

Hon. Mr. McRAE: You do not have much control of the expenditures, do you? I notice the expenditures in the last five years have pretty nearly doubled. That is rather striking. It is a pretty heavy expenditure for a biological board.

Mr. FOUND: Our scientific work is much less costly than the scientific work of practically any other country having important fisheries, and after all, it seems to me that the question for consideration is whether the work that is being done is in itself worth while. I wish I had this year's program before me, but I didn't know this was coming up this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Found touched on a contested point when he said there was some criticism of their investigation of flora and fauna. I suppose that refers to the deep sea.

Mr. FOUND: It refers to all life.

The CHAIRMAN: Vegetable and animal life.

Mr. FOUND: That is it.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: The point I raised yesterday was this. I thought the Biological Board could do a great deal more practical work, and I asked Mr. Found if he would let us know what they were doing in the way of examining lakes and rivers with a view to increasing the fish that come into our rivers and inlets. We have had the situation in regard to the salmon. What other efforts have there been?

Mr. FOUND: By the Biological Board directly there has been practically nothing of that kind done on its own initiative; but wherever we start in to do any stocking, if we have not adequate information as to the conditions that prevail, we have an investigation made by the Biological Board.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: But there is no general survey of our streams and lakes with a view to stocking them with fish.

Mr. FOUND: There has not been what you would call a general survey.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: The effort in that respect has been very weak; it seems to me.

Mr. FOUND: You are speaking now more of the inland waters?

Hon. Mr. McRAE: The waters tributary to the Coast—streams and that sort of thing. It seems to me we have a good many streams that have not been stocked. We could find out why. I have not observed that the Biological Board is doing much of that work.

Mr. FOUND: As far as the commercial fish work is concerned, there is this to be said. The investigation that is going on at Cultus Lake is for the purpose of determining whether or not we should extend or discontinue.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: That is salmon. I am speaking of the streams generally.

Mr. FOUND: All commercial species?

Hon. Mr. McRAE: You are trying it out with the sockeye salmon. That would not imply salmon trout.

Mr. FOUND: That is why I referred to inland waters.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: You have done some work at Cowichan?

Mr. FOUND: Yes.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: It seems to me that is a very meagre amount of work for the Board to have accomplished.

Mr. FOUND: Briefly, the situation is this, so far as the inland waters are concerned. Again it is the difficulty of dual jurisdiction, and the question of how far the Federal Government in developing these fisheries which are administered by, and the revenue from which goes to, the province. It is an unsatisfactory situation. Nevertheless, in British Columbia we have been co-operating