

the same runs 7·7 per cent was secured at the Sooke traps and the balance by gill nets, excepting a portion by purse seines. Of the combined catch of Fraser River sockeye by the two countries, the Sooke traps took 2·2 per cent.

That is the figure I had in mind.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Then Major Motherwell was wrong?—A. He may be. That is the statement I make there, speaking from my memory.

Q. When Major Motherwell says it was 5 per cent, he is wrong?—A. I would not like to say more than that is my present information. I would like to confirm it.

Q. I just want to get the thing cleared up, because the difference between 2 per cent and 5 per cent is considerable. Major Motherwell says it is 5 per cent.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: What is that statement which you are reading from?

Mr. NEILL: A letter from Major Motherwell to Dr. Found.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: In what report of Major Motherwell did you read that?

Mr. NEILL: It is just a letter dated January 13, 1936.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: In the letter?

Mr. NEILL: Yes, of Major Motherwell, file 721/4/6.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: In a letter to the deputy minister?

Mr. NEILL: Yes.

The WITNESS: I would like to check it, Mr. Chairman.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. There is just one other thing. On page 11 of the other day's report you contradicted me, or rather I contradicted you, when you started to say that it was generally accepted that the fish last year, for some reason utterly unknown, differed from their usual route and came down the inside of Vancouver Island. You said that that was generally accepted by everybody who knew what they were talking about. I wonder if your attention has been called to this statement made by Mr. Brennan, who is director of fisheries in the State of Washington, and who is generally admitted to be a man conversant with what he is talking about. He was reported as follows:—

An analysis of the run through American waters did not verify reports that the bulk of the run came through Johnstone Straits and down the inside waters of Vancouver Island. An analysis of the return per unit of fishing effort reveals that the run was considerably larger than the previous year's, although less fish were caught. There is no question that a run did come through from the north, but there is no evidence of a greater increase in this run in proportion to the increase in the run through American waters, the report says.

A. Yes.

Q. I would like to end by asking if you have any comment to make on that?—A. No, Mr. Chairman. I just stand by what I stated in my evidence, that my opinion—I think you will find that the substance of what I said was that in my opinion the fishermen as a general thing were of the opinion that more fish came down through Johnstone Strait this year than usually; and I elaborated that. I gave my reasons for coming to that opinion, one of them being that we got a much larger portion of the catch last year. The traps did not get a larger proportion. In fact, it was not as large as the year before; in fact, the catch of the traps was not as large in 1936 as it was in 1935.