

Legislatures, with respect to the preservation of the Salmon Fisheries on the Columbia River, should be adopted in British Columbia. Your Committee is fully alive to the necessity of having such regulations enforced as will secure the preservation and increase of fish life in Provincial waters, and trusts that the fishery industries will be so regulated as to make them a source of permanent wealth to the Province, while due consideration be given to those who have embarked their capital in these pursuits.

In the Appendices will be found copies of documents bearing on this matter.

Since the foregoing report has been drawn up, your Committee learn that there is now a disposition at Ottawa to act upon the suggestions for the appointment of a Board of Commissioners at an early date, and if this should prove to be the case there is every reason to hope for a fair and impartial adjustment of the differences which have so long existed.

Deep Sea

Fisheries.

In the Board's annual reports for the past two years, reference was made with respect to the non-development of our Deep Sea Fisheries, and it must be again recorded that the Dominion Government has taken no further steps towards surveying the various fishing banks off the coasts of Vancouver Island and Queen Charlotte Islands. It is to be regretted that the development of these Fisheries should be so long retarded, and that no reciprocal arrangement has been arrived at with the United States, which would afford free interchange of Fish and Fish Products, and thereby furnish this Province with available markets therefor.

It is understood that a new Steamer is in course of construction for the Marine and Fisheries Department, to take the place of the Dominion Government Str. "Sir James Douglas," and it is therefore to be hoped that the last named Steamer will be available for Deep Sea surveys in connection with the Fisheries.

Graving Dock

(Esquimalt).

The demand for the use of the Dry Dock at Esquimalt is fast increasing and serious inconvenience has resulted through ships having to remain so long in the dock when undergoing extensive repairs ;