

hours. There is a record a year or two ago of where he stopped all fishing in the middle of the season for about two weeks, and then to ten days. But he did not do that to the traps. That is why I say the regulations are not as strict on the traps as they are on the others. He did not stop it for the traps, although the act calls for it.

The WITNESS: That is an incident.

Mr. NEILL: I didn't understand it was an incident.

The WITNESS: Well, the regulations make it quite clear.

Mr. NEILL: I thought it was favouritism.

The WITNESS: Well, I am afraid your opinion is wrong.

Mr. NEILL: Evidently.

Mr. WHITMORE: The Fraser River traps were not subject to the special closings.

The WITNESS: To what year are you referring; was it last year or the year before.

Mr. WHITMORE: To 1927.

The WITNESS: It did not affect the Fraser river area. It affected the general situation. It was because of a general fishery situation, more in the northern area of the province.

*By Hon. Mr. Michaud:*

Q. The restriction did not apply to the Fraser river generally?—A. No sir.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. What do you include in the northern portion of the province?—A. Oh, the more northern portion of the province; it did not include the Fraser river area. From time to time the chief supervisor has to take such action to insure stocking of the rivers. He has had to do it for one area here, and for another there. When you have a condition develop in a certain area similar to that which was referred to in discussion the officer responsible has to see that fishing is kept down. The chief supervisor would be failing in his duty if under those circumstances he did not stop fishing in a particular area when this appears necessary. But, I come back again to the point raised with respect to regulations; I would not be in a position to make an adequate reply without knowing all the details, but generally speaking the same fishing regulations would apply to traps.

*By Mr. Ryan:*

Q. He sets certain hours for seine fishing?—A. Yes.

Q. Has the general supervisor discretionary power to extend those regulations to all points?—A. Yes.

Q. Does that power apply to all supervisors you have in the department?—A. No.

Mr. NEILL: He did not make it apply to the traps.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: It has been stated that these regulations were not applied to the Fraser river.

Mr. NEILL: Did it not apply to the whole of district No. 3 in which these traps are located?

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: No, it did not apply to gill nets or trollers operating in the Fraser river.

Mr. NEILL: That is in district No. 1. This is district No. 3 and it would apply to the whole of district No. 3, the district in which the traps are situated, except to the traps; and possibly to the whole of district No. 1. Why did it not apply to the traps?

[Dr. Wm. A. Found.]