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Hon. James Sinclair,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Sinclair;-

Your letter of the 10th inst., just received, gave me great pleasure, especially in its reassurance that you remain steadfast in opposition to killing the salmon fisheries through the erection of dams.

In a recent article McLean's Magazine, like all the Pacific Coast publications, wrote strongly in favour of the power interests but confined its fisheries presentation to what might be done to assist salmon to by-pass dams on their upstream and downstream journeyings but as far as my observations extended I have not found, aside from myself, anyone who has stressed - or has even mentioned - that the waters empounded behind the dams would utterly destroy and bury the spawning beds of every species of salmon in the affected areas.

This has always happened both in B.C. salmon streams and in those of other countries and it assuredly will be the case on the Fraser and Naas rivers if dams are erected there. This is the real issue as far as the salmon fisheries are concerned. Therefore, why not face it instead of wasting our efforts on hypothetical problems that cannot arise if there are no salmon to protect.?

I am not opposed to the Mica Creek dam for the Columbia River provided none of its impounded waters are transferred to the Fraser River watershed. The many dams on the Columbia have already destroyed most of the salmon runs on the latter river: the damage has been done to its salmon fisheries: and they cannot now be restored. But to interfere with the natural water levels of the Thompson-Shuswap area would spell destruction to the great salmon runs that now frequent those waters.

Again thanking you for your unlooked for commendation,

Yours faithfully

HD/P.

{Signed} Henry Boyle