

*Supply—Fisheries*

Mr. VENIOT: I am not talking about the fisheries in Nova Scotia.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: No, the hon. member is talking about salt and he is opposed to Malagash salt.

Mr. VENIOT: I say that at present the fishermen cannot use Malagash salt to advantage.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: The hon. member is trying to destroy that industry.

Mr. VENIOT: Let the hon. gentleman hold his peace.

Mr. SMITH (Cumberland): I think the hon. gentleman was in the house when I read a telegram from the fisheries experimental station at Halifax.

Mr. VENIOT: Yes, I was, and I am talking about the biological board.

Mr. SMITH (Cumberland): That is under the biological board.

Mr. VENIOT: The hon. gentleman read a telegram from that station. He should have procured his information from the Department of Fisheries. As he is in Ottawa, he needs only to call up by telephone to find out what the report in that department is. That is the official report and it is what should have been read in the house rather than these telegrams. Let me proceed: The hon. gentleman read a letter from the McCormack firm in St. John, but he told the committee that they were putting up smoked herring and gaspereau. I have no complaint to make against Malagash salt in the conservation of smoked herring and gaspereau.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: The hon. member is now taking back what he said.

Mr. VENIOT: Will the hon. gentleman kindly keep his peace. Mr. Chairman, I think I am entitled to order. I am taking nothing back. I do not have to do so.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. MacDonald, Cape Breton South): I should like to call the attention of the committee to this rule:

Sometimes there are a number of items in a resolution. Each item may then, if the committee think proper, be taken up as a distinct question, and so discussed and amended. The debate in such a case must be strictly relevant to the item, and when it has been disposed of, no reference can be again made to it when the subsequent items are under consideration.

This item refers to salaries and disbursements of fishery officers and guardians, fisheries [Mr. Macdougall.]

patrol and fisheries protection services. I think the debate has gone somewhat far afield and I would ask hon. members to confine themselves to the item before the chair.

Mr. VENIOT: I agree with you, Mr. Chairman, but when I am hitting back at arguments that have been advanced all afternoon, I do not think you should shut me off. I intend to continue meeting those arguments until such time as the chair orders me to sit down. I do not intend to take up much time if the hon. member for Inverness will just hold his peace for a while and let me proceed.

I was referring to the letter read from the McCormack firm in Saint John. They put up smoked herring and gaspereau. They admit that the brine derived from Malagash salt has a scum over it. That will not injure the smoked herring, nor will it be noticed after the herring is taken out of the brine and prepared for the market by smoking, nor will it injure nor detract from the value of the gaspereau treated in the same way. By that scum and by the colour it leaves on the salted cod, there is injury done not so much to the cod salted and prepared for drying and dried for the market as to the cod caught and put up in the fall of the year, what we call half-prepared or half-cured cod for the Brazilian, Italian and Portugese markets. That is where the Malagash salt becomes injurious to the cod fisheries of northern New Brunswick.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: Will the hon. member permit me a question?

Mr. VENIOT: No, I will permit no question.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: How long is the hon. member going to continue this?

Mr. VENIOT: Sit down!

Mr. MACDOUGALL: I shall not. I do not want to have an industry in Nova Scotia blackguarded by the hon. member or anyone else who does not know what he is talking about.

Mr. VENIOT: I want that word "blackguarded" taken back.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. MacDonald, Cape Breton South): I think that word should be withdrawn.

Mr. VENIOT: I want it withdrawn now.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Go ahead.

Mr. VENIOT: Withdraw.