

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. We will go over it again. Why is it there are so many Japanese in the fishing industry in British Columbia?—A. I suppose because they are making a living at it.

Q. That is no answer to the question? Why is it the white men are not doing this work?—A. Because perhaps they don't want to.

Q. I am giving you an opportunity now of putting yourself right. Instead of doing that you start to hedge with me. That is not fair.

Mr. CLARK: You are doing all the talking.

Mr. McQUARRIE: I will withdraw from this Committee if there are going to be things fired at me like that. Give your opinion as to why there are so many Japanese fishermen instead of white men. This morning you made a statement which, as Mr. Clark said, might be misconstrued.—A. I suppose the reason there are not so many white men fishing, if they are of the same class as the certain few we have ourselves, I don't wonder at it; they don't go to work. They don't go to work at anything.

Q. Does that apply to the other districts as well?—A. No.

Q. You have told us you have been on the Fraser River for a long time.—A. I have been there since 1896, so I thought when you asked me that question you were referring to our own particular fishing ground.

Q. You say I am only interested in your own particular fishing ground.—A. Gill-net fishermen are different fishermen.

Q. I take exception to any statement made by anybody such as is made by Mr. Lord, because I am interested in the white fishermen, and I don't think the white fishermen come in the class such as he describes.

The CHAIRMAN: He has a right to give any answer he likes, and while you object that does not alter the fact he can make that answer.

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. Do you know whether it is a fact that the cannerymen prefer to have Japanese work for them in preference to white men.—A. No, I don't. I don't know how they stand as regards gill-net fishing at all. I know I would rather have white men fishing for me in the kind of fishing I do.

Q. Not over in your district?—A. Not the kind of men we have there, but real fishermen. There are a lot of good men on the West Coast. There are a few around Nootka Island.

*By Mr. Clark:*

Q. You have already told us you are employing more white men than Japanese?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Because you use seines?—A. Yes. No, Mr. McQuarrie I would not say anything like that generally, I was referring to a few men of the kind we have around our country.

The Committee adjourned until Wednesday, April 26, 1922, at 11 o'clock a.m.