

Hon. Mr. Reid: It would be worth, I suppose, about \$125 million in 1975 or 1980.

Hon. Mr. Smith (Queens-Shelburne): Landed value?

Hon. Mr. Reid: Manufactured value. There is of course a difference between what the fisherman gets and the price paid for what is sold over the counter,—much the same as the difference between the price of cattle, and that of processed beef. Yet there are those who want to wipe out this production of 150 million pounds, when ample power requirements can be obtained without interfering with the Fraser River at all.

Bear in mind that, according to an estimate by the United Nations organization, in 50 years the world's population will have doubled. So if there is anything of which we should be careful, surely it is our food supply. All the food which can be produced will be required; you can eat salmon, but you cannot eat a kilowatt.

I could have gone on at greater length, but my particular purpose is simply to draw attention to the statements, or misstatements, made by General McNaughton. It makes me a little wrathful to find him co-operating with interests in British Columbia which are trying with hyper-subtlety to put over the idea of having hydro-electric dams in the Fraser River and so destroying our heritage of salmon. He is corresponding with these interests and they are using his name to support their plans.

One final warning to the Government and General McNaughton is that, while it might have been laudable on his part to try to bring the Americans to time, it may in the long run prove rather disastrous. After all, the Premier of British Columbia is going to have the final say in this question. As I have repeatedly said, what the federal Government has been doing in British Columbia it would never attempt in Quebec; Duplessis would have been on its neck at once. I say that without fear of successful contradiction. The federal Government has been getting away with murder out in British Columbia. Mr. Bennett is now doing in his way what General McNaughton did in his. General McNaughton used the plan to divert the waters from the Columbia to the Fraser with a view to bringing the Americans to time, and now Mr. Bennett has something else to use as a club. It is almost certain that the Swedish-based Wenner-Gren interests will be given the right to develop all the horsepower in what we call the Rocky Mountain Trench. We are a little suspicious, of course, as to what is behind all this; but these interests claim there is sufficient power in that area to develop some 4 million horsepower. Because of this, Mr. Bennett feels he does not have to go and dicker with United

States interests as to power on the Columbia. Now, all this could result in a very complicated problem.

For some reason or other a report which was presented to the Government last December was denied us. I don't know why. I claimed at that time, as I have done on many occasions with regard to reports, that as a member of Parliament I had a right to ask for a copy of the report. After all, the people of Canada paid to have it prepared. The Government claimed it had good reasons for withholding the report and so refused to divulge its contents.

American engineers have their views on power development on the Columbia River. Mr. Bennett has his views and he has given a straight statement, which I am keeping close at hand in case he should change it. He says that as long as he is Premier of British Columbia there will be no dam on the Columbia River until the fish problem has been solved.

Honourable senators, in getting this whole matter cleared up I cannot see how the federal Government can try to make any headway with American interests and at the same time keep ignoring the province of British Columbia. The Premier has felt that he has been left out so much that he has put his own engineers on the job and so is not going to accept General McNaughton's statement. Just when the whole matter will be finally cleaned up I don't know. They may never divert the waters from the Columbia, but we cannot take a chance on it. It all started out with General McNaughton wanting to bring the Americans to time, and there is no doubt that it did wake them up, but when he turned around and said to get rid of the salmon, and when he made false and misleading statements, placing these on the records of Parliament, I felt it was my duty to get up and place the truth of the matter on the official record.

On motion of Hon. Mr. MacDonald, debate adjourned.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce Nos. 18 to 30, which were presented on Thursday, May 29.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, moved that the reports be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.