

Mr. MACLEAN (*Queens*): Mr. Chairman, if I might interrupt, we have had a large number of requests from a large number of areas—26 I think is the total at the moment. We will not be in a position to meet all of these requests by any means. The final decision as to where the new bait holding units will be located has not been finally taken yet. Mr. Batten has made representations to the department and to myself with regard to a couple of locations and they will certainly be considered in conjunction with all the other requests.

Mr. CROUSE: Mr. Chairman, are these being built entirely by the federal government or in conjunction with private firms which are being subsidized?

Mr. CLARK: It is entirely a federal government operation.

Mr. STEWART: No contribution is provided by the provincial government?

Mr. CLARK: No.

Mr. PICKERSGILL: This is a constitutional obligation under the British North America Act.

Mr. CLARK: May I make a correction in regard to the quantity or capacity of these units. I think I said 5,000 pounds. I am not correct; it is 20,000 pounds.

Mr. CARTER: Have you the cost of these units?

Mr. MACLEAN (*Queens*): Perhaps Mr. McArthur has some information on that.

Mr. I. S. MCARTHUR (*Chairman, Fisheries Prices Support Board, Department of Fisheries*): The cost would be, Mr. Chairman, approximately \$5,500 per unit.

Mr. CARTER: \$5,500 per unit for a 20,000 pound capacity?

Mr. MCARTHUR: That is right.

Mr. CARTER: That is good. May I continue, Mr. Chairman. May I ask if the Long Harbour depot which Mr. Clark referred to, was leased to a private interest and now repossessed?

Mr. CLARK: This bait depot is one of the depots which was acquired at the time of union with Newfoundland. A few years ago a private operator made representations to lease the depot. This was agreed to. He obtained a lease and the understanding of the agreement was that he would continue to supply bait from that depot. But he enlarged the plant and used it for a time as a filleting plant in connection with his own operations. This private operator has now changed his operations to a great extent. He has very modern plants in a number of locations. The government has released him from his lease agreement. It was not sold to the private operator; it was only on lease, and by mutual agreement we have now taken back the depot at Long Harbour.

Mr. CARTER: Is the government considering cancelling other leases where the terms of the lease are not being lived up to?

Mr. CLARK: We have no such information or evidence, Mr. Chairman, concerning the other depots. I think there are only two, Grand Bank and Green's Pond, under lease. We have no evidence that the conditions of the agreements for leasing have not been lived up to; and therefore up to this time, as far as I know, no consideration has been given to taking them back.

Mr. CROUSE: I believe that the Catalina plant operated by Mr. Mifflin is leased to him under an agreement with the government. Is this plant entitled to continue on that arrangement? How much money has the federal government spent in that particular area? Could you give us those figures? What is the intention in the future of the department and the government with respect to that plant?