

Mr. Lord for forty years and I can assure you that a good white man has as good a friend in Mr. Lord as there is in British Columbia. He is referring to a few men around his country and I don't like to see that imputation from Mr. Lord go West.

WITNESS: I was only referring to the men around my own place.

Mr. NEILL: I can endorse that by my local knowledge of Mr. Lord also.

Mr. STORK: As I regard it, we are having an around-the-table-talk about this thing.

The CHAIRMAN: It might be as well for both reporters to change that answer of Mr. Lord's.

Mr. MCQUARRIE: Surely you cannot do that, I object to that.

WITNESS: I thought I mentioned the men on the West Coast.

Mr. MCQUARRIE: I asked Mr. Lord certain questions, and I submit I was not leading him into any trap at all, and I object to any insinuation of that kind.

The CHAIRMAN: But you are a lawyer.

Mr. MCQUARRIE: If we are going over that phase again, then I should have the privilege of again going over the ground with Mr. Lord.

WITNESS: I was only referring to the men I handle on the West Coast.

Mr. NEILL: I object to that statement, I come from the West Coast.

WITNESS: I say, men I handle up around my own place.

Mr. MCQUARRIE: I asked Mr. Lord why it was there were so many Japanese in the fishery industry and he said it was because the white men would not work.

WITNESS: I thought you were referring to my part of the fishing entirely.

Mr. MCQUARRIE: I object to this part being withdrawn from the record. The whole thing has been taken down in shorthand; let it stay there. And I object to anything being taken off the record. If you wish to go over it again, it is alright. Let him make a statement.

WITNESS: I thought you were referring to our own fishermen out there. I did not mean that generally, I will tell you that.

Mr. STORK: We ought to allow a certain amount of latitude here in this Committee. I know I am liable to say a lot of things in this Committee out of the fullness of my heart that I would not like to see in print. I think we ought to give each man the privilege of more or less revising the harsh sentences or the unguarded things he might say. I know Mr. Lord for many years and I, for one, would not want to see this thing go broadcast through the West because I think Mr. Lord has spoken here to us in the fullness of his heart, and I think we ought to be more or less lenient in regard to those things.

WITNESS: I surely did not mean it generally.

Mr. MCQUARRIE: Is this going to be a cooked-up proposition?

The CHAIRMAN: No, in the open.

Mr. CLARK: I am a lawyer too, I think we can put a man in a hole if we are representing a particular point of view and want to cross-examine a man as we would in court. I quite understand the impression Mr. Lord wanted to convey to us, and my interpretation of that was this, that there is a class of men, white and coloured, who are no good and I don't care where that goes, and I think we all agree with it. There is on the other hand, thank goodness, a large class that are really white men and I think that is the distinction Mr. Lord made, to my mind, but possibly under cross-examination he conveyed a different impression, but the impression he conveyed to me was that there is a poor class and we know that every country in the world has a poor class, and I think that is what he was referring to.

[Mr. William R. Lord]