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The people at Mission protest that the limitation of salmen fishing to the river up to Whernock, will half ruin many of them by preventing their engagement in the work, after providing boats, nets and other expensive gear. It is urged that salmon fishing might well be allowed as heretofore up to the mouth of the Sumas River. A petition has been addressed to the Dominion Fishing Department and Sir Hiobert Tupper as its head, urging strongly the plea of the men of the Mission district.

Not only did Hon. Mr. Bowell create a favorable impression upon the people of Australia in connection with the reci procal trade relations which he went there to advance; but his explanations on the subject of colenial federation, as illustrated by the experiences of the Canadian Dominion, have been well and favorably received. The tariff question was to some extent a block in the way of the Union of the British North American Colonies, as it is at present in Australasia and the hon, gentleman's statements have or will have the effect of meeting many of the objections that have been raised. The tariffquestion is undoubtedly a diffi culty that must be got over before the trade of the Colonies most directly concorned can be satisfactorily advanced, and it has therefore been well that our Minister of Trade and Commerce should have devoted so much attention to the subject.

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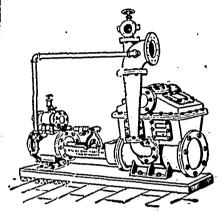
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