

MR COMMISSIONER SHAW: Do you consider that the Indians, or some of the Indians of the band, are as capable of handling those licenses as the whites or other fishermen?

A I think Indians are somewhat inferior to whites as fishermen. As a rule their catch is not so large with the same implements, but there has<sup>ve</sup> been cases where it has been higher - they would never average up fully to the catch of the white fishermen?

Q Would you say that the reason for the discrimination against the Indians is on account of the inability of the Indian to produce as good results as the white men?

A I don't think that is the reason for the Government's refusal.

Q What do you consider is the reason?

A I have been told that they have been encouraging white fishermen on this Coast in order that they might get suitable material for the proposed Canadian navy, or to encourage seamanship among the white people.

Q Then it would resolve itself into a national and patriotic movement?

A Yes.

Q These licenses are issued to white men - do you know if any of these licenses are issued to Japanese?

A I am not certain about that.

MR COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Why should not Indians be prepared for our navy?

A I suppose that would be too much of an experiment - they have no historical basis to go on.

Q Yet you say now that the Indians of the Coast were good sailors in the past and are good sailors still?

A Yes, within their circumscribed areas they are, but they won't average up like a white man, or where they think they are working under the inferiority of white men there would not be the same incentive to an Indian to have ambition in that line as a white man.

Q Why?

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