

"Q. I mean to say you have not changed your opinion?—A. No.

"Q. Of course there might be other causes operating, but that is the general tendency of the Treaty?—A. Yes.

"Q. To make the fish cheaper for the consumer?—A. We have so regarded it. Well, perhaps, it would have that tendency. We have thought that it would.

"Q. That is precisely what your opinion was?—A. Yes.

"Q. You have not altered your opinion?—A. No.

"Q. Your opinion, if you will allow me to put it in my words, is that it makes fish cheaper to the consumers in the United States?—A. My opinion is that it will have that tendency.

Page 107—Graham :—

"Q. You say that you would prefer a duty on Canadian fish entering American market to the privilege of fishing within three miles of the shore in the bay?—A. Yes, I should if I went fishing.

"Q. Why?—A. Because I do not think that the privilege amounts to as much as the duties to us.

"Q. Why do you want the duty kept on?—A. Because, in the first place, we would get more for our fish in the United States.

"Q. And when the duty is abolished the price naturally comes down?—A. The fish might then be a little cheaper.

"Q. That is your opinion?—A. I do not think that the price would come down much.

"Q. Then why do you want the duty kept on? Do you not think that you gave a rather hasty answer? You say you would prefer the duty to the privilege of fishing in the Bay of St. Lawrence, within the limits?—A. Yes.

"Q. Why? I understood you to say, it was because this would keep the price up?—A. That was a little erroneous, I think. Let me think the matter over.

"Q. Why would you rather prefer the duty to the privilege mentioned?—A. Because that would keep the price up, and we would then get more for our fish. I thought you had me a little.

"Q. I merely want your statement on the point?—A. That is my candid opinion.

"Q. You now speak as a fisherman?—A. Yes, if I was fishing that would be my idea.

"Q. All classes of men have selfish motives?—A. I want to get all I can for what I have to sell, and to buy as cheaply as possible.

"Q. And in order to get a high price for your fish, you want the duties on?—A. Yes.

Page 124—Friend :—

"Q. You thought you would get more mackerel and get a better price for them?—A. If we had a duty on mackerel we would get a better price, and would get more mackerel if we fished off shore.

Page 130—Orne :—

"Q. You say you would prefer a duty of 2 dollars a barrel to the liberty of fishing within the limits of the bay?—A. I do.

"Q. Why?—A. Because I think the mackerel which I take to market would then bring more.

"Q. Would the price be then higher by 2 dollars?—A. I could not say.

"Q. What is your belief?—A. I believe that would be the case.

"Q. Consumers might appreciate the matter differently?—A. I speak as a fisherman.

Page 147—Leighton :—

"Q. In regard to mackerel, leaving herring out, would you prefer a duty on mackerel?—A. Yes.

"Q. You speak as a fisherman?—A. Yes.

"Q. Why would you prefer a duty on mackerel?—A. Our mackerel would fetch that much more a barrel. We lose that, you know.

"Q. By the duty coming off?—A. Yes, the fishermen lose it. The Government does not lose it.

"Q. And the people who eat the fish gain it?—A. Yes.

"Q. And if you were to speak to a man whose business was consuming mackerel, you would get an opinion adverse to a duty?—A. Yes.

"Q. You would not object I suppose to run the duty up a little higher—how would that suit the fishermen?—A. I think that is about right.

Page 160—Riggs :—

"Q. You say you would prefer a duty being imposed on our mackerel to the right to fish inshore in British waters?—A. I should.

"Q. Why do you want a duty on?—A. It is no benefit to us to fish inshore, that I ever saw.

"Q. Why do you want it on?—A. Well, we would have a better market for our fish.

"Q. Would you get a higher price for them?—A. We should—yes.

"Q. And therefore you are speaking as a fisherman; as such you would like to get the highest price you could for your fish?—A. Certainly.

"Q. You think that the imposition of a duty would give you a better market?—A. Yes, if Canadians had to pay the duty, it is likely they would not fetch the fish in.

"Q. What would be the result of that?—A. We would have a higher price and a quicker market.

"Q. You would have a higher price?—A. I do not know that this would be the case or anything about it; but it would be a quicker market for us.