

100,000 born Canadians in Washington state alone, and in my own old home county of Charlotte, N.B., there are now less people or population than there were seventy-five years ago. These Japanese are a great menace, and I wish you would call on Mr. A. W. Neill, M.P., who will give you information. It is too bad if Americans can come and buy up our fish, and put a big tariff on them, when we ship them in packed in ice or frozen, etc. In 1910 the fisheries of Canada amounted to some \$25,000,000; in 1918 the fisheries of British Columbia alone amounted to more than \$25,000,000. At the same time nearly all the halibut on west coast of Canada are taken by American boats and go in reckoned as products of the American fisheries. We should never have given the Americans this privilege of shipping fish inland through Canada. Canadian fishing vessels never go in American waters on the Pacific coast to do any fishing for there are not any fish in American waters to catch. American purse seines are destroying the fish on our coast. American owned fishing boats of Canadian register should not be allowed to fish in Canadian waters on the Pacific coast, Canadians are not allowed to operate American boats. The Gt. Pacific R. Road own an American steamer boat to carry freight from Alaska, for the railroad out of Prince Rupert but can't use her now, and is at the dock for nearly two years idle. Why does not the Government cut out the Order in Council, allowing American fishing great privileges, then the American fishing vessels would become Canadian. After the Civil War, 1861-65, Canadians went in streams to the States. Wages were good, manufacturing plants were going on every side all over the New England States, but on the Pacific coast the fisheries is the cause of so many leaving for the States. A license fee of \$500 is charged by both provincial government for a cannery. Japanese have been brought in who live in villages about the canneries, where they have large families and soon will overrun the country. Exportation of fresh fish would if prohibited be the cause of the Canadian canning houses. Wholesale fish houses would start up, the States must have the fish for food, and the consumer would pay the duty. More than 50 per cent of the fish dealers and cannery men on the American side are born Canadians. And most of the deep sea fishermen are Canadians, Newfoundlanders and Scandinavians who with their families form a great part of the population of the state of Washington. The Government granted licenses to the American trust who own more than \$100,000 worth of gasoline boats, seines and supply bait, until our own herring fishermen have had to give up, leave their Canadian homes and go to the American side or find other employment. Purse seines if allowed to continue will destroy all salmon and herring. The past winter some 300,000 barrels of herring was taken in seines made of netting brought over from Japan, and salt from California, and packed in rough boxes made in Japanese mills. The Japanese own all the sein boats and seines, and hire the white men paying \$3 for catching the herring. Many vessels from the American side go to the cod banks of Behring sea and bring cargoes which are dried and which now goes to the same markets as your Nova Scotia cod go.

Yours faithfully,

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Prof. Prince will tell you who I am.

Mr. NEILL: As regards the remark that I can furnish you with information, I have, I suppose, thirty or forty letters similar in extent to that which I would be very happy to bring down and read.

Mr. McQUARRIE: From the same man?