

Q How many were refused there?

A I don't know, but the manager of the cannery up there had six or seven Indians working under attached licenses, who were afterwards discharged. I took the matter up with the manager of the cannery and he told me the Indians were worthless and did not bring in the fish, and it was to his advantage to give the licenses to whites and Indians from other parts of the Coast.

Q And what is your opinion of that?

A It would seem to me that he has a right to do it; if a local Indian doesn't fish as well as Indians from the other parts he is justified, in my mind, in punishing the local Indians in that manner - I would not say that he discriminates against Indians altogether, but I think he does to local Indians.

Q And he evidently came to the conclusion that if he depended upon the local Indians he would not get enough of fish?

A That is right.

Q I suppose these canneries only get a certain number of licenses and they must make the best use they can out of the cannery licenses?

A Yes.

Q What about the seining licenses?

A I was told that the Bella Bella cannery that seining licenses were not issued to Indians because they were Indians.

Q Did you enquire into this matter at all?

A No, but I spoke to Mr Tysen about it. There is an Indian there called Jacob White - he had a seining license but this year ^{it} was transferred back to the cannery. I spoke to the book-keeper about it and he said he thought that this Jacob White was the only Indian in British Columbia having such a license, and he thought it was the policy of the Fishery Department not to give independent seining licenses to Indians. The book-keeper's name was Grothe. His other reason was this -

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