

But to be any good to us, we must take active steps to secure our own fish for our own people, and *the industry for those who can if necessary man our fleets.*

That is the point to which I have been working. We want the waters of British Columbia as a nursery for British sailors; we don't want them to be turned into a place of exercise for our present allies, who may possibly become our foes in the future.

To secure these desirable conditions, prompt action is necessary.

It is known that practically unlimited British Capital is ready for use in the development of this deep sea fishing business, and that to be successful the industry must be founded upon a very broad base.

We have to do more than catch the fish. We have to provide for their handling, curing, transportation and marketing, and all this upon such a scale as only the strongest Capitalists could attempt.

But we are assured that the money can be had, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Dominion and Provincial Governments. What these are, subsidies in land or cash, or exemptions of any kind, I do not know, but, bearing in mind British Columbia's readiness to bonus anything in the way of a manufacturing industry, from an American peanut stand upwards, I would plead for the utmost generosity towards those who will found British Columbia's natural industry upon a firm basis, *provided that such laws be enforced as would make it possible only for those eligible for service in His Majesty's Navy, to engage in our deep sea fishery.* That need give offence to no one, and, if a Jap does not happen to be big enough to make a bluejacket, is that our fault?

Our Premier has shown himself a strong friend of the working man, in the resolute stand he has made against Oriental labour, although his position has been made exceedingly difficult by the impossibility of