

JAPS ARE DEPLETING THE HERRING SUPPLY

**Work of Oriental Fishermen at Nanaimo Calls Forth Indignant Protest
From the Whites.**

NANAIMO, B. C., Saturday, Dec. 30.—One hundred and fifty tons of herring to the boat, credited to at least half a dozen Japanese fishermen for a single night's work, has been productive of a highly indignant protest to the inspector of fishermen by the white fishermen of Nanaimo, who claim that the Japanese, by the use of drag-nets, are making enormous hauls and are rapidly depleting the fish, and ask that some restriction be placed on the wanton slaughter.

The local fishermen use gill nets, and where their nets will catch one fish, the Japanese catch a hundred. The Japanese, of course, catch everything from a minnow up with drag nets.

In looking over four hundred weight of fish brought in by a Japanese boat last night, Mr. Miller, foreman of the Nanaimo Fisheries, Ltd., and there was not a bucketful that a gill net would catch. The small fish were unsaleable and must be left until next season to grow. Now, the Japs, with their drag nets, and knowing, as if by instinct, the best places in the harbor, were scooping in these small fish in enormous quantities and unless this was immediately stopped, the harbor would be depleted of its now famous product.
