

Mr. REID: The records are given here, Mr. Minister. In 1930 there were 243. In 1934, the last year that traps were used in Puget Sound, 203.

*By Hon. Mr. Michaud:*

Q. What about our side?—A. On our side, usually 6 or 7.

Q. How many were operated?—A. Oh, there have been very frequently not more than 4 or 5 around there.

*By Mr. Pottier:*

Q. Are they exactly the same type?—A. The same type of trap—do you mean size or its length from shore? It depends where it is. It may have a short leader or a long leader. A trap like that (indicating) would run up to possibly \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Q. It is like a mackerel trap they have in the east?—A. Yes, but very much more expensive.

Q. A mackerel trap costs a lot?—A. The mackerel traps around Yarmouth?

Q. Yes; that is the type of trap to which I am referring.—A. Around Maitland?

Q. Yes; that is the nearest to a Pacific trap we have on the Atlantic coast.—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Kinley:*

Q. How much importance do you put on the muddy water, and the fact that you must have muddy water to operate a gill net?—A. Experience is behind that on the Pacific coast so far as salmon is concerned. Even on the Atlantic coast you know that fishery must be confined to the night.

Q. I am speaking of muddy water.—A. On the Pacific coast there is no question that gill net fishing is most successful in the roiled water that comes down the rivers from the mountains. We have nothing like that on the Atlantic coast. I am not speaking of anything that is not a fact. It is a fact, borne out by experience, as every man from British Columbia well knows. Without question it is a factor that is necessary in successful gill net fishing. In a general way on the Atlantic coast it is quite different.

*By Hon. Mr. Tolmie:*

Q. Is the water so phosphorous as some of the Pacific waters?—A. I should not like to make a final statement on that point, but certainly the nets that are put in the clear water on certain occasions will become a wall of fire pretty quickly, but not every case.

*By Mr. Taylor:*

Q. I should like to refer to the point that Dr. Tolmie has just interjected as to the last year. The Canadian catch was a big one?—A. This year—

*By Mr. Ryan:*

Q. I do not want to interrupt you but I want it clear in my own mind. They have something like 240 traps on the American side and we have 6 or 7?—A. They had.

Q. What is the explanation there?—A. The explanation I tried to make in the first instance, but possibly I did not follow it far enough; that the fishery developed on the Canadian side as a gill net fishery?

Q. Was it a question of a limitation of licences?—A. Licences more so than now.