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Dr. Peter Larkin, Director,
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Dear Dr. Larkin;-

In the Vancouver Province of 17th inst., I read your article regarding the study of B.C.'s fisheries and am now writing to ascertain whether U.B.C. has followed the example of many American universities in establishing a Press department for publishing books that possess educational value but which are not such as would be in demand for "general reader" interest.

In my connection with the salmon canning industry from California to Behring Sea, and especially British Columbia, I accumulated much personal information concerning its history and I have repeatedly been urged to record same in book form. This I have done and the problemn now is to find a press willing to undertake its publication.

I wrote one prominent university press offering to send it my manuscript to read but the editor replied (sight unseen) not to do so since the univesity COULD NOT MAKE A PROFIT ON SUCH A PUBLICATION !!

A second university press editor read the manuscript and was anxious to undertake its publication but first had to submit it to their fishery experts. The latter were agreeable to publishing the historical portion provided I would eliminate all biologiwal comment since I was not a biologist myself and there were many biologists connected with said university who could deal better with such matters. However, not being agreeable to emasculate my story I declined to entertain their suggestion. Subsequently, at the behest of the Press editor, I interviewed their chief fishery expert who denied my lack of biological knowledge had occasioned their disapproval. The real reason, he emphasized, was that MY CONCLUSIONS DID NOT COINCIDE WITH THEIR OPINIONS. !! I thought, and still think, their second reason was far worse than the original one.

In like manner the hydro-electric vs. salmon fishery controversary arose after my manuscript was submitted to the universary of Washington Press. Each year since then this conflict has altered, and will continue to alter, the picture. It has changed what my manuscript recorded seven years ago and I need to keep my data by me to check what future episodes that may arise.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully

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