

The President appointed Mr. Charles E. Jackson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Fisheries, Department of the Interior, as one of the representatives of the United States on the International Fisheries Commission established between the United States and Canada, to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Frank T. Bell, former Commissioner, Bureau of Fisheries. The other representative of the United States is Mr. Edward W. Allen of Seattle, Washington, who was elected Secretary of the Commission on December 14, 1939.

The Canadian members of the Commission are:—

A. L. Hager of Vancouver, whom the Commission elected as its Chairman.

A. J. Whitmore of the Department of Fisheries.

3. GENERAL FISHERIES PROBLEMS

Visit of Canadian Officials to Washington, 1st and 2nd of February.

Representatives of the Governments of Canada and the United States met in Washington on February 1st and 2nd to discuss certain general fisheries problems of mutual interests. Canada was represented by Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, of the Department of External Affairs, and Mr. A. J. Whitmore of the Department of Fisheries. The discussions resulted in the initiation of a study of the problems of conservation and sustained production. The officials of both countries will continue these studies and consult together from time to time for the purpose of co-ordination.

4. GREAT LAKES FISHERIES BOARD OF ENQUIRY

Statement issued upon occasion of an Exchange of Notes between the Canadian and United States Governments, 29th of February, 1940.

On the 29th February the Canadian Minister to the United States and the United States Secretary of State signed an exchange of notes establishing a Board of Enquiry for the Great Lakes Fisheries.

The problem of conserving the fisheries of the Great Lakes has long engaged the attention of the Governments of Canada and the United States, the Province of Ontario and the States bordering on the Great Lakes. The production of certain species of Great Lakes fish has reached low levels. The Board will make a study of the taking of fish and will submit recommendations as to methods of preserving and developing the fisheries. It will not have regulatory powers.

With a view to obtaining full information and the benefit of the opinions of commercial fishermen, sportsmen and other interested persons, the Board will hold hearings at various places in the Great Lakes area. The times and places of such hearings will be announced later.