

both countries are spending vast amounts of money in reclaiming, for instance, arid lands, the profits from which will not show the possibilities of what year after year has shown the Fraser river to be capable of producing.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Mr. Found, do you know who opposed the ratification of this treaty in the United States? Was it the fishermen?—A. There were certain divided interests in the state of Washington. Those who were having their seines cut out of course opposed it, and opposed it very strongly.

Q. The fishermen themselves?—A. That branch of the fishermen.

*By Mr. MacLaren:*

Q. Can you suggest any steps to obtain an agreement with the United States?—A. The matter, as I say, has been followed up. The conference with the Fisheries Board of the State of Washington was only last December. When experience did not show that solution to be a very hopeful one, the matter has again been taken up with the United States Government. However, I do not think there is anything more that could be done at the moment.

*By Mr. Grimmer:*

Q. You cannot get these two jurisdictions together, I suppose?—A. We have endeavoured to. I do not think that a thing that is as important as this, and that is so obvious as this, will ultimately not be properly dealt with. I have faith enough in the common sense of mankind to feel that.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. You do not need to have a treaty now; you can make a deal with this State Board of Washington, can you not?—A. We can, but you will see how undesirable that is either from their standpoint or ours. That Board is the instrument of a state legislature, and can be abolished at any meeting of the legislature. In Canada, an Order in Council can be changed, so that there is no way of satisfactorily dealing with this matter other than by treaty between the two countries.

*By Mr. Grimmer:*

Q. You say that the fisheries jurisdiction is a state matter over there. I am rather surprised to learn that—A. Much to be regretted, most of them.

Q. On the Atlantic coast, Mr. Johnston is under federal jurisdiction, isn't he?—A. Yes.

MR. GRIMMER: They have their cutters along our coast.

MR. JOHNSON: That is beyond the three-mile limit.

MR. MORRISSY: It must not be lost sight of that they are a peaceful people down there.

WITNESS: State rights are possibly guarded more jealously than provincial rights here.

MR. GRIMMER: I did not know it was a matter of state rights.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we will adjourn now and convene again at the call of the Chair.

The Committee adjourned at 1 o'clock p.m., to reconvene at the call of the Chair.

[Mr. W. A. Found]