January 21st, 1920.

Alexander Robertson, Esq.,

The Hatchery,

Harrison Hot Springs, B. C.

Dear Mr. Robertson,-

The Manager of our Namu Plant has just returned from a visit there, during which he saw Mr. Newcombe and in speaking to the latter, was informed that in Mr. ~~Newman's~~ Newcombe's opinion, the gravel comprising our main Sockeye bed was too fine for use.

I am familiar with the stream he is working on and know that the gravel in it is considerably larger than the fine gravel you used at Harrison in the oil cans in which you were rearing fish in gravel in the hatchery building last April. I therefore asked our Manager how the size that Mr. Newcombe used will compare with the stream gravel. He stated that evidently Mr. Newcombe's idea was to use small stones of approximately three quarters to one inch in diameter.

Before writing Mr. Newcombe further on this subject, I thought I would send this letter to you so that you could write me, or better still, write Mr. Newcombe direct, advising him of the fineness of gravel suitable for the purpose. In the event of your writing him direct, I

would appreciate having a copy of your letter if possible.

While our Manager understood from Mr. Newcombe that the gravel was too fine for his use, he stated that small fish could be found hidden in the gravel that is in the creek, evidently the fry of naturally spawned salmon and if this is the case, I cannot see any reason why artificial propagation could not make use of the same material.

Yours faithfully,

Vice-President.

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