3rd October 1921.

Dr. E. D. Clark,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Dr. Clark;-

I am in receipt of your favour of the 1st inst., and am pleased to learn my notes were of use to your Association.

As I mentioned in my last letter, it is my opinion that control from Washington, D. C. is fatal to the proper administration of fisheries as far away as Alaska. Here in B. C. our Federal control is wider in scope and stricter than anything you could expect in the States, and yet our experience is that the system is an absolute failure. So apparent did this become that last year the Vancouver Board of Trade, Fishermen's Union, Returned Soldier organizations and the Canners Association sent a delegation to Ottawa asking that the fisheries be placed in the hands of a local commission. I went to Ottawa as the representative of those engaged in the industry, and to me fell the duty of drafting and presenting our case. Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the document I prepared. I may say that our mission was unsuccessful at the time but we are still pegging away and have every expectation that the force of public opinion - both here and in Eastern Canada will eventually force the Government to accede to our request.

Meantime, and in the furtherance of our proposition, I wrote an article for the Canadian Fisherman and a copy of this I am also sending you in the hope that either, or both, may contain suggestions that will assist your canners in preparing their fight on the White Bill now pending. I might say that of late the Angler's Association have joined us in the fight to have local commissions given charge of each provincial fishery, and I am furnishing them with most of the data required by them in this campaign.

If I hear favourably from Mr. Clanton I expect to be in your city (Hotel Washington) in Wednesday, but I am sending these papers ahead as I know the time is short that you have to spare in getting your case ready for a hearing in Washington on the 13th inst.

With kindest regards,

HD/P. Yours sincerely