

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
COMMITTEE ROOM No. 429,
THURSDAY, February 11, 1937.

The Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries convened for its first meeting of the session, at 11 o'clock a.m. this day, Mr. MacLean (Prince), presiding as Chairman.

The following named members of the Committee were present:—*Messieurs*: Brooks, Farquhar, Ferron, Fiset, Sir Eugène, Kt., Gauthier, Green, Hanson, Hill, Kinley, Lapointe (*Matapedia*), MacLean (*Prince*), MacNeil, McCulloch, McDonald (*Souris*), Michaud, Neill, Pelletier, Pottier, Reid, Ryan, Stirling, Taylor (*Nanaimo*), Telford, Tolmie, Veniot and Ward.—26.

Concerned persons present: Mr. Chas. F. Gooderich, President of the Sooke Harbour Fishing and Packing Company Limited, of Sooke Harbour, B.C.

Mr. L. Claire Moyer, Barrister of Ottawa, as counsel for the above named Company.

Dr. W. A. Found, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, and Mr. A. J. Whitmore, Head, Western Fisheries Division, Department of Fisheries.

The Chairman stated the purpose of the meeting of the Committee, and read the order of reference setting out the matter to be taken under consideration, as follows:—

Ordered: That the question of the advisability of the Government issuing trap fishing licences in British Columbia waters be referred to the Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries for study and report.

Mr. Neill stated that before going further, he thought the matter under consideration was sufficiently important to have it reported and printed, he would therefore move, seconded by Mr. Reid, that such be recommended to the House.

Some discussion arose as to the advisability of printing the evidence, but motion finally declared carried.

Dr. Found was requested by the Committee to make a statement, giving the history of the fishing industry in the locality under review, which he proceeded to do, further elaborating his statement by the use of maps and diagrams.

The witness replied to numerous questions from different members of the Committee during the course of his remarks, continuing his statement to near one o'clock p.m., the usual hour of adjournment.

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the necessity of fixing the number of copies of the proceedings and evidence to have printed, and also the proportion of English copies and French copies, before report was made to the House.