

I am interested in canneries myself as you all know, and quite naturally I would like to have a trap. If I could have a trap right at my cannery I could catch all the fish I needed with which to operate my plant through the employment of 12 or 15 men, as things are it takes between 300 and 400 men to get the same amount of fish to my plant; and yet we have to compete with these privileged people who have traps. I am not saying that I am against these traps in the Sooke area, because it does not interfere with us up north, but in fairness to fishing as a whole in British Columbia I think some adjustment of the matter should be made. I have dozens of letters from fishermen's organizations in my district, and also from the district adjacent, which show that they are absolutely opposed to the issuing of licences for traps at any place in British Columbia. It is from that point of view that I am speaking; why should we go to work and extend this privilege which this company has had for the past 30 or 40 years; or, why should we not put the whole fishing industry of British Columbia on the same basis.

Mr. TOMLINSON: Mr. Chairman, I should like to mention that I notice my name is not shown in the report as being present at the first meeting. I was here.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. TOMLINSON: I should like that corrected.

Mr. MOYER: I should like to call Mr. Charles F. Goodrich.

Mr. NEILL: Are you going to swear the witness?

Mr. REID: They do it in other committees.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: What committees?

Mr. MOYER: We do not object.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: I have no objections.

The CHAIRMAN: My information is it has never been done in this committee.

Mr. TOMLINSON: I would ask that this man be sworn.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the wish of the committee that the witness be sworn?

Mr. RYAN: In this way, if you are going to swear one witness, swear them all; make it a general rule.

Mr. MOYER: Some of the evidence is already in.

Mr. NEILL: Yes; I wish that it had been sworn.

Mr. MACNICOL: Has any witness been sworn?

The CHAIRMAN: No.

Mr. MOYER: We do not object to being sworn.

Mr. REID: A departmental witness is usually speaking under authority of his office.

Mr. TOMLINSON: The deputy minister can confirm his evidence under oath.

Mr. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that all witnesses be sworn.

Mr. TOMLINSON: I second that motion.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: The clerk has gone to look for the Book, Mr. Goodrich.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: I hope he finds one.

Mr. NEILL: You might ask the witness his name, etc.