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Mr. Chairman, when we

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Well, sir, never mind,

I thank you for your

Oh, that is all very

Why shouldn't they?

It is absolutely false

I must interrupt. On

When I come forward

We want to get on with

Then why not do it, do

Why should Mr. Lader

Will you hear Mr. Lader

Well, if he appears before

I enter my protest against

I would like to see you

No, not as a member.

As a commissioner, and I will

Now if you will be quiet

I call Mr. Lader to the

What do I care for the

If you cared a little bit

What is the decision?

I object.

I am thoroughly sick

As far as I am concerned

I won't ask you to prescribe

on about the next place

I repeat my application

Will you hear me?

That is the very same

No, it isn't. It is very

I have given evidence arising

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Sit down. We cannot allow

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pression that canners are making fortunes

a totally wrong one. In 1884 and 1885

several canneries were suspended. We have

now to compete with Alaska, where fish is

packed cheaper than we can pack it. No

profit will be made out of last year's work.

This year, the prospects are not bright, but

it is utterly wrong to say that \$5,000

would build a cannery; \$25,000 would have

been nearer the mark. Beside the capital

invested in canneries, much more added work-

ing capital, which invariably amounts to a

very large sum. Last year, I think, the

business of licenses was, in principle, fair

enough. But other buildings obtained

licenses with twenty boats, while other can-

neries were fishing with forty. I appealed

to the inspector. I don't think the Gov-

ernment intended that such licenses should

be equal, licenses not transferable, and

only given to bona fide fishermen, one

apiece. I represent a few canneries in the

province, one on each river.

Francis Page sworn: I wish to submit an

inventory of the year's work of the Well-

ington and Delta canneries, giving details

of the business of the former is \$14,965,

machinery \$9,530, material \$4,088, office fur-

niture \$232, mess hall \$67, steamer \$31,000.

The last we value at \$180 per acre. It is

paid \$500 now. The total expense, capital-

laying idle from season to season, is

\$41,892. In this amount is included what

we paid for the land last year, and the

statement represents the amount of capital

invested.

Mr. Ribbet: Now gentlemen, if you wish

to know the whole story, I will tell you

that these figures are the same evidence

as I tendered to you, some time ago, which

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The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock.

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committee had been neither overawed, nor

bulldozed by the Attorney General. The

Private Bill committee was no fishery com-

mission, and when it was possible to get

any information, the committee was quite

willing to receive it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cotton stated that he would like to

know what the Attorney General had done

before the Private Bill committee. The

Attorney General had denied that he had

been there as representing the Opposition in

regularly dismissing the petition.

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accusaries in the petition which showed the

aim of the Equilmalt company against

the city of Victoria. The petition was a

further illustration of the ingratitude of

the company which had received favors from

the city and now wished to secure a prop-

erty for the purpose of selling to the city of

Victoria, at a high price, the water which

really belonged to the city now.

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contestations he had made that the bill was

necessary, and claimed that not an an-

tempt had been made to answer these speak-

ing arguments. This done, Mr.

Keith put his compliments to the hon-

orable member for Comox (Mr. Hunter)

who, he said, had treated the whole subject

with an unbecoming air of levity. He re-

peated the idea that he was a paid agitator,

but said he would not be ashamed to have

one. The protection asked for by the

miners was being agitated because it was

necessary, and the agitation would be kept

on until such protection should be granted.

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