

went bankrupt, because they found only 7 or 8 were useful. I was gratified to find that my neighbour who went out and supported the government and got his trap site, lost a lot of money because it was not suitably located.

Mr. REID: You cannot place traps anywhere. There are certain runs where the fish go, and men have tried it in various places and lost considerable money. There are just certain districts where it is favourable.

Mr. GREEN: The picture is hardly that simple; because the fact that these people have run their business better enters into the picture also. That is one reason why they have been able to proceed where a great many others did not.

Mr. REID: They have held certain choice areas against all comers.

Mr. GREEN: I presume they have also run their business efficiently.

Mr. REID: And so mean are they that they take out 7 purse seine licences in that district in case somebody else gets the other three, the location is so good.

Mr. GREEN: That would be up to the department.

*By Mr. Pottier:*

Q. What is the most traps they would set in that area in any one year, that you know of?—A. There have not been over 6 traps in that area in the last 18 years of which I have knowledge.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. How many have been licensed in that time? Nine, is it not?—A. We do take out an additional licence, because we need one closely adjacent to where Mr. Todd had one; and sometimes we have used one and sometimes the other, and we have felt that rather than to alternate between taking out different licences and paying the government the revenue—

Q. You have taken 9 out have you not?—A. I could not say how many we have taken, but we never operated more than 6.

*By Mr. Kinley:*

Q. When there were 6 traps, did any other firm have a licence, that was not in control of your company?—A. There have been as many as 25 along there. The others for one reason or another dropped out. There have been, I think, something like 25 traps along there.

Q. By other people?—A. Yes, by other people.

Mr. MACNICOL: You have possession of the whole coast, anyway?

The WITNESS: Yes.

*By Mr. Ryan:*

Q. Before we adjourn I would like to ask this witness about fishing on the other side since they discontinued trap fishing; what are they using now, purse seines or gill nets?—A. Nearly all purse seines.

Q. Can you tell me what has been the effect of purse seines on the American side since they dropped the traps as affecting the consumer or the fishermen?—A. I do not think the price has been altered very much.

Q. Has it been altered at all?—A. I could not say anything as to that without verifying the figures which no doubt would be available from the department, but I wanted to point out to you that it was not quite as simple as that, inasmuch as Puget Sound and the Fraser River together do not control the available supply; you have a very heavy pack in Alaska and they could not raise the price much above the competitive price of the Alaska pack.

Q. You say the Alaska pack sets the price?—A. It is a very large pack, I think about 8,000,000 cases (subject to correction).

[Mr. Chas. F. Goodrich.]