

COMMITTEE ROOM 429,

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

April 26, 1922.

The Select Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Duff, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: The Committee will please come to order. Mr. Clark, will you please read a resolution which was received by the Minister of Fisheries, and which was handed to me?

The CLERK: "Attached hereto is a copy of a resolution of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, with regard to fisheries policy in British Columbia.

It is the wish of the Association that this resolution should be placed before your Committee.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) E. W. LAPOINTE."

RESOLUTION

Whereas out of a total of 2,714 Fishing Licenses issued for salmon fishing in the three principal rivers in the Province of British Columbia 1,917 are held by Japanese and a grand total of 3,276 Fishing Licenses have been issued by the Dominion Government to Japanese, and such licenses are renewed from year to year.

And whereas the salmon fishing industry in the Province of British Columbia has been steadily declining for several years last past.

And whereas by Order in Council the regulations in force prior to the year 1920 were changed.

And whereas immediate steps should be taken to protect the salmon fishing industry and conserve the same for Canadians to the exclusion of foreigners who in years past have exploited the industry and depleted the supply of fish.

The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada realizing the necessity for the conservation of fish and for the protection of white men now engaged in the industry, both Cannery men and Fishery men, recommend that the regulations now in force be immediately abolished and the regulations in force prior to the year 1920 be again made effective.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, unless some member of the Committee has something special to bring before the Committee I should like to swear Mr. Found.

Mr. McQUARRIE: I have here, Mr. Chairman, if you would allow me to read it, a memorandum which I have received from the Secretary of the British Columbia Fishermen's Protective Association—this is an organization of white fishermen—and also the Secretary of the Fraser River Fisheries Board. This latter organization is a fusion of all interests on the Fraser River for mutual protection, its object being primarily the welfare of the salmon fishing interests of the Fraser River, and, incidentally, the protection of the salmon as deemed necessary or prudent, encouragement of proper propagation of salmon, adequate protection of spawning areas and of fry, and careful study of salmon fisheries problems in all their ramifications, with a view to their sane solution. He says here that they have not had time yet to prepare a complete case, but here is generally what the fishermen want. He is not dealing here at all with the request which was made at the last meeting of this Committee by Mr. Lord in connection with the embargo on the export of raw salmon, because that has