

A DISGRACEFUL BUSINESS.

It is manifest from the proceedings before the Royal Fishery Commission that Mr. Samuel Wilmot came across the continent to report upon the Fraser River Salmon Fishery, not according to the evidence submitted but in consonance with his own erroneous notions, preconceived in wilful ignorance and obstinacy. It is evident that the parties interested and the press of the province, together with the local members of the House of Commons, were right when they protested against his nomination. Who is this Mr. Wilmot who appears as it were to have come here commissioned to do as he pleases? Nothing but an individual, who by his superlative cheek and self assurance, has imposed himself on the Department as an authority upon matters regarding which the most uneducated fisherman on the Fraser River has forgotten more than, in his present mood, Mr Wilmot may ever be expected to learn. His treatment of witnesses and merchants who desired to be heard was shameful, and it would be no more than what the Government has deliberately brought upon itself, if, as is announced, certain of the members from this province should resign by way of protest. The administration do not appear to understand or desire to understand our conditions, and should the province go into opposition on account of the way in which it has been treated, the Government will be alone to blame. The province owes Hon. Mr. Higgins its thanks for his independent, patriotic course of action, but, as for Sheriff Armstrong, it would appear that he had not sufficient force of character to withstand M. Wilmot's overbearance. —B. C. Commercial Journal.

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