

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. What about other varieties of fish during the close season for sockeye? There will be other fish running?—A. Not to any considerable extent; and that is the reason why the time is limited during which the Commission is to take full control.

Q. Well, does not the Cohoe season overlap the sockeye salmon?—A. To some extent; but not during this period.

Q. That is, there would be no Cohoes?—A. I would not say there would be no Cohoes; but there would not be a large run.

Q. Cohoe fishing also will be prevented during that period?—A. To the extent that may be necessary to protect the Sockeye.

Q. When the Sockeye season is prevented, the Cohoes will also be prevented?—A. To the extent that will be necessary to carry out the regulations provided by the Commission for the protection of the Sockeye.

Q. If Sockeye fishing is prevented then, naturally, and necessarily, Cohoe fishing will also be prevented.—A. That is why other fishing is prohibited?

Q. Yes.—A. Quite so.

Mr. McRAE: There were two more questions in regard to that which I wanted to clear up. As I understand it, this Commission exercises no power whatever over the traps and seines in the state of Washington; that is, that the state of Washington does not propose that this Commission will have anything to say about trap and seine fishing in the state of Washington?

The WITNESS: Oh, yes. It won't have anything to say about to whom licenses will be granted; but it will have everything to say as to the extent to which fishing will be carried on under those licenses.

Mr. McRAE: Only to the extent of fifty-fifty. The fact that Americans will continue as they do to-day to catch ninety-three per cent of the fish with traps and seines, the Commission, it is presumed, will not have anything to say in directing how those fish in American waters will be caught, other than a direction which will result in this fifty-fifty division.

The CHAIRMAN: Could they not limit the number of traps?

Mr. McRAE: No, they cannot limit the number of traps; but they can limit the total take to fifty-fifty. How that will be worked out remains to be seen. It does not propose that this Commission will dispense with traps or seines in the state of Washington; as to that, it will not be in their power to say.

The WITNESS: I think that is right.

Mr. NEILL: They can regulate the mesh?

The WITNESS: They can regulate the mesh.

*By Mr. McRae:*

Q. I submit, Mr. Chairman, that Article 5 is largely non-operative, because it specifies that the regulations of the state of Washington and the Dominion of Canada shall govern all appliances, and I submit that appliances are nets, and nets that require prescribed meshes. To-day in British Columbia there is no prescription of meshes; and, consequently, if this treaty goes into effect, so far as the Fraser river is concerned this year there is no limit to the mesh. Five and three-quarters was the limit, but this year that has been removed. Now, if this Commission comes in, British Columbia fishermen can fish with five and three-quarters, or four and one-quarter, or any other mesh they want to use. So, I say again that this Article, No. 5, is largely abortive.—A. I think there is a little misunderstanding, that may be cleared up. What the treaty has in mind is to enable the Commission to allow a proper escapement of fish. It does not