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SEEING BIG MONEY IN RAILWAY

There are now plenty of rival schemes for building into the Peace River country and doubtless some scheme will be evolved would pay. He was not sure the govwhich will eventually result in construction of the railway. Appar- ernment had power to restrict the ently there are men who see all sorts of financial advantages in pro- number of licenses. This matter was moting a scheme and they are willing to give their efforts for a now before the courts and would be consideration. The whole matter is badly complicated.

If it were not for the desire of the Provincial Government to Under his proposed scheme for disget rid of the P.G.E. everything would be simple enough. The line tricts, if there were, say, 700 fishermen would be built either to Prince Rupert or Stewart. As it is, there in the district, and the close time was is some excuse for the effort to link up the P.G.E. with the other 48 hours each week then, should the lines in the hope that some day it may pay. The hope may be a vain number of fishermen increase to 800, one but at anyrate if the government can sell it they will have money the close time would be raised to 60 to devote to other purposes.

From a strictly railway point of view the whole movement is any time. A similar arrangement could ridiculous. It is noticed that neither E. W. Beatty nor Sir Henry be made with purse seiners. If fisher-Thornton will have anything to do with it. They want a line that will men moved to another district, a secpay. It is understood that with reasonable help Mr. Beatty would ond license would be required. The build to Stewart and if the government would back him there is no idea would be to promote an economic doubt Sir Henry Thornton would be glad to add a Peace River feeder to his system. Either of those systems would stand to profit from the addition of the line. If run as an independent concern the line would probably follow the example of other small concerns and go broke and the government would then have to come to the rescue.

### IN PUBLIC INTEREST ONLY

A good deal of interest seems to have been taken in a critical and commented on them. They had editorial article published two days ago in regard to the conduct the Provincial Police in this district. Our chief criticism has been in regard to the semi-military dictatorship set up under the system by which efforts are made to keep the newspapers from publishing news which we claim the public is entitled to have.

Whenever it is seen that an attempt is being made to keep Mr. Reid, who is a native, spoke also the people in the dark, there is something behind which will not on their behalf. He stated that in bear the light of day.

We have had several communications in regard to the matter ing boats party owned by the natives and also visitors, most of whom urge new points of attack or try and partly by the canners. If seining to introduce personalities. However, we refuse to make this in any way a personal matter. We know nothing of the inspector and ob- been put into their boats. The aborigject to him only in his official capacity, in that he tries to set him- ines, were entitled to consideration. He self up as a dictator and adopts Mussolini methods. We are not also asked for the right of Indians to concerned with whether he is to blame for this or whether there catch fish in the creeks. An Indian is someone behind him. We are dealing only with a condition that family would take from 150 to 200 exists.

Our attention has been drawn to a number of things that are the country and should have special somewhat outside the scope of this paper. What we are primarily rights. Nine drag seines were also operconcerned with is in giving the public the news and when the police chief sets himself as opposed to that, we are opposed to him.

The fact that we fail to publish reports of Chinese cases which seem to be hushed up does not lose us any subscribers nor would their publication increase the sale of the paper in the least. That the issuing of licenses. If all occupais not the point. What is at stake is the liberty of the press. We refuse to be muzzled in regard to police news. It is not allowed to the country. elsewhere and we do not propose that it shall continue here.

We recognize that there are times when news must be withheld temporarily when the police are working on a case. We have today is different from the native of always tried to co-operate in connection with such cases and shall continue to do so, but when it is set up as a hard and fast rule that in industry. news must not be given out to the public but everything must be done in the dark, we are against such a system and shall fight it to the best of our ability. The fight has only just begun.

As we have said before, we refuse to admit personalities into net out of a creek on Dundas Island this discussion. We have absolutely nothing personal against Inspector Spiller. It is only his official attitude to which we object.

## THOMPSON'S INTERESTING REPORT

The report of Will F. Thompson on the habits of the halibut based on information gleaned during the past two years, proved in- River was different from other streams teresting to those who heard it and to those who read the report in in that it flowed into unprotected was the cause of the depletion. this paper yesterday. There was a good deal of biological infor- waters where seiners could not well mation in the report that has never before been published. Hitherto operate. Representations had the life of the halibut has been a sealed book, but, little by little, made to the department that several secutions all due publicity be given to should dispose of their catches. They Mr. Thompson and his staff have been delving into the secrets of the street and that they found it them in the public press and that would be consumed in the most profitthe ocean and finding out about things. They have worked system- hard to make a living there. Licenses atically and thoroughy and one by one the facts concerning the life history of the halibut are being pieced together.

THE DISPOSAL

Geo. D. Tite's Stock

Hundreds of Bargains

Continuing Today

NEW SCHEME FOR FISH CON-SERVATION IS LAID BEFORE THE FISHERMEN

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If the fishermen would co-operate he looked with confidence on future efforts. He reminded them that there were three hundred small streams up which salmon went to spawn in addition to the rivers. It was no easy job to watch all these and if the attitude was to break the law whenever possible the patrol would be expensive. The department aimed to secure the co-operation of those engaged in the fisheries. The aim of the department was to serve those engaged in the industry to the best advantage.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND LICENSES On the Atlantic, Mr. Found said, they had got the fishermen to form associations which agreed not to break the law and to inform of any law breaking. He was convinced that law enforcement was what the fishermen wanted. The great majority desired that the law be obeseved. If a man depleted a stream it was not fair to the rest of the fish-

Discussing the suggested reduction of icenses, Mr. Found asked who was to be eliminated. They were dealing with something that was a public right and ot something like houses or property which could be bought or sold. If the number of licenses were not restricted conditions must be made such that it argued at the February sitting of the

hours, leaving it at the discretion of condition whereby the fishermen would regulate affairs themselves.

### OTHER SPEAKERS

Mr. Reid of Kitkatla, chairman of the committee of the North B.C. Salmon Fishermen's Association read over the resolutions which had been passed by the fishermen at a previous meeting to do with airplane patrol, law enforcement, reduction of licenses, suspension of all seining for four years, seining of herring for reduction plants, confiscation of boats and the appointment of a Royal commission of inquiry.

Kitkatla there were about twenty seinwere abolished these men would be "up fish while the whites took them by the ated by Indians and he asked that these be allowed to continue.

Mr. Found objected to discriminating against newcomers to the country in tions followed the same line of reasoning there would be no new people come

In regard to the native situation, it must be remembered that the Indian the early days and was quite a factor

Harry Streethorse complained of the methods of seiners, who he claimed were depleting the fisheries.

One fisherman told of pulling wire which was now depleted. He urged better publicity in regard to fishing cases. This would help some. Captain Hanson complained of set-

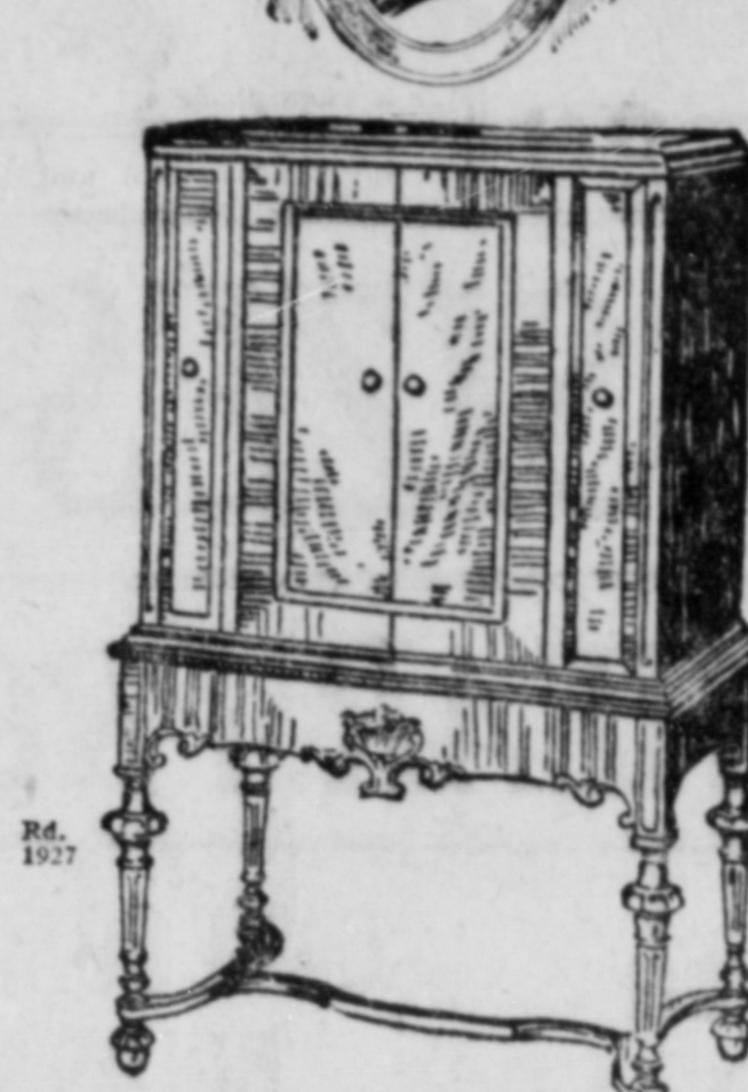
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to the report had taken 1589 cohoes, 2 as had been done successfully at Rivers

depleted where formerly thousands of It obtained everywhere. fish had spawned. It was the common John Murray brought up the quesbelief among fishermen that seining tion of the use of herring for fertilizer

SKEENA FISHERMEN

the fishermen of the Skeena River, tant that too many fish be not taken These had to do with the reduction in for any purpose but what was done Oriental licenses and suggested that in with them did not affect the situation. reducing the number of licenses the The question of whether they should be Orientals be wholly eliminated. It was caught on the spawning grounds was suggested that one Japanese cut meant one to be decided. the addition of one Canadian. They Capt. John Morrison, secretary of the asked that no licenses be issued through Halibut Fishermen's Union said they against seals be instituted.

be appointed to assist the patrolmen whereas usually they paid about \$40. in proving their cases. This suggestion Some of the big boats were laid up as was received favorably.

of trout on salmon eggs.

licenses being issued. He had watched taking them in Hecate Straits but not shorten the season and in the fall stop the salmon in the creeks get fewer on the spawning grounds. and fewer since the seiners had been operated. Now in some of the creeks all the fish were gone. The only remedy was to abolish the seine.

PLAGUE OF SEALS.

Mr. Hoffman suggested that one chance to get past. He also spoke of the seal plague.

Mr. Found explained the difficulty in dealing with seals. They could attack the sea lions in their breeding places

steelheads and 6 pinks. If anyone Injet but the hair seal was different. could inform them that the privilege They were so scattered that it was had been abused action would be taken. difficult to attack them effectively. John Murray told of the manner in This was not a problem that was which creeks all over the district were peculiar to this district or this coast

and objected to it. Mr. Found did not think the departseized gear. He had never seen any- duction plants today such as fish meal were issued to five of them to use nets thing in the press about these. He and oils utilized more labor in the proread a number of resolutions just cess than did boxing of fish and sendhanded him which had been passed by ing them to the Orient. It was impor-

> canneries, that adequate protection asked that no fish be taken for fertilizer. Herring was scarce and this year Sam Olsen suggested that a lawyer bait had gone as high as \$120 a ton long as three weeks owing to scarcity Harry Streethorse told of the ravages of bait. The herring had been depleted in Alaska and the same thing would He would move all the seining areas

> > SUGGESTION FOR PROTECTION

Bob Hanna made a number of sug-

effort did the sales "SALADA" Tea exceed two million pounds per the part of the department. He told year. Now this amount is sold in seven weeks.

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Sam Olsen objected to so many occur here. They had no objection to farther out, close the blind slough,

trolling as well as seining. John Eyolfsen on behalf of the fishermen of Oslund presented a memorgestions for closing fishing grounds and andum asking that canners have nothchanging the areas which would have ing to do with the issuing of licenses, a good effect in protecting the salmon. that independent buyers be allowed on the Skeena, that the river be not closed Only after twelve years' without due notice to the fishermen, J. Wanhope urged greater activity on

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