

salmon by such method as it may determine." Supposing it were decided to take spawn from the outer stretches of the Skeena and bring them down to the Fraser; there might be some objection there on the part of some of the Canadian fishermen who would say, "Let us look after the Skeena and make it 100 per cent"—A. The Commission has no authority whatever over the Skeena watershed.

Q. Has not the Commission the right to take spawn from any place?—A. It certainly has not.

The CHAIRMAN: Article VII reads:

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Inasmuch as the purpose of this Convention is to establish for the High Contracting Parties, by their joint effort and expense, a fishery that is now largely non-existent, each of the High Contracting Parties should share equally in the fishery. The Commission shall, consequently, in regulating the fishery do so with the object of enabling, as nearly as they can, an equal portion of the fish that is allowed to be caught each year to be taken by the fishermen of each High Contracting Party.

Mr. McRAE: There is one thing, Mr. Chairman, about which we have had some discussion as to how it might be worked out. I think we are all appreciative of the difficulty. It seems to me that the article itself anticipates this because it says that the "High Contracting Parties should share equally." Why not say "will share equally"? Why not make it definite? I think this is nothing more than a pious hope for the best, and I submit that it will be difficult to enforce, and will lead to serious controversies between the fishermen of Puget Sound and British Columbia. I think this should read that they "shall" share equally in the fishing. Of course they should.

The WITNESS: It is "shall" and not "should."

*By Mr. MacLaren:*

I want to ask if under this treaty it is possible for the Americans to take the spawn from the Fraser River and plant them in some of the American streams?—A. No. This Commission has no jurisdiction over anything but the waters covered by the treaty.

Q. Are there no waters on the American side covered by the treaty?—A. No spawning waters.

Q. None that could be made spawning waters?—A. Not that I know of, but if we could enlarge the spawning areas, would it not be a good thing?

*By Mr. McQuarrie:*

Q. What will happen if the Americans get more fish than the Canadians?—A. Well, Mr. Chairman, the duty of the Commission will be to see that they do not. As I said a little while ago, the Commission will have my sympathy. It will be quite impossible to say that we will get 50 fish on one side and 50 on the other. It must be as near as possible that that be done.

*By Mr. Brady:*

Q. I would like to ask a question. "An equal portion of the fish that is allowed to be caught each year to be taken by the fishermen of each High Contracting Party." Now, the fishermen in British Columbia are independent fishermen, who are engaged in catching sockeye salmon.—A. What do you mean by that?

Q. Each man for himself—each man working his own boat.—A. That is true, to a large extent.