

*By Mr. Loggie:*

Q. Do you say there were no lobsters imported into the province of Quebec?—A. None into the province of Quebec from the United States. I am quoting from a report furnished by the Department of Customs.

Q. That is marvellous.—A. That is for the year ending 31st of March, 1915.

*By Mr. Sinclair:*

Q. Quebec was supplied from local sources?—A. From the Canadian Atlantic coast.

Q. I suppose you have no way of finding out what quantity is consumed in the whole of Canada?—A. It would be a speculative figure. I am trying hard to get that information through the dealers in Montreal, Toronto, and other places. We hope to have some fairly definite information, which we are now working on, for the present year.

Q. It is impossible to get the absolute quantity?—A. It is very difficult, keeping in view the quantity which is consumed along the coast.

Q. Was the table of the food values which you handed in compiled from a scientific source?—A. Yes, sir. I have gleaned it largely from United States sources, but they are all standard analyses.

Q. In the course of this investigation, evidence has been given that there is a large amount of water in fish?—A. Yes.

Q. And when that disappears the fish becomes lighter. Did you bear that fact in mind?—A. It would not matter, because the water would be analysed as such in any event.

Q. The water would form part of the weight, would it not?—A. It would be part of the content.

Q. And the water would be eliminated?—A. Yes, the water would be eliminated. I could have given a statement showing the various contents, but I deemed it better to compile the statement in the form in which it appears.

Q. When the change increasing the carload quantities to 24,000 and 30,000 pounds, respectively, was made, was the department consulted?—A. No. Personally I did not know anything about it.

Q. When did you become aware of the changes?—A. When the evidence was being given before this committee.

Witness discharged.

The CHAIRMAN: We have another witness here in the person of Mr. J. J. Cowie, but I think we had better postpone his examination until our next sitting on April 4. The meeting will stand adjourned until that date.

Committee adjourned.