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Dear Mr. Perry:-

I am in receipt of your 16/28338 of the 25th ultimo, in which you enclose copies of the results of the questionnaires to the various Agents, in connection with fishery matters.

I have to thank you for these, and they will be useful in my files, and I have read them with interest.

After reading them through, it seems to me that the general consensus of opinion is

1. That supplying the Indians with cured salmon will not prevent those higher up the rivers from catching salmon in the old way when they see them go by.
2. That the method of curing by the Coast Indians does not seem to meet with the approval of those in the Interior. Personally, I think because the fish are in different condition when caught.
3. The very ones who will require the fish, as a whole are the hardest to transport same to, and this will add greatly to the cost.

I personally am inclined to think that the Fisheries Department is making a great deal of fuss about nothing, and that the amount of sockeyes or otherwise that the Indians get, makes very little difference to the catch of the canneries. There is no doubt in my mind that the shortage of salmon is due to the extra heavy activities of the said canneries in the past, and nothing else. If the Fisheries Department finds that they really are getting short, and I don't see how this can be so considering the surplus amount of salmon on the market, I think the only way to do is to restrict the number of days fishing for everybody, Indians and canneries alike.

Yours very truly,

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