

very firm that got a license in that year on the understanding that only white men should be employed are the very people who are now objecting to the restriction of the employment of Japanese this year.

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. What firm is that?—A. I would rather not mention the firm.

Q. Well, if you do not mind, I would like to know.—A. It is Goss & Millard.

An Hon. MEMBER: Perhaps we might agree not to have it incorporated in the minutes of the meeting.

The WITNESS: I would rather it would not be made public.

Mr. McQUARRIE: I would rather that the name of the particular concern be put in.

The WITNESS: It is referred to on page 26 of Mr. Sanford Evans' report.

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. I suppose there is no secret about it, is there?—A. Oh, no. They have, I understand, objected to the proposal made by the majority of canners that the number of Jap licenses should be restricted in the interests of the employment of additional white men.

Q. There is nothing necessarily discreditable about it?—A. No; I do not mean to say so at all. I merely give that information to show that they found the imposition of the restriction in the employment of white men practically made their business impossible.

Q. With whom did they put in their objections?—A. You mean as to the restrictions?

Q. To the Department?—A. I understand to the Department here.

Mr. McQUARRIE: Mr. Found says he does not know anything about it.

The WITNESS: Then if it was not put in to the Department it was at Vancouver, because I had that advice by letter last night. The recommendations to the Department were modified accordingly. Of course, that is really unimportant; I consider that is quite an unimportant thing, but it is interesting to show how people's views change when they engage in the business. They tried to carry it on and they found they could not.

*By Mr. Putnam:*

Q. Is it not important as showing the scarcity of white labour?—A. Yes.

Q. But not important as regards the Government?—A. Yes.

Mr. PUTNAM: That is the way I take it.

The WITNESS: I certainly do not want to say anything detrimental to the firm in question at all.

Mr. McQUARRIE: We are speaking as to the argument that there should not be any restriction of the employment of Orientals.

Mr. PUTNAM: I do not think we should press that.

The WITNESS: No, I do not. I will have something to say about that matter a little later. I do not want to say anything detrimental about the firm in question at all. I would like to impress upon the gentlemen here the fact that in the interests of the conservation of the industry, the idea of restricting the number of canneries is quite an old one; it was recommended in 1905, and that urgency for adopting such restrictions grew stronger and stronger, and of course it is stronger to-day than ever, but the competition now has been so disastrous that it has squeezed a good many out of business, and has caused very heavy losses. I want to quote here from page 27 of Mr. Evans' report a little clause that is of interest. It is a clause passed by the

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