

that at the time this licence was given to the Indian there was a dispute between the Namu Cannery and the Bella Bella Cannery as to which cannery should have this license; and then, to get out of the difficulty, they gave it to this Indian, but now it has been decided that it should be given to the Bella Bella Cannery.

Q Did you take that matter up with any of the Fishery officials?

A It was too late when I heard of it, but I spoke to Mr Tyson about it.

Q Is it not your own business to attend to these licences?

A I first heard of it in July, and of course the licenses were given out by that time, and I have not done anything in the matter yet except that I mentioned it to Mr Tyson.

Q Do you think there ^{are} any Indians in your agency who are sufficiently dependable to receive independent licences and who have the necessary outfit?

A I don't think they have the necessary outfit now.

Q Did they ever have the necessary outfit?

A I don't know anything about that, but I think they have money enough to buy the outfit if they were given a show.

Q They could provide themselves with an outfit?

A Yes.

Q Do you think they are dependable enough to be given independent licences?

A I think some of them are.

Q Quite a fair proportion of them?

A Not very many.

Q How many Indians in your whole Agency, if you were a Fishery Officer, to how many Indians in your Agency would you give an independent licence to fish with seining and gill nets?

A I could not answer that question - but ^{with} gill nets I think about half of the grown up men.

Q How many now get independent gill net licences?

A Not one.

Q How many would you give independent seining licences?