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NO AGREEMENT REGARD TO FISHERIES Dominion's Proposals Are Regarded as Altogether Inadequate

The conference between the provincial government and S. T. Bastedo, representing the government of the Dominion, has so far proved futile.

Province's Rights. "To this we could not agree, as, in the first place, we felt that before any transfer of our jurisdiction should be considered a settlement, payment should be made of the money due us in account of our share of the license fees collected by them while the modus vivendi was in force, from 1901 to date.

Will Report to Minister. "The way the matter stands now, Mr. Bastedo, on his return to Ottawa, is to report to the minister, and one of the first things that must be done before concluding negotiations is to place between us to have the question of the amount due us for the past six years adjusted and paid, and understood that is done, the minister will not feel that they can take any further steps toward settlement.

The Close Seasons. "We feel that unless the industry is to be completely depleted, that this contract with the fishermen by way of license is a proper one, as in some times they are at liberty to take our fish should be restricted, and for this purpose we have divided the province into four districts, and we will only allow the fishermen to take sockeye salmon under our license on the Fraser river from the 15th of August to the 15th of September, and all other salmon from the 15th of September to the 15th of August following, making a period between the 15th of August and the 15th of September in which our licenses will not be operative. On the Fraser river below Westminster bridge we will not allow the fishermen to take sockeye salmon until 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, but in the district between New Westminster and the Fraser river bridge we will not allow them to take fish under our licenses between 6 o'clock Saturday morning and 6 o'clock Monday evening.

"I may say that this is along the lines of the interim report sent to the minister at Ottawa by his own fishery commission, and that the opinion of the six commissioners, including Professor Prince, Dominion commissioner of fisheries, Mr. Campbell Stewart, Mr. Donoghue, Mr. E. H. Hall of Victoria, Mr. G. W. Taylor of Nanaimo, and Mr. Babcock, our deputy commissioner, urged on the department the restriction of the sockeye salmon until Monday night above Westminster bridge. The minister of marine and fisheries has not seen fit to take upon that restriction, and the portions of the province we are fol-

lowing the periods enacted by the Dominion government for the taking of fish. We feel that in the interests of this great industry, that something should be done in connection with the fishing on the Fraser river if we expect to save the situation before it is too late.

Mr. Babcock's Reports. "If you look carefully over the report of our deputy commissioner of fisheries, you will see that ever since 1901 he has called attention to the danger to the salmon business which is in the Fraser river regulations passed by the Dominion government; that it was pretty nearly impossible for fish to reach the spawning beds, and that the last nine years there has been a steady decline in the run of sockeye salmon on the Fraser, ranging from 25 to 50 per cent.

As you know the run in cycles. For instance, you can take the pack of 1903, which was in the four-year cycle from 1899, and we find a decrease of 56 per cent. less than the preceding year in 1901; in 1902, and in this last season of 1907 we find a decrease of 59 per cent. as compared with that of 1903. With such evidence as this staring us in the face, you can quite appreciate the strong stand this department must take if we hope to save this industry for the future.

An Expensive Hatchery. "Since 1901 we have maintained a large and expensive hatchery at Seton lake, and the money to meet this expenditure have been taken from the general funds of the province, and, in fact, during the last few years, since the honorable minister of finance has raised more money by way of taxing the fish output, we may say that the whole sum received by the Dominion government has been put into the administration of this department, and now that we are proceeding to enforce our jurisdiction and to see that our fish resources are properly preserved it is, of course, necessary to obtain means for this purpose by charging a license fee to the fisherman and cannerymen to whom we sell our fish.

"Of course, from now on the modus vivendi hitherto existing between the Dominion government and ourselves will be terminated and we quite expect that the money collected from the source of license fees will hardly make it quite clear to the authorities to do in the way of properly maintaining our fisheries."

Grand Trunk Pacific Townsite to Have Name Despite G. T. Kane's Action

pany, built from Carlisbad, New Mexico where he has been for the past eighteen years engaged in the practice of law, a partner in the firm of Freeman, Cameron and Fulham. Mr. Fulham is now district attorney at Carlisbad. Mr. Cameron is still a member of the senate in the territory of New Mexico where he took a prominent part in the passage of laws repealing the acts which licensed gambling. He is also interested in and is a director of the B. F. Graham Lumber company.

Other Men. "The other three men interested are all practical men who will take charge of the operating departments. Moses Patterson is an old time Victoria and one of the original incorporators of the Taylor-Pattison company. J. M. Donoghue and Lee Scott, both from Seattle where they have a mill of their own which they have quite recently sold out. Before going into business for himself Mr. Donoghue was manager of the Simons mill here. He will be superintendent of the mill here. J. O. Cameron expressed yesterday unbounded faith in the future of Victoria, which he has proved by the investments he has made here. Mr. Cameron came to Victoria about a year ago, and was so charmed with the town and impressed with its commercial possibilities that he decided to take up his residence here. He does not propose to resume the practice of law, but to devote all his time to the financial end of the business in which he has embarked. As a director of the Graham Lumber company and associates with its work here, he has had ample opportunity to gauge the possibilities of the business work we here. His associates contemplate a pleasant and successful future in Victoria.

TERMINAL REGISTERED AS PRINCE Rupert Grand Trunk Pacific Townsite to Have Name Despite G. T. Kane's Action

LADYSMITH WINNERS IN FIRST CONTEST Defeated Nanaimo in People's Shield Contest by Score of Two to One

Vancouver, April 18.—Lady Smith defeated Nanaimo in the first contest in the Marathon Shield contest here this afternoon in one of the most exciting games seen here this year.

Frank Jones, for the past three years a member of the local police force, has resigned and will leave in a short time for Prince Rupert where he has been appointed to the police constable. For the past eight years Constable Jones has been a member of No. 3 company, Fifth regiment, of which he was treasurer.

GRAHAM LUMBER CO. SELLS ITS HOLDINGS New Mexico and Seattle Capitalists Take Control—Consideration \$100,000

The B. F. Graham Lumber company has sold its Victoria business and holdings to a number of New Mexico and Seattle capitalists who will carry on and extend the business at its present location. The deal involves a consideration in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and the purchasers are J. O. Cameron, D. O. Cameron, Judge A. A. Freeman, J. M. Donoghue, Lee Scott and Moses Patterson.

PUBLIC ABATTOIR MUNICIPALITY'S WISH South Saanich Asks the City And Oak Bay to Co-operate

That a public abattoir in which all the slaughtering of cattle, sheep and hogs for the public market should be done and the refuse matter properly disposed of is one of the chief objects with the object of bringing the matter to the fore, the council last night, on motion of Councillor Dunn, passed a resolution that the city of Victoria and the municipality of Oak Bay be asked to appoint committees to confer with the committee of the South Saanich council with the object of discussing the scheme in all its bearings and secure all necessary data.

Urges Early Action. Councillor Dunn urged that the matter should be taken up at once, and that the greater part of the cattle are being slaughtered in that municipality, but the time was coming when the slaughtering in the houses would be ordered to remove their premises, and the latter will naturally want to know where they could be taken care of.

Reeve Quick declared that as things are being run at present, meat from which the diseased portions have been cut out as was done by the slaughterer, is being disposed of by feeding it to hogs in direct violation to the regulations. The application of W. H. Carruth to be allowed to drain water from his house on to Wilson street was referred to the sanitary officer for report.

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Dog Measure Hoisted. Councillor Dunn's attempt to introduce a bylaw to tax all dogs in the municipality failed, as the measure was defeated from himself. He pointed to the large number of canines wandering at large in the municipality and the damage which they do to the stock, while the tax would be provided with proper apparatus for rendering the oraf and the residue could be properly disposed of without menace to the public health.

Higher Taxation Rate FOR SOUTH SAANICH Expected That This Year's Rate Will be Seven or Eight Mills

It is almost a certainty that the taxpayers of the municipality of South Saanich will this year be called upon to pay a higher rate of taxation than was the case last year. The rate for 1908 has not yet been fixed, and will not for some time yet, it is predicted that it will be at least seven or eight mills instead of the five mills as was the case last year. This, too, without reference to the road tax.

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