

Mr. CARTER: Mr. Chairman, in about 90 per cent of the catch, it would apply.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall item 147 carry?

Mr. WEBSTER: Have Job Brothers got a fleet of schooners or do they have to wait for the fleet to come in?

The CHAIRMAN: Shall item 147 carry?

Item agreed to.

Item 148, any questions?

148. To provide, subject to such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council prescribes, for payment of assistance to producers of salted fish on products designated by the Governor in Council, in the amount of 50% of the laid down cost of salt used in their production, including authority to charge administrative costs to the Vote in these Estimates which provides for administrative expenses of the Fisheries Prices Support Act \$600,000.

Mr. CROUSE: Mr. Chairman, on item 148 on behalf of Mr. Stewart he would like to know were any amounts expended under this item in New Brunswick and if so can the amounts be given by counties?

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, we do not have the figures broken down by counties. I might give the figures on salt assistance for New Brunswick. The latest figure in 1957: there were 41 claims for individual fishermen amounting to \$1,264.86 and claims from processors in New Brunswick were 120 for an amount of \$45,055.68.

Mr. BROWNE (*Vancouver-Kingsway*): Mr. Chairman, do you have the figures there for British Columbia?

Mr. CLARK: It does not apply to British Columbia, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. LEGERE: Mr. Chairman, in this salt assistance program I would like to know why one cannot receive assistance when he ships his salted fish to the United States. Is there some ruling?

Mr. CLARK: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the situation in regard to some of the products particularly the ones that go to the United States is that on the advice of the Department of Trade and Commerce certain products were excluded on the ground that there should be no suggestion that products entering the United States market are being subsidized and therefore open to countervailing duties or other retaliatory action.

Mr. CARTER: May I ask why the increase this year is expected in salt fish production?

Mr. MACLEAN (*Queens*): What was your question again?

Mr. CARTER: There is an increase this year over the last year of around \$50,000.

Mr. PICKERSGILL: There is also a supplementary estimate.

Mr. MACLEAN (*Queens*): I will ask Mr. McArthur to fill you in on that.

Mr. I. S. McARTHUR (*Chairman, Fisheries Prices Support Board, Department of Fisheries*): Mr. Chairman, the increase in the amount is due to the fact that this has been increasing by about \$50,000 a year since the program was started. Since 1953 the price of salt has increased slightly but also the use of salt has increased because of greater production, particularly in heavy salted fish production. The supplemental is to catch up with the backlog. The fund ran out about January and a lot of payments had to be paid out of the 1958-59 vote after April 1. And the supplementary estimate is to get the vote back to its original form.