

By Mr. Hanson:

Q. That is the only year on record they had such a big run on the east coast of Vancouver Island?—A. Yes, the following year, 1937, there was a very fair run too.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. In 1938, what happened?—A. There was nothing out of the ordinary.

Q. That was a phenomenal, abnormal run that might never occur again in 100 years.

Mr. MAYHEW: You were very bright not to point that out in your argument. You wanted to stick to your 80 per cent.

Mr. NEILL: I did not point it out.

Mr. MAYHEW: I would not point it out either if I were in your place.

By the Chairman:

Q. Mr. Whitmore, do you agree with Mr. Mayhew's statement that the fish have changed their habits in not coming down the same way?

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: We will see next year.

The WITNESS: Yes, we will see next year. The cycle runs on a four-year cycle basis, 1936 and 1940, and we will watch developments very closely.

By the Chairman:

Q. The last one you thought had changed to some extent, did you?—A. in the 1936 run there was no question that a very large percentage came down.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. Were those fish that came down the inside passage, the late run, the same quality and the same type as the regular run?—A. No, the fish that came down the inside passage were good quality fish. They came down in August, reached the mouth of the Fraser river in the second or third week in August, and produced a very fine quality pack.

Q. Were the biggest of them the late run?—A. Not that particular run.

Hon. Mr. MICHAUD: They came there at the time we were on the coast, and it was the latter part of July, if I recall.

Mr. TAYLOR: May I proceed? The note I wanted to bring up was the statement I put in at page 1628 of Hansard showing the pack of Fraser river sockeyes caught in the Fraser river, the Sooke trap-nets and Puget Sound, and it does not show anything like 86 per cent. These figures are authentic, taken from the record of the United States and the Canadian report. There is so much to traverse in this matter that one has to go ahead very carefully. At page 1624—

Mr. NEILL: Of Hansard?

Mr. TAYLOR: Yes, of Hansard—quoting, Mr. MacNeil said:—

The average Canadian share of the Fraser river sockeye salmon pack prior to 1935 was about 30 per cent.

Mr. MACNEIL: The average?

Mr. TAYLOR: The average. As a matter of fact, the average run was from thirty-three to thirty-five. "In 1936, our average rose to 53 per cent Actually it was 72.2 and 1.7 or a total of 73.9.

"In 1937 it was about 80 per cent." Actually it was 60.1 and 3.7 or a total of 63.8.

"And I am reliably informed that last season it was over 60 per cent." Actually it was 54.1 and 1.2 or a total of 55.3. Is that correct, Mr. Whitmore?

[Mr. A. J. Whitmore.]