

Companies which are, or ^{attempting to} have already disposed of ^{seining} such privileges for sums greatly in excess of what the government have received in the way of license fees.

As I explained to you transfers ^{of licenses} have been made in certain cases, and attempted in other instances, at prices ranging from \$7,000 to \$320,000, from which licenses all the government will obtain is from \$150 to \$1000. Pending the result of ^{an} ~~the~~ investigation ~~asked~~ for in the case of Inspector Williams I would ask that an order be issued suspending every ^{sent} fishing license for either salmon or herring issued in B.C. ^{during past seasons} for the ~~season~~ ^{but} which the licenses failed to utilize, also all licenses issued ^{the other} season of 1912, unless ^{the case} can be positively shown ~~said licenses~~ were fished by the same owners



25th January, 1912.

Mr Morine,

Chairman Public Service Commission,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to our various conversations re enquiry into the conduct of the B.C. fisheries I would ask that an investigation be made immediately into the manner in which Inspector Jno. J. Williams has carried out his duties as inspector of District No 2, particularly in reference to the issuance of salmon and herring seining licenses, and his ^{reported} personal connection with

