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SATISFACTORY STATEMENT OF CANTONESE COMMANDER.

Considerable satisfaction may be derived from the manifesto tion." of the Cantonese commander, General Pai Tsung Hai. Openly professing his nationalistic and revolutionary principles, he has, however, counselled his followers that the property of foreigners must may base regulations to preserve the not be destroyed and that it is not the intention of the Cantonese halibut hordes. to create a general anti-foreign movement. The manifesto presents one of the most encouraging declarations that has come out of China since the present trouble began.

The manifesto may be taken as an answer to the demands of in our service most of the time," Mr. Great Britain and United States for protection of the persons and Babcock said. "During the summer property of foreigners. It is to be expected that Pai Tsung will do and fall of 1926 the staff was engaged his best to live up to the requirements but he has a difficult situa- in tagging halibut from the banks off tion to handle. If there should be further casualties among foreign- the Oregon coast to the Gulf of Alaska. ers they might not constitute an overt act. Such casualties are very Fishing was conducted in the usual liable to occur among such frenzied Chinese mobs as there are in commercial way. The halibut caught Shanghai today.

If Great Britain and United States went to save their people, by hooked to survive were retained and, it is up to them to take as many of them as possible out of the seat after examination for racial characterof the trouble until the danger is over. That would be more effectistics, age, etc., were cleaned, iced, and tive than making demands which it is apparent will be most difficult sold in the regulation manner. Durto fulfil until conditions have righted themselves with the new order ing the trip last year 3230 halibut were of things.

POOLEY AND TWIGG CHANGE THEIR TUNE.

Mr. Pooley and Mr. Twigg were very free with their charges been recaptured and the tags returned under the protection of the legislature. Their change of face when to the commission, the greater proporunder oath before a royal commission where they are responsible tion being those tagged in 1925. for their statements is very significant. It is difficult to reconcile their words in the legislature with what they have said before the commission. Mr. Pooley said to the court that he "had not the slightest reason for supposing that campaign fund contributions in 1924 had influenced the vote of any member of the B.C. legislature." to determine whether the fish are Mr. Twigg confessed that "he had no knowledge of beer transac- homogenous, or more or less distinct tions." Such admissions are nothing but amazing in the face of races; to determine if there are signitheir previous declarations.

PATTULLO TAKES STAND FOR RUPERT.

It is obvious that, despite ten years of residence in Victoria, Mr. Pattulio's heart is still in Prince Rupert. His reply to the report of the Peace River outlet engineers, as published in the Daily News yesterday and in the Vancouver Province earlier in the week. ments were used in the effort to solve was very reassuring. It would have been very easy for Mr. Pattullo to let the Prince Rupert aspect slide. He has probably let himself which eggs, larvae and new hatched in for some trouble in his protest against an obviously prejudiced fish may be obtained—in other words report but he will have the support of every one of his constituents in the fight he has started.

GOOD LISTENERS AND GOOD TALKERS.

To refer to an individual as "a good listener" is by way of paying a high compliment, but it is a compliment scarcely deserved. It arises not from the intrinsic merit of the good listener, but from the fact that the demand is greater than the supply. The small crop brings the best price.

Nothing could be more depressing than thought of a company 15,000 scales and ear-bones, by which of good listeners with nary a good talker among them, unless perhaps it is a company of good talkers with not a single good listener.

As a matter of fact, the ability to listen attentively is almost invariably a sign of inferiority as a talker. Listening is an admission that the other fellow has something more important to say. How can a man of spirit and intelligence and convictions listen of the work. Complete records of the without once being provoked to break his "golden silence?"

Good listeners have the admiration of the majority because have been assembled, with records the majority of people prefer talking to listening and do not like to showing the banks on which the fish talk to themselves. But the fellow who prides himself on being a "good listener" is no less an egotist than the person who takes it for granted his opinions alone are worth while.

There is one specimen of listener who is intelligent; but because interruption is regarded by him as a cardinal sin against good banks in Hecate Strait for instance. manners, he permits another to hold the floor to the latter's content. He has intelligence but it is as worthless as that of an individual who, in an emergency, knows what to do but does nothing.



EXTINCTION

REPORT ON SITUATION IS ISSUED BY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES

WICTORIA, March 24 .- While the In ternational Fisheries Commission not yet decided on methods of conservhalibut resources of British beyond all question the alarming depletion of great Northern food fish.

American commission's work so far vas given out by John P. Babcock, chairman of the commission, and deputy commissioner of fisheries for British Columbia, in an explanation of the results secured up to the time when the commission's stout little snip the "Scandia" was wrecked on Kodia.

"The present supply of halibut," says Mr. Babcock's summary, "is being maintained by resorting to new and far distant fishing banks, by more inten-Friday, March 25, 1927 sive fishing on depleted banks and the ise of smaller hooks. The outstanding feature of the work, like that previously conducted by the Provincial Government, is the establishment of deple-

> The commission, he added, is laying plans to proceed with its work so that it may gather knowledge on which it

TAGGED SPECIES

"The Scandia was chartered by the which were not seriously injured were tagged and released and 14,000 exam-Since tagging operations began 8300 fish have been tagged. Of the fish tagged in 1925-26 some 800 have

"The primary purpose of the work of the Scandia has been to obtain data as to the existence or non-existence of distinct differences between the halibut on variosuly located banksficant body proportions and differences in anatomical structure, and variation in time of spawning and age at maturity. Some progress has been made in the study of propagation.

"Several types of tow-nets, young fish trawls and hydrographic instrucome of the problems—the location of their environments and in what way the water currents are likely to affect the drift of eggs and young fish-for is important to determine isola-

AGE AND GROWTH

"To determine the age and rate of growth in widely scattered banks, it has been necessary to collect data from great number of fish,-more than growth and age is established, have been collected.

"In addition to the data as to age rate of growth, racial characteristics, migration and propagation, much progress has been made in other features halibut landed on the Coast since 1902 were taken, average weights and catches per unit of fishing gear per taken by man from the young of any heir reach. Would he have to return 'skate.' Enough data has been obtained to show the catch per skate for many years on many banks. Take the

"In twenty years the average catch per skate has dropped from 477 pounds in 1907 to 45 pounds in 1926. That hows the depletion that has taken place in Hecate Strait. All the older known and long-fished banks show similar rate of decrease. The present supply is being maintained by resortprofit by their growth. ing to new and far distant banks, by more intense fishing on depleted banks and the use of smaller hooks. The outstanding feature of the work, like that previously conducted by the Provincial Government, is the establishment of depletion.

PERIL OF DEPLETION

"Notwithstanding that much been accomplished in the last three years the work is still being directed. as it has been from its inception, to ascertain what steps, if any, can be taken to arrest depletion - to the maintenance of supply.

"The commission, however, still faces the fact of its lack of knowledge. We are still seeking data necessary on which to build foundations on which to frame regulations. Take for instance the question of protecting the young rather than the old. There are great fisheries which flourish on the capture of young only, and there are more which depend upon adults.

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more fisheries depend on the catch of nared asking himself whether if he

adults, there is a tendency to deprecate hrows it back into the water it might

the catching of the young. Yet, as Dr. not return to his nets a year or more

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vestigations, has pointed out, it is a when he saw the many enemies await-

fact that in most fisheries the toll ing the return of the young fish

young? On the other hand, even as compared with rate of growth

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That being the case, why not take the "The present knowledge of mortality though an adult survives many perils imphatically so deficit as to be of reports that he has four and one half to arrive at spawning size, it has in- little value in determining such ques- million fine young salmon all ready to creased greatly in bulk, so that it ions. Only close study and experience take to the running water. might pay to protect the young and can demonstrate the way to administer

great marine fishery. A fundamental fault of our present knowledge is that a few days ago, was married in Van-"Picture, as Dr. Thompson has done, we do not know what balance should couver on March 22 to Mrs. Amelia E. fisherman with a young fish he has be maintained between adults and Ferguson. young, between marine spawners and

> operate a line of railway for a distance conclusion that the duty of the com-

mission is to work out carefully the The Salvor, from Vancouver, distribution on the banks of the northstanding by the Prince Rupert and, as quickly as possible, the job of getting categories of halibut, to determine as closely as possible the strain placed

on each category by fishing-that we are allowed to survive; to determine

categories of halibut; to preserve as A recent issue of an eastern publication contains an interesting article ing methods of protection of conser- on Prince Rupert and the growth of vation. When regulations, however the fish trade on the Pacific coast.

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