

In this matter I suggested to the meeting that, in order to approach the Government effectively, and to elicit the most speedy action, it would be expedient to submit to them some definite proposal, in guaranty of their own earnestness.

Thereupon a series of resolutions were proposed and carried, a memorandum of which, by request of the meeting, I now respectfully submit herewith.

You will perceive that the fishery owners themselves propose, with this definite object in view, to raise a fund to yield annually, as computed, some \$7,500 in aid of primary outlay, and the continuous expense of the Department for the protection and regulation of the fishery interests in this Province.

The amount of boat license proposed may probably be considered by you excessive; and it is for you to judge whether or not it should be somewhat reduced, or, indeed, whether in this or some other mode the necessary contribution should be raised in aid of future outlay. I may, however, add that the form and amounts suggested in the memorandum were unanimously approved by those present, and would, therefore, it is to be presumed, be generally acceptable.

In respectfully submitting the proposition made I express my earnest hope that its tenor will obtain your favorable consideration.

With regard generally to the result of the fishery of the past year, though the returns are not yet complete, I may state that it will probably exceed half a million of dollars of exported fish alone, exclusive of the large amount absorbed by home consumption.

I forward the proposition now made in anticipation of my general report, in order that it may be before you during the preparation of the annual estimates.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

ALEX. C. ANDERSON,

*Inspector, B. C.*

The Honorable  
The Minister of Marine and Fisheries,  
Ottawa.

#### MEMORANDUM.

At a meeting held at the Colonial Hotel, New Westminster, B.C., on the 17th December, 1877, Mr. Anderson, Inspector of Fisheries, being in the chair, and the following gentlemen, connected with the fishing interests on the Lower Fraser, being present, viz.:—Messrs. Holbrook, English, Herring, Ewen, Wise, Birrell (the last representing the firm of Finlayson & Lane).

Mr. Birrell acting as Secretary, the following resolutions were carried:—

Mr. English proposed that the Dominion Government should be asked to make an appropriation for the establishment of a breeding establishment for the regulation of the supply of salmon, at a suitable point on Fraser River, the cost of which it is estimated would be about \$20,000. In aid of this object, and to provide a fund for the subsequent expenses, it is proposed that a license of twenty dollars on every boat employed in the fishery shall be paid in advance, and also a tax or duty of eight cents per case of four dozen one-pound cans of preserved salmon, and of twenty-five cents per barrel of salted salmon, packed at any cannery or curing establishment on Fraser River. Mr. English's proposition, which was unanimously concurred in, would, based on the production of the past season, yield a revenue of about \$7,500; and it is probable would, with the extension of the industry, exceed that limit.

Mr. Ewen suggested that, as a preliminary measure, a competent person, versed in the subject of fish-breeding, should be sent from Canada to examine and select a suitable position for the erection of the proposed establishment.