

The meeting is of opinion that the General Dominion Fishery Act is quite inapplicable, as a whole, to this portion of the Dominion, bearing in view the different habits and nature of the salmon frequenting these waters.

Mr. Wise drew the attention of the Inspector to the necessity of enforcing that portion of the Act which prohibits the emptying of sawdust into the rivers.

It was also unanimously agreed that the Dominion Government be respectfully requested to appoint the steamer "Sir James Douglas," or other efficient vessel to remove the snags at those points where they impede the drifts, from the mouth of the river upwards as far as St. Mary's Mission.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.,

17th December, 1877.

VICTORIA, B.C., 21st January, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose an application from Mr. J. S. Deas for the lease of certain fishing rights on Fraser River. I have informed Mr. Deas that I would forward his application to you.

Mr. DeCosmos, M.P. for Victoria, spoke to me the other day with regard to a lease which some friend of his wished to secure, for the exclusive privilege of fishing upon one of the smaller streams along the coast, not specified. I informed him that the right of granting leases dwelt with you, but that I saw great objections to any being granted, at least for the present.

In connection with the remarks made by me in a recent letter concerning the Indian fishing rights, I express my confidence that for the present, at least, no such application as either of the above will be entertained. Grave complications might arise and serious consequences might ensue were any measure such as has been proposed, adopted, under the present circumstances of the Province.

At the same time, I venture to recommend for your favorable consideration the proposal contained in the memorandum of the meeting at New Westminster, which I had recently the honor to forward, that the Government should render aid by means of the "Sir James Douglas" or other steamer, to remove the numerous snags which in parts impede the fisheries upon the Lower Fraser.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) ALEX. C. ANDERSON,

Inspector, B.C.

The Honorable,
The Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

10th November, 1877.

SIR,—I beg to make application to you for the sole privilege of the salmon fishing on the Drifts in the Fraser River, as shown approximately on the Government plan enclosed herein, and which are marked in red, A, B, C, D.

I have been the only fisherman on these grounds during the last six years, and I have gone to great expense in clearing them of snags; on one drift alone having expended \$1,000 in clearing it, and I trust you will be able to secure to me the exclusive right of fishing for a term of years, so that I may be able to derive the