

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

COMMITTEE ROOM 429,
HOUSE OF COMMONS,
FRIDAY, April 21, 1922.

The Select Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries met at 11.00 o'clock, a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Duff, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: Will the Committee come to order, please. This as you know is a meeting of the Committee on Marine and Fisheries. We intended to have a regular meetings next Wednesday, but due to the fact that Mr. Lord, who is interested in the British Columbia Fisheries, is here from that Province, and he was in to see me yesterday, and at his solicitation, and at the solicitation of some of the members of the Committee I decided to have a special committee to-day. First, I might ask the Clerk to read the order of reference from the House, so we can proceed regularly.

The CLERK: (Reading.) "That the Select Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things that may be referred to them by the House: and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

"That the name of Mr. Stork be substituted for that of Mr. McKenzie on the said Committee.

"Monday, April 10th, 1922.

"That the following resolutions be referred to the said Committee.

"Resolved that, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries, be and the said Standing Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to investigate and consider fisheries conditions in British Columbia, and more particularly, but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing, the depletion of the Salmon Fisheries of the Fraser River district, and to make suggestions for the restoration and conservation of same; also to investigate and consider fish hatcheries, including the proper system to be adopted, their value as a means of propagation, the methods of operation and the results obtained therefrom; with power as to all the herein before mentioned matters to call for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses under oath and to report from time to time.

"Tuesday, April 11, 1922.

"That the name of Mr. Neill be substituted for that of Mr. Hubbs on the said Committee."

The CHAIRMAN: That is the reference, gentlemen, of this matter to a Committee. Now, Mr. Lord is not here at the moment and it might be as well while we are waiting for him that Mr. McQuarrie, who moved the resolution, should perhaps give us some idea of what he would like the Committee to investigate.

Mr. MCQUARRIE: I am very glad this Committee has been authorized to investigate conditions in connection with Fisheries in British Columbia. I had the honour of being a member of this Committee during the last Parliament, but I found the Committee had almost not been doing any work at all, excepting one or two instances