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drastic cut? Was it in the form of the advertising or was it in the displays? Is it in those items that you are now reducing the costs?

Mr. Mayhew: We did not find out that any of those were not of use, but we found out that it was necessary to cut some place and we felt that we could probably spare those better than anything else. We therefore cut out three exhibitions, some films and some advertising.

Item agreed to.

General services—

143. Administrative expenses of the Newfoundland fisheries board, \$35,366.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): I should like to ask the minister if any fish was sold to Spain last year after Mr. Gushue's visit there. There was supposed to be an agreement made, but was the fish actually shipped?

Mr. Mayhew: No. No fish was sold to Spain.

Mr. Higgins: Why the decrease in that amount? We are on item 143, are we not?

Mr. Black (Cumberland): Item 142 did not pass.

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Higgins: Item 143 is not carried yet?

The Chairman: No, we are on item 143.

Mr. Higgins: I was asking the minister why there was a decrease in the amount?

Mr. Mayhew: The reason for the decrease here is that practically the whole staff except the board members has been switched over to the federal department. As the hon. member knows, the Department of Fisheries has arranged to transfer to trade and commerce the board's foreign representatives. They were formerly paid by this department and now they are paid by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): You are making fairly rapid progress here, Mr. Chairman. I should like to say something on items 142 and 143. They are under the same general heading. Item 142 shows a large increase. Some of the other estimates are down. That one shows an increase of \$91,348. I think we all agree on the necessity for extending the markets for the fisheries, from the standpoint of the producer and of the consumer in every part of Canada. There has been a general complaint that while Canada is a fish-producing country it is not a fish-consuming country in regard to its population. I therefore do not think that there will be much criticism of the minister for increasing

the appropriations for marketing, if he is getting results. I should like to know what addition there has been to the staff in his department, and what their special duties are, having regard to this appropriation. I should also like to hear from the minister what results his department is obtaining from its expenditures and its activities.

Mr. Mayhew: At the present time we have the already-mentioned investigation going on in Newfoundland as to the price of shore fish and the returns to fishermen. We also have in Newfoundland the development committee under Sir Albert Walsh. We also have another development committee in Prince Edward Island. As to both of them, we are proud that they are going on and are happy to have them at work. They are working closely with the provincial governments, each representing a joint committee of federal, provincial and trade representatives.

Mr. McLure: The main part of that increase of \$91,000 in item 142 or the whole of it is for salaries. There is no increase in anything else.

The Chairman: Shall the item carry?

Mr. McLure: No, not yet.

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Item agreed to.

General services—

144. Industrial development service, \$25,000.

Mr. McLure: What is meant by technical services to fishermen and fishing industry? There does not seem to be any detail at all given here.

Mr. Mayhew: Probably I could read the explanation that is in the book here. In the statement of government policy issued by me on May 5, 1949, the following is included:

The federal government is continuing to expand its research work on the development of the fishing industry. It should also take special steps towards encouraging the application of these scientific results to industry particularly in those areas of the country where development has lagged and the standard of living of the fishermen has consequently suffered. Some of these areas are rich in resources and it is possible to raise the standard of living by improving techniques. The federal government should encourage the application of modern techniques by increasing its technical services to fishermen. It should also consider capital assistance where necessary. In these areas attention should be concentrated on the improvement in fishing methods, in the types of boats and gear, improvement in the shore