

16th November 1921.

R. E. Clanton, Esq.,

Bonnieville, Ore.

Dear Mr. Clanton:-

I delayed sending you the enclosed draft for \$293.80 in settlement of your account as I wished to let you know at the same time what the general opinion was concerning your report, and also, if possible, to advise you what action would be taken regarding same. I regret to say however that up to the present nothing definite has been done. I sent a copy of your report to Ottawa and asked them to advise me whether we could count on them for eggs from their Birkenhead hatchery - where they had already secured over 26 million eggs, which is far more than they can possibly rear in ponds this season - and have been waiting for their reply before discussing definite plans with the operators. Up to the present I have had no reply, but we are in the throes of a Dominion election and this may possibly account for the lack of reply. When it comes I hope to get busy at once.

All of the canners on both sides of the line seem highly pleased at your report. I sent copies to many besides the canners interested and have had very nice replies. Amongst others who have written complimentary have been Henry McGowan, Fred Kendall, Frank Warren, California Packing Corporation, and several of the

easterners to whom I sent copies. Mr. Blake of the Washington Fish Board wrote me that he was "highly delighted with the report", and the Association of Pacific Fisheries, after calling the report an admirable one, continued as follows:- "We are so impressed with the practical nature of Mr. Clanton's suggestions that we wish if possible you would send one or two more copies of this report. There are two or three big operators I know of who should read this report and ponder it carefully." It is needless to add I let him have the extra copies.

But the biggest compliment of the lot I consider, came from the Alaska Packers Association. Last fall when I approached them for a subscription to have the investigation made they declined, as they did not believe in the rearing pond system. After getting a copy of your report they wrote me as follows:-

"No other report has ever reached us covering this question in an equal comprehensive and efficient manner. The attention of our Board of Directors has been called to the same and we are pleased that authorization has been given to cooperate in this matter. We should be pleased if you would indicate how we can be of any assistance."

I may say confidentially that the only adverse comment I have heard came from Mr. Babcock, who, in conversation with the general manager of our company, said the report was not concrete nor specific; that the benefits of the rearing pond system had not yet been proved; that the Columbia had been a failure this season, although doubtless Mr. Clanton had an alibi for this situation; and that he still believed the only possible salvation for the fishery was an absolute closure.

As Mr. Babcock's remarks if not answered might leave a wrong impression on people not fully informed as to conditions, I put in writing my comments on the value of his opinion in this matter. I am having a copy made of this, and will enclose it with this letter if ready in time. Please make no use of this letter as it is sent for your own information only.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

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