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Fred Stork in House of Commons Discusses Local Problems

In addition to discussing the elevator question in the House of Commons recently Fred Stork dealt with local questions and particularly with the fisheries: According to Hansard he said in part:

"I wish to congratulate the government on its attention to the fishing industry of British Columbia. During the session of 1922, in accordance with a resolution passed by the Fisheries Committee of this House, the government appointed a royal commission to investigate the conditions of the fishing industry on the Pacific coast. By reason of my having been honored with a seat on that commission I am perhaps precluded from being fulsome in my praises, but permit me to say without any flattery that the work of that commission was good and that it was highly appreciated by the people of British Columbia. There have been many commissions of a similar nature touring the province, and I am free to confess that the impression they left with the people was not of the best. When our commission came along in 1922 the people of the West were wont to remark that this was just another of those joy riding affairs from which very little in the way of results could be expected. But the commission known as the Duff Commission carried out a most thorough investigation and it brought down a report upon which, I am glad to say, the government took immediate action.

One of the great issues in the province was the employment in the fisheries of nationalities other than whites or Indians. That was a very burning question with the people who live on the Pacific coast. The recommendation of the commission was that in their estimation those other than whites or Indians should be reduced by 40 per cent. Much opposition was offered to the suggestion that that reduction would not interfere with the proper operation of the fishing industry. Anyway, the suggestion was carried into effect, and I am glad to report to you, Sir, that all the people resident along the Pacific coast are of the opinion that that was a very wise measure and that it has worked no injury to the industry. I have in my possession several letters from those engaged in the canning business, and they claim that it is a good measure and imposes no handicap on them. We were fortunate last year in that we had a bumper harvest of salmon in the salmon rivers of the Pacific coast. We look to a further good season this year and we hope from time to time to see the white citizens of this country given ample opportunity to develop the fisheries of that province.

Use of Gas Boats

Another improvement we are very glad to observe in connection with the progress of our fisheries, and that is that while on the Fraser river for a number of years they have been allowed to use the fishing method known as the "gas boat" for some reason or other those who fish for a living on the Skeena and Naas Rivers in the north have been compelled to use the old British Columbia fishing boat equipped with a sail and oar. I never could appreciate why such a distinction should be made, but this commission that was out there last year, known as the Duff Commission, recommended that commencing with the year 1924 the use of gas boats be permitted on the Skeena. That recommendation comes into effect this year, and I know and am sure that the people who are making a living fishing will find it a very great advantage. I think if anything the regulations should have been just the reverse. The waters of the Fraser would be much more suitable for a boat with sail and oar than the placid waters of the Skeena. But we are to have the gas boat this year and it will be a great advantage to the people who make their living from the waters of the north.

Another improvement inaugurated last year was a hydroplane patrol of waters of the north. It is a great task and very expensive, and last year the department inaugurated the plan of having a hydroplane for doing that work, and it is proving most efficient. We look forward this year to an increase in that service, because I am sure the department will find that as well as being efficient it is also very economical.

Halibut Business

There is another aspect of the fisheries in regard to British Columbia that I wish to mention, and that is the progress of the halibut trade. The construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific to the northern port has completely revolutionized the halibut fishing industry. The railroad is now built to the fishing banks. Heretofore that trade was centered in the cities of Seattle and Vancouver, but it has followed the railways up north and to-day is centered in Prince Rupert. In 1923 twenty-nine and a half million pounds of halibut were marketed over the docks of the port of Prince Rupert. To convey that product to market required some fifteen hundred refrigerator cars, each car bringing a revenue to the Canadian National Railways of between $800 and $1,000. This development of the halibut fisheries has been one of the outstanding features of northern development, but the centralization of the trade also brings with it fresh problems and difficulties.

Our Canadian fishermen who operate in that port are handicapped by the imposition of two cents a pound American duty. That is a burning question with the Canadian fishermen of the north, and they have protested repeatedly to the government here asking them to take whatever steps can be taken to have the duty removed. The boat Owners' Association of that town have requested the government, in order to force this duty off, to close the port to American fisheries, but other interests in that port do not wish to see that drastic step taken. No one, I am sure, desires that the port be closed. What they do desire is that the duty be removed, and I as their representative would urge upon the government the necessity of continuing negotiations at Washington with a view to having this duty removed, because it is a grievous handicap and a great source of irritation and friction to the Canadian fishermen.

Administration

The waters of the Canadian Pacific fishing grounds are divided into three sections for the purposes of departmental administration. They are known as sections or districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3. No. 1 has its headquarters in the city of New Westminster; No. 2 has its headquarters in the city of Prince Rupert, and No. 3 has its headquarters in the city of Nanaimo. For a long time the fisheries were administered through these separate and distinct headquarters. Then a system of centralization grew up, and of late years a central office has been opened in the city of Vancouver. This does not in my estimation make for economy or efficiency. We have in the central office in Vancouver a considerable overhead expense. We have there a considerable staff, and all the positions are under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission. All these officials commence at a minimum salary and work up to a maximum. The staff consists of the following:

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Would Abolish Office

Eight of these officials do considerable travelling from time to time, and I am thoroughly satisfied that with the salaries indicated here, plus the travelling expenses, plus also the office rental and upkeep, the total cost to the country will be in the neighborhood of $50,000. When I first came to Ottawa two years ago I took this matter up with the department. I took it up last session, and I am taking it up again this session. I took this matter up before there was any mention of "A whisper of death" or "A carnival of extravagance." So in pressing it upon the government I trust I am not stealing anyone's copyright in this connection. I would suggest that the office be abolished immediately. I am satisfied that to revert to the old style method of having each district report directly as an independent unit to headquarters at Ottawa will make in greater degree for efficiency and for economy.

Take for instance a patrolman, or a fish guardian as we call them, on the Naas river who is in doubt in regard to the operation of the regulations. He has to communicate with the inspector at Prince Rupert. The inspector at Prince Rupert writes to the chief inspector at Vancouver, who in turn gets in touch with headquarters at Ottawa. Ottawa addresses its reply to the chief inspector at Vancouver. The latter sends the message on to the inspector at Prince Rupert, who in turn communicates with the official on the Naas river. By that time the fish has escaped from the net, or some fellow over in Alaska has got away with it. I am fully satisfied that no reasons based on good economy justify the maintenance of this office. New Westminster has a district office twelve miles removed from the central office. In Nanaimo there is another district office forty miles away from the head office. My advice to the minister would be to close these offices at once and save the country some $50,000 a year, and then to give $1,000 each to the three districts in order to improve conditions there.

Local Office

The chief inspector in the city of Prince Rupert starts work in that position at a salary of $140 a month. In view of his responsibilities, in view of the tremendous amount of work he has to do, $140 a month is a very inadequate remuneration. Before an official can qualify for a position of that kind he has to serve in the department, and in view of this system of promotion he is an old man long before he can attain the position of inspector of the district where he will receive the princely salary of $140 a month. He can start in at a minimum salary of $1,680 per annum and the maximum to

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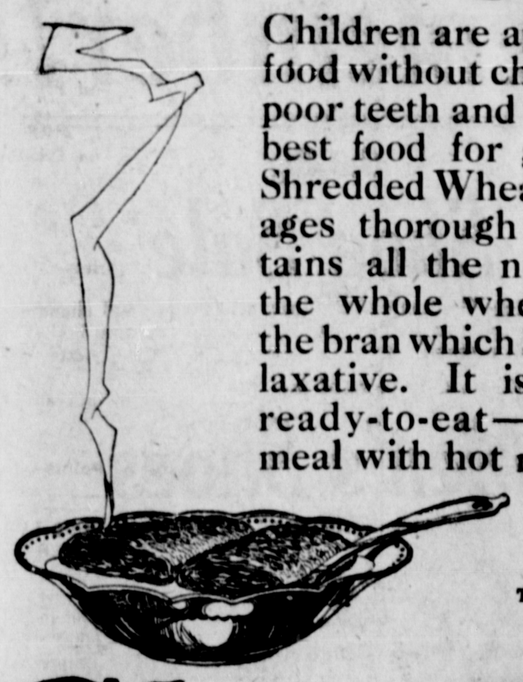

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