

- Q. Is that the Indian Agent?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Where is the point on the Fraser where you have been fishing and where you were stopped?
- A. It is on the fall of the Fraser (not shown on the plans).
- Q. I understand you have been fishing there - has some white man got that land now?
- A. (By Agent Graham) It is the Dominion Government fishing regulation prohibiting fishing on any waters of the Fraser. It is a regulation passed by the Inspector of Fisheries. The Inspector of Fisheries has the power to enforce this, which he did this year on account of the slide in the river which prevented the fish from getting up to their spawning ground.
- Q. Is it a spawning ground where they go fishing now?
- A. No, it is on their way up to the spawning ground. They have always had the permission of the Fishery Inspector, but this year he refused to allow them to catch fish at that point. He did allow them to get their winter supply of fish, and then they were stopped. Mr Babcock complained that there was a large scarcity of fish in the Fraser, and we heard that the Indians caught 20,000 fish, which were on the drying racks at the time the complaint was made, so when we examined, after finding what number they caught, we estimate there were only two Indians who had not got their winter supply of salmon, so on a Tuesday or a Wednesday we gave them until the following Saturday to get their winter supply, and the Indians were notified to that effect, after which the Fishery Inspector withdrew his permission and closed the fishing on the Fraser river.
- Q. That I suppose is only a temporary regulation?
- A. Yes, on account of the big slide at Hell's Gate, this regulation was brought into effect in order to try and protect the fish and allow them to get up to their spawning ground.
- Mr Commissioner Macdowell: Do you know if they got enough spawn for the hatchery?