by myself, as a magistrate, in conjunction with Indian Superintendent Powell, in January, 1883—you have been, from time to time, apprized by me, by telegram and letter. I regret to add that matters in that quarter are still in an equivocal position; and I respectfully suggest that, in a matter indirectly affecting in a serious degree the prospective interests of the Fishery Branch of your Department, you exercise your influence to bring the abnormal and deplorable condition of affairs referred to, to a prudent, satisfactory and firm conclusion.

34. In fine, I may sum up by saying, that while the general condition of affairs in British Columbia is very promising, the prospects of our fishing interests, to me necessarily the more specially important, are most encouraging; and I conclude by iterating my conviction, that our Province, only now beginning to attract extended attention as a field of industry, will ere long take rank, especially for its fisheries,

in advance, possibly, of any other Province of our Federation.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

> ALEX. C. ANDERSON, Inspector of Fisheries for British Columbia.

ERRATA.—Page 191, paragraph 6. Instead of 5,195 skins, read 9,195; instead of 12,505 skins, read 8,505; instead of \$125,050, read \$85,050.