

places where the cooperative fishermen have no access to their wharves to land their fish and no secure place in which to put their boats. I know the Minister of Fisheries is vitally concerned with the fishing industry of this country. Would he not help me to prevail upon the Department of Public Works—

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): I did on two occasions. I would ask the hon. member to get in touch with the Minister of Public Works. I did it on two occasions.

Mr. McGARRY: Would the minister intensify his efforts in behalf of the fishermen of my constituency?

Mr. GRAYDON: He wants you to do better.

Mr. McGARRY: Yes, to do better with regard to the conditions in my constituency. There we have honest, earnest cooperative effort carried on in behalf of war purposes. I ask the minister to do what he can. I wonder if I can incite him to try to impress upon the Department of Public Works to afford proper facilities for the men to carry on their production on at least a minimum scale? If he did that he would have my appreciation and I would extend to him everlasting thanks.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I should like to corroborate what the hon. member for Inverness-Richmond has said. I saw with my own eyes on a Sunday last summer a situation

that I could not believe existed. I am not going to name the place, but the access to the harbour where the fishing boats might lie at safe refuge was absolutely blocked and the wharf was down. While I was there I made inquiry from a prominent resident of the locality, and he told me that although they work in a cooperative society, although they had made representation, I presume through the hon. member, absolutely nothing had been done to reestablish the facilities that were installed there between 1930 and 1935. That situation is intolerable. A very minimum of expense is required to reestablish those facilities. The hon. member is just 100 per cent right when he calls upon the government and the department to recondition the facilities that the fishermen must have if they are to have their boats lie there in safety. The fishermen cannot build those facilities themselves; it must be done by the government as it has always been done. In recent years the difficulty has been that those facilities have been allowed to run into decay and to become destroyed by the action of the elements. I heartily support what the hon. member for Inverness-Richmond has said with respect to the absolute neglect of this important public work on the part of the present administration.

Item agreed to.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.