to the local office, if they could not go in person. I think I have a copy of the advertisement here. It says:—in person or by mail.—The advertisement is as follows:

APRIL 1st, 1957

REGISTER NOW!

- ✓ EMPLOYERS OF FISHERMEN
- ✓ FISH BUYERS
- ✓ COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

*Must register at their nearest National
Employment Office by April 1st, 1957
in person or by mail.*

Mr. ROBICHAUD: Even if it were done by mail, Mr. McGregor, in some areas where there are, as I say, large numbers of fishermen, it is a little difficult. A large percentage of these fishermen are not too well educated, and it makes it rather difficult.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: That advertisement referred to the employer, did it not?

Mr. MCGREGOR: No. It referred to employers of fishermen, fish buyers and commercial fishermen.

We propose, sir, right after April 1, to have as many of our auditors as possible visit the various areas.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: That is what I had in mind.

Mr. MCGREGOR: To contact all the buyers, and to see that they are insuring those people. The auditor will be available to explain, to any fisherman, the scheme, and to answer any questions that they may want to ask. We intend to do that but, of course we are limited by the number of auditors that we have. The fishery officer is also being used, to assist in this.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: That would be satisfactory, if the officials had a chance to visit the areas concerned.

Mr. HAHN: Another question on page 1 where you deal with the time during which one may be considered to be unemployed as being from January 1 to mid-April, does that mean that a fisherman will be confined to collecting unemployment insurance only in that three-and-a-half month period?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Except, if he has non-fishing contributions, or as year-round fishermen having at least six contributions in each of four consecutive quarters. And provided also in every case that he is involuntarily unemployed. You see the point, Mr. Hahn, is that we have to watch those persons because there is nobody controlling their employment and they can decide whether they are going to sea today or whether they are not, and there is a weakness in being outside that season.

Mr. HAHN: Yes, I can understand that there is a great deal of difficulty there and I am wondering what the effect is going to be, let us say, on Mr. Carter's area,—Mr. Carter is not here but I have heard him say to the committee a year or so ago that there are quite a lot of people in Newfoundland who might make more money out of unemployment insurance than they would in some of the occupations which they normally would have. That is a difficulty and if this season is really the rough season to be fishing, I am wondering what the effect might be on the fishing industry. Of course, that brings up another question as to when you intend to review the effect of this and to bring in another report for further consideration.