

By Mr. Moyer:

Q. Can you separate those figures?—A. I have no figures on hand to do that.

By Mr. Kinley:

Q. What period is that?—A. Up to and including 1935, from 1918 to 1935 inclusive.

Q. How many years?—A. Eighteen years.

Mr. NEILL: We certainly want the difference between fishing licences and income tax.

The WITNESS: The point in making this statement is, if our company disincorporates and ceases to do business, these payments whether under one name or another will entirely cease to the dominion government. We were simply trying to point out roughly the amount of revenue which the dominion government would sacrifice if our company was compelled to cease business.

By Mr. Tomlinson:

Q. Would your income tax cease?—A. Naturally, because there is no other way for us to continue in business. Our business is entirely predicated upon the trap licences. If these licences are discontinued the Sooke Harbour fishing and packing company will dispose of its assets, be compelled to, and go into voluntary liquidation.

Q. But the officers of the company would still pay income tax?—A. The officers are not included in here; I am speaking of the corporation as an entity.

By Mr. Ryan:

Q. Which is the larger concern, the Todd concern or your concern?—A. J. A. Todd and Sons is a much larger concern.

By Mr. Moyer:

Q. I think you said J. H. Todd and Sons own a cannery, in addition to having an interest in traps?—A. Yes; they own a cannery in its entirety.

By Mr. Reid:

Q. Where is the cannery?—A. The cannery is at Esquimalt, known as the Empire Cannery.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. How far is it from the traps?—A. Oh, possibly twenty miles.

Q. Mr. Taylor wanted to confine it to ten.

Mr. TAYLOR: No, I did not say ten. My first observation was that it was probably twenty miles away from Sooke.

The WITNESS: In the same length of time we have paid to the provincial government in licences, foreshore rental, real estate, etc., \$65,563.44, a total of \$139,277.64, computed on an average of \$7,737.65.

By Mr. Tomlinson:

Q. Per year?—A. On an average, that is averaged over an 18 year period.

By Mr. Moyer:

Q. A moment ago you told the committee you had between 40 and 50 employees. As a matter of fact, how many people live in the Sooke Harbour community dependent on your industry?—A. I should say at least 300 people were dependent upon the industry in one form or another.