

*By Mr. Tomlinson:*

Q. That petition was signed of their own free will?—A. So far as we know.

Mr. NEILL: Employees of the company. It says they are employees of the company.

The WITNESS: Employees of the company.

Mr. NEILL: That is what I want to bring out.

The WITNESS: Number, 41; average age, 42½; dependents, 116; homes, 27. I also noted somewhere in going over the record that there were churches and schools established there. It is merely that element that I wanted to bring to your notice, the facts of just what happens when you have an industry—I don't care what sort of an industry it is—at a place. It just results in that sort of thing; there is an amount of hardship involved in it.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. The same as is involved on the Fraser River with gill net fishing?—A. Absolutely; the same thing in any industry.

Mr. NEILL: Mr. Found has read a petition signed by how many people?

Mr. REID: Forty-one.

Mr. NEILL: Forty-one who were employees. I suggest he read the petition signed by some 1,700 people, from the fishermen.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: The 1,700 fishermen do not live in that Sooke community at all.

Mr. NEILL: They are fishermen. That is all I am saying. It is only fair if he is allowed to read one, he ought to read the other.

The WITNESS: I did not want to read it at all.

Mr. NEILL: I cannot read it because I have not got it. I think if you read one with 41 on it, the one with 1,700 ought to be read.

The CHAIRMAN: I think if there is a petition against trap netting signed by 1,700 people, it should become part of the record.

Mr. NEILL: I ask Mr. Found if he has the petition.

The WITNESS: So far as that is concerned, as the members of the committee know, Mr. Neill moved in the house sometime ago for a return to cover the getting of the record. That return was fairly long and was prepared with as much dispatch as possible. It has been finished. It was finished and is now—

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: It may be introduced this afternoon.

The WITNESS: It is now on the way through the usual channels.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: It has to go to the Secretary of State's office and they certify it there. It is then forwarded to our department in order to be laid on the table of the house. It is in the Secretary of State's office now.

Mr. REID: Is the petition you have spoken of with the 1,700 included?

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: That is included in the record.

Mr. TOMLINSON: Where is the petition?

The WITNESS: I have not got it with me.

Mr. NEILL: Why have one and not the other?

The WITNESS: I had no thought of reading that when I came here.

Mr. TOMLINSON: We want everything read.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: Certainly. You are entitled to that.

The WITNESS: The other petition is in the return with the correspondence.