

ready for the market and in expanding the markets for this product, instead of trying to resist the inevitable trend to accept the best, cheapest and most simple means of catching fish?

Mr. POTTIER: By what means would you expand?

Mr. DEACHMAN: Is it possible that in Nova Scotia we have the only province which cannot and will not accept improved methods? Are we to move from the cradle to the combine in agriculture; are we to move from the tallow dip to the electric light; are we to have all these great changes in the development of industry, and yet say that Nova Scotia will continue to catch fish as they were caught centuries ago on the sea of Galilee? I cannot believe it possible. I cannot believe that in every other province, in every other dominion and in every other section of the world progress is to be made and yet stop at Nova Scotia because you will not face the inevitable, because you resist continuously the application of the best, most simple and easiest means to achieve the end you have in view. My hon. friend complains that these men are unemployed; but what does he say of the average wage they received? That wage was so low that they would be better unemployed.

Mr. KINLEY: Is the hon. member referring to me?

Mr. DEACHMAN: I was referring to some hon. member who asked about unemployment.

Mr. BAKER: I asked: What about the unemployment question?

Mr. DEACHMAN: Are you approaching this question from the old point of view of increasing employment? You might as well say that men in the woods should use dull axes because more men would be employed. After all, it would take more men to achieve a given purpose with dull axes than it would with proper tools. This summer I saw that lovely province of Nova Scotia in all its glory and beauty, and I hate to think of the men of that province being destined to work with dull axes.

Mr. POTTIER: What the hon. member wants is a fishing industry with no fishermen.

Mr. DEACHMAN: What I want is a fishing industry producing a large volume of fish. I want to see the fishing industry of Nova Scotia producing greater wealth than it is to-day. Admitting that this can be done with fewer men, the fact remains that if there is more wealth produced there will be a greater expansion in business, there will be increased employment and improved conditions for the province. It cannot be possible

that all hope of expanding markets for the province of Nova Scotia has ceased. A few years ago there were markets abroad for a much larger volume of fish. If my memory serves me aright—and I think it does—in 1926 eleven trawlers were operating out of Nova Scotia. Was your fishing industry at that time in the state in which it has been lately? Have you improved conditions as you have gradually moved towards the elimination of the trawler? You have not. Conditions have become worse and worse as time has gone on.

In times of depression you come back to fish, and come back to it steadily. The movement of men into inshore fishing decreases the price received for fish, demoralizes the market and ruins the industry which you seek to create. I ask for fair treatment and fair consideration of those men who are actually seeking to expand the industry in Nova Scotia by using the best means available.

A few moments ago the hon. member for Kootenay East (Mr. Stevens) referred to the fact that a fairly large factory had been closed at Canso. Let me ask this question: What would happen in any industry if a factory were being operated which did not pay? When the men who own a factory have to take a loss, what follows? That means a decrease in the capital invested in the industry. What does a decrease in the capital invested in an industry mean? That affects the prosperity of your industry. This industry in Nova Scotia depends upon whether it is able to expand foreign and domestic markets. That cannot be done unless there is capital available. The industry depends upon the cooperation of capital.

There is the memorable remedy which can be applied to this or any other problem. There must be an extension of freedom to men to do what they want to do. I do not want to see them restricted by being forced to have their trawlers built in Canada. Last year I found out something about the cost of building trawlers in Canada, compared with having them built in Great Britain. There are some ardent souls who are so anxious to have trawlers built in Canada that they would be willing to have these companies pay double the price they would have to pay to have them built in Great Britain. It is only by the extension of economy; it is only by lowering your costs, that you can operate successfully in this highly competitive market. Here as everywhere freedom is necessary, and I ask the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Michaud) to consider the extension of freedom to the Canadian fishing industry.