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white man could get no license, except through a cannery. The cannerymen employed Japs chiefly and the white men could not make a living.

G. R. Naden said that a well known cannery manager had told him that there was no justification for giving the canneries a monopoly of the boat licenses. Everybody should have the right to fish. If there was a danger of depletion, the department could alter the close season.

G. C. Perry said he had advocated the granting of a certain number of independent licenses to Indians. The government did not seem disposed to entertain the idea, thinking that the Indians could go to work for the canneries.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the number of independent licenses on the Skeena had been increased and that last season there was no limit placed on the number.

Ald. Montgomery said that the granting of the licenses made no difference so long as the canneries monopolised the business and fixed the price for fish.

Mr. Naden asked if more licenses could not be granted and the close season extended.

Mr. Cunningham said that would be a natural result, but that neither the cannerymen nor the fishermen favored an extended close season.

The Mayor suggested that the cannery licenses should be reduced in number in order to aid the independent fishermen.

Mr. McIntyre said that "independent" fishermen was a misnomer, as nearly all were dependent on the canneries for their boats and gear. The fact that the Japs got so much of the business seemed to be the sore point. As the Jap is a naturalized British subject usually, meant bringing in a question which was outside the scope of the department.

The mayor said the fishermen wanted to be in a position to secure their own boats and to sell to the canneries. At present, the canners control so many licenses

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**LIVELY DISCUSSION BEFORE MEMBERS OF FISHERY BOARD**  
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North Sea. He could place 1,000 tons of herring and could pay from \$15 to \$20 a ton for them from December to January. This meant a big industry, if the present restrictions were removed.

R. Angus wanted to do away with seine net fishing for herring, giving the smaller men a chance.

Mr. McIntyre pointed out that the small men with gill nets would get the better grade of fish, thus creating a demand for their superior article.

**Salmon for Bait.**  
 With regard to the proposal to allow halibut fishermen to take dog and humpback salmon for bait, Capt. Rorvik pointed out that this applied to only a space of six weeks.

Mr. McIntyre said that the government was trying to get the consumer educated up to using these salmon, and that the granting of licenses to halibut men to take the salmon from the creeks, would tend to deplete the salmon. At present only one man had a license for one creek.

Ald. Montgomery wanted to know the difference between a few halibut men taking a little for bait, and one man having a monopoly. The privy council had found that it is unlawful for one man to have such a monopoly. He also pointed out that a small quantity of humpback salmon brought in a large quantity of halibut.

Mr. Cunningham asked if the humpbacks were not more valuable for human consumption than for bait. He said the humpbacks were worth 33 cents to the canneryman, as he got \$4.00 a case for them.

Ald. Montgomery wanted to know if the gentlemen were in favor of the men or the canneries.

Mr. Cunningham said that if so many licenses were granted the salmon would not last long.

Ald. Montgomery said the matter would solve itself.

**Salmon Licenses for All.**  
 The question of issuing salmon licenses to all British subjects, Indians, and intending British subjects, and the abolition of boat rating was next discussed.

Ald. Montgomery said that the

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**AUSTRIA'S APPEAL**

There have been many rumors lately, but the most important was that which came from London on Tuesday, and which stated that Vienna is making an effort to get the Vatican to sue for a separate peace for Austria. The domination of Austria by the Kaiser has been one of the most remarkable accomplishments of this admittedly remarkable man. He played an important part years ago in welding together the Austrian Empire, and was largely instrumental in the bringing of Herzegovina within that Empire.

Today, after Austria has bled for fifteen months in order that the scheming Wilhelm might extend the Prussian dominion in Europe, the aged Emperor, Franz Josef, finds that his territory is being freely offered in order to purchase further military support, or, failing that, at least a benevolent neutrality. The Austrian Emperor may have become so much of a satellite of the Kaiser that he is willing to make any sacrifice demanded, but it is now very evident that his ministers are not.

These younger statesmen have a longer view than the aged and sorrow-stricken head of the Hapsburg dynasty. They are more alive to the trend of events than Franz Josef can possibly be. In fact, they see clearly where this thing is going to end. Though the Allies are agreed that no peace terms will be discussed with Germany until the Allies are ready to do so, the position of Austria is entirely different. Though Austria was the first state to declare war, there can be little doubt that Austria did not cause the war. She was simply an

accessory, even though she did make the first declaration.

The fact that Austria is appealing for a separate peace will have a tremendous effect on the policy of Greece and Roumania. There is no denying the fact that those two nations have been considering participation in the struggle from an entirely selfish standpoint. Roumania has made it clear that she will join the Allies if she can be assured that she will not be on the losing side. It is not a very high standard of service from an humanitarian standpoint, but is quite sound from a national point of view. Vienna's appeal to the Vatican will do just as much to convince Roumania as an additional 300,000 Russian troops would. If Austria is anxious to get out, there is little danger of Greece and Roumania falling over each other to get in.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

The Kaiser is beginning to find that he had better offer some of his own possessions to his prospective allies, as Austria has serious objection to being given away in chunks.

The doctrine of "frightfulness" is being preached rather freely around American munitions factories just at present. It is a grim, ghastly gospel, but it will do much to offset the teachings of our old friend Herr Dernburg.

Prince Rupert fishermen are satisfied that the fishing business and politics should have nothing in common. At the same time, if they elect the right kind of politicians they will get the right kind of fishing laws.

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