

who was out there this last season for a couple of months, studying conditions right there on the ground. My suggestion to the Committee would be that we should, first of all, call before us the proper officials of the department in Ottawa, and that we should get them to explain what has been done and what is being done to improve conditions in British Columbia. Of course, they, no doubt, have certain reports, a great many reports on conditions, not only from the officials of the Department of the Dominion, but also from the local departments of the British Columbia Government and no doubt other reports from officers or officials of the State of Washington, for instance, American authorities, who also have been studying this question for a long time. I would suggest we should have those officials before us, possibly we might start with Mr. Found, unless Mr. Johnston could suggest to us someone else with whom we could start, and we could get his reports and we could go into the matter as well as we could with him. Then we can examine other officials of the department in Ottawa later on; possibly we will find it necessary to bring witnesses from British Columbia and if we do that of course we would like to hear all sides of the question. There are no doubt different opinions in regard to various matters. We will want to have the Canning men here, representatives of the canning men, representatives of the fishing men, representatives of the business interests, and I think our time will be very well spent in considering conditions in British Columbia. It would be a good thing if this fisheries Committee does real work. I think it should be an important Committee and I think there is a lot of work for us to do. In the House some of the honourable gentlemen said my resolution should have been wider in its scope, that we should have taken in conditions on the Atlantic. In limiting my resolution to the Pacific Coast I did not do so with any spirit of selfishness in any sense of the word, but I knew conditions were unsatisfactory out in British Columbia, and I think the hon. gentlemen will remember that I stated that if there were similar conditions on the Atlantic or elsewhere I would be very glad to co-operate with the members from those districts, in considering those matters. Now, I would submit, Mr. Chairman, that if there is any desire of bringing in Atlantic matters before this Committee, it is very easy for any member to put a resolution referring any particular matter to this Committee which he thinks it should take up. I am sure it would be right and proper that this Committee should also deal with conditions on the Atlantic as well as on the Pacific. It seems to me we have a big work to do, our time can be very well spent if we can encourage the fisheries resources or increase the fisheries resources of the Dominion of Canada. It will mean a big thing to the Country at large, and I think we can increase them.

Now, as to the method of procedure, it will be for the Committee to say, but I would think that in hearing the witnesses, the officials of the department, we might very well start say with the Fraser River, and then take up other matters which pertain to other districts. When we have the official here we can cover the whole ground, as it were, and not simply deal with one district, and then we might have him back again for another district and so on. I think we can have a very interesting time. I thank you, gentlemen, for listening to these remarks.

Mr. DICKIE: This meeting is called, I believe, primarily for the purpose of hearing Mr. Lord from British Columbia. It has been called through the great kindness of Mr. Duff because of the fact that Mr. Lord has only a few days to remain here, and we thought it would be an advantage to hear his ideas respecting the fisheries question. I have known Mr. Lord a great many years. He has conducted operations in all the three districts of British Columbia. He is a man who is highly respected by fishermen and cannerymen and it would seem to me, with all respect to my good friend Mr. McQuarrie, that possibly we might devote this morning to hearing Mr. Lord's views on the subject and probably we can develop a programme that will be to the best advantage of all concerned.