

size of the fish. We are allowing present conditions, in spite of scientific facts, to interfere with the future value of our fishing. These things apparently bring to our minds the necessity of being very careful in our methods of fishing to see which is to the advantage of the people of the province and the country as a whole?—A. With regard to Mr. Taylor's statement, Mr. Chairman, it can be said that there is a feeling on the part of those engaging in certain lines of fishing that is opposed to other methods of fishing. But do not let the committee get the impression that the salmon fisheries of British Columbia are not being reasonably well protected. Let us take that one statement and get it right in the forefront. Had it not been for the strike at Rivers Inlet last year the biggest pack in the history of British Columbia would have been put out last year. Salmon were extraordinarily plentiful over all portions of the coast, notwithstanding the fact of the very intensive fishing that had been going on throughout the year.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. Is it a fact that these trap fishers are the only Canadian fishermen that catch these sockeye before they get into American waters?—A. "Catch these sockeye."

Q. Catch the sockeye before they get into American waters?—A. They are the only ones, after they get here.

Q. They are?—A. Yes; except what might be taken out of that area (indicating).

*By Mr. Kinley:*

Q. Why is it the only place where the Canadians can get them?—A. Because it is the only type of fishing that is carried on.

Q. They can adopt other methods if they want to, the same as the Americans are doing?—A. There is nothing to prevent anything that seemed impossible to do from becoming possible, so far as we know. But let me go back to this statement. All business men are usually ready to avail themselves of any line to increase their industry that they can; and while fishing has been going on there for over forty years they have not yet developed methods of fishing, owing to water conditions in the area, other than that method that has proved successful.

Q. That is not the question. The question is, is this the only opportunity the Canadians have to catch the salmon before they come into American waters?—A. If they have the opportunity? I should say the whole water is open.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. I did not say "opportunity." I said was that actually the only place that the Canadians were catching these fish?—A. That is how I understood the question.

Mr. NEILL: The answer is "no."

WITNESS: I immediately say from there (indicating) "no."

Mr. NEILL: That is not what he asked.

WITNESS: I answered him in that limited way, starting from there, no.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. Is there any extensive Canadian fishing before the fish get into these traps?—A. Sockeyes?

Q. Yes?—A. I would doubt it very much. There is some out on the Swift Shore Bank.