

least, to impose very heavy restrictions on our fishermen, with no chance of ultimately saving the situation, but that the whole thing would be undone again in a little while, no successful outcome resulted. The matter, however, had not been dropped; it had again been taken up with the United States Federal Government, explaining that the experiences had emphasized the necessity for dealing with this matter by treaty.

Q. Has all the negotiation been carried on by correspondence?—A. Oh, no, A commission was appointed. The commission's report has been made, and the meeting with the people—

Mr. McQUARRIE: I understood that you had a commission and the commission made a report recommending the treaty, and the treaty was signed, and then it came up before the United States Senate but it was not approved.

Mr. NEILL: These last negotiations did not get the length of a treaty, in December last.

Mr. McQUARRIE: I am not speaking of that.

WITNESS: That would not, of course, have been a treaty, in any event.

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. At the time the treaty came up before the United States Senate, was there a committee of the Senate appointed to consider the matter?—A. Well, all treaties, as I understand it, in the United States Senate go before the Power Relations Committee.

Q. Was Canada represented on that committee at all —A. Oh, no.

Q. Was any one down there from Canada endeavouring to put through the treaty?—A. Oh, no; the United States was a party to that treaty,

Q. Of course, I understand that; but there was no one from our side?—

The CHAIRMAN: Lobbying.

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. —lobbying there?—A. I would not like to be responsible for suggesting that that be done.

Q. No efforts on our part to put through the treaty?—A. We put through the treaty.

Mr. GRIMMER: We put through the treaty.

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. Nothing was done—that is what I am trying to get at—whether it could have been done or could not have been done, nothing was done?—A. Nothing properly could be done. There would be an awful howl from the United States Government—we got an awful scare about what happened in 1916, when some of us were blamed for lobbying there.

*By Mr. Neill:* To go back for a minute to Hell's Gate, was that matter adjusted where the salmon could not get up?—A. Oh, yes; that matter has been very satisfactorily adjusted. That is, all the debris that was placed in the Gate has been removed at the expense of the railway. Certain amounts which were doubtful we—

*By Mr. Grimmer:*

Q. You are not very hopeful that you will be able to arrange a conference with them?—A. I am not without hope. The thing does not look as cheerful as it ought to look, but it is an international time.

Q. Do they recognize the evil?—A. I think so; I cannot state too emphatically—personally, I regard it as nothing short of an international crime to leave this matter unsettled. This continent, both countries, are losing a vast amount of money;

[Mr. W. A. Found]