17th January 1922.

Messrs B. C. Fishing & Packing Co.Ltd.,

Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Attention Mr. Whitehead.

The following letter appeared in the Prince Rupert News of the 9th inst., and goes to show that those having investments on the Fraser river must bring pressure to bear on the Government if they wish the run of sockeyes maintained in the upper Fraser watershed.

"Editor Daily News:

Under date of December 23rd there appeared in your paper an editorial entitled- "Transfer of Salmon to Fraser River", and which suggested that it is the intention of this department to transfer salmon eggs from the Skeena River to the Fraser.

I would like to correct this impression and to say that the department has no intention whatever of transferring salmon eggs from the Skeena river. As pointed out in your editorial, it would be obviously absurd to take salmon eggs from a stream controlled entirely by the Canadian authorities and place them in a stream from which foreigneer obtain the greatest advantage.

May I ask you to be good enough to correct the impression which would naturally be given by the editorial to which I refer above.

(Signed.) J. A. Motherwell

Chief Inspector of Fisheries."

Amongst the tentative agreements reached at the late conference with the Washington State Fish Board was one (No.4) by which eggs were to be brought from other B. C. waters and from Alaska for restocking the Fraser. The definite stand now taken by our Government, as stated in Major Motherwell's letter brings into question the good faith of our delegates at the late conference. Of course Major Motherwell would not definitely commit the Department to the policy his letter outlined unless it was done with their consent and approval. We can therefore take it that this is the Government's official policy.

Yours very truly

HD/P.