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LOBSTERS AND THE LOBSTER FISHERY.

The recently published report of the Canadian Lobster Commission contains much food for thought. The lobster has apparently a hard struggle for existence, notwithstanding his remarkable reproductive powers, for his enemies are many. A small lobster, only seven inches in length is estimated to produce 5,000 eggs; a ten inch lobster 18,000 to 20,000 eggs and a sixteen inch lobster as many as 80,000 eggs. But then most of these eggs are devoured by the fishes, and the lobster fishery in Canada alone destroys between sixty and one hundred million lobsters yearly.

How the lobster fishery has grown and developed in the Dominion within the past thirty years is shown by a few figures. In 1864 but 61,100 pounds of lobsters, valued at \$15,275 was the entire product of our lobster fishery. In 1886, when the fishery attained its greatest development the yield was 33,758,421 lbs. with a value of \$2,638,394. Since then there has been a great falling off in the yield, but such an increase in prices as has greatly stimulated the process of destruction. Thus in 1897 the yield was but 23,721,554 lbs. but the value had risen to \$3,485,265.

Prof. Prince tells that the signs of exhaustion in the fishery are unmistakable. Thirty years ago, according to the testimony of an old fisherman the average size was 13 inches. Ten years ago the average size had considerably diminished but was still ten inches. "Now small, immature lobsters, five to eight or nine inches in length, which a few years ago were rejected with contempt, are eagerly taken, where prohibitive restrictions are not enforced and in some districts form the staple upon which the lobster canners depend."

It is complained by the commissioners that the regulations have not been generally enforced, for which fact the local fishery officers appear to have been greatly at fault. In some cases regulations have been made and almost immediately suspended, as was the case with the regulations of August last prohibiting the export of lobsters less than ten inches in length. The Commissioners themselves recommend a size limit of only eight inches, rising to nine inches in the Bay of Fundy and diminishing to seven inches in the Northumberland Straits.

There is great apparent danger of the lobster fishery becoming exhausted. Not that the lobster will become absolutely extinct as has happened with the buffalo upon our western prairies but that the fishery, at present so valuable may become a thing of the past. It would seem that more energetic measures must be taken if the lobster industry is to be saved. It would be better even to prohibit fishing altogether for one or more years than to permit the entire industry to go on to destruction. Of course, no one proposes so radical a measure as that, but something ought to be done more than has been hitherto effected; to prevent the lobster fishers from utterly destroying their own industry.

And now Dr. Cilly, a Boston specialist in nervous diseases, has pronounced afternoon teas a most dangerous form of dissipation. He cites among many cases that of a family who kept the teapot on the stove all the time, with the result that the mother committed suicide and the son was sent to an insane asylum. Of course the ladies will only laugh at Dr. Cilly, and perhaps be irreverent enough to spell his name with an S.

Miners in the Canadian Yukon country, and more especially the foreign element, complain loudly of the government royalty of 10 per cent on their output. But it appears that up to \$3,000 yearly each claim is exempt from royalty, and the Toronto Globe tells that down to the end of May this year the total royalty collected had been \$600,000. If there is truth in the stories of the tens of millions produced by the Yukon mines it would seem that a very large share of it must be produced by claims that come under the exemption. The royalty collected in the two years would only represent an output of \$6,000,000.

Yesterday at an hotel table an American lady inquired where she might obtain the full text of the British National Anthem. There were some public men and others present not one of whom could recite more than the first verse and none of them knew where the complete anthem could be found in print. Loyal British subjects should be able to give a better account of themselves. The Anthem will be found in another column of today's GUARDIAN.

The first prominent and public spirited citizen the writer met at this office yesterday morning began a conversation about the hotel project. He believed in the enterprise and thought it important that no time be lost. "I will take \$1900 of the stock," he said. In fact almost every one seems to be in favor of the new hotel in a theoretical way, though not all are as ready as the gentleman above mentioned to put money into it. It would be well for those willing to take shares in the venture to get together and see what can be done.

It now seems improbable that the Canadian American Commission will resume its sittings on August 2nd, the date to which it stands adjourned. A recent Washington despatch tells that a conference is being held between Secretary Hay and Senator Fairbanks with a view to frame a formal notice to the British Government giving reasons why the American Commissioners cannot attend the adjourned meeting on August 2. It is expected that a counter proposal may be made by Canada looking to an adjournment until the fall.

The Czar of Russia has now a commission engaged in the inquiry as to how the Siberian exile system can best be abolished, and the commissioners have announced that they will be glad to receive suggestions even from foreign sources. The fact is that Siberia, now being opened up with a great railway, and naturally rich in mineral wealth, is so valuable to be retained for a mere penal colony. And Russia has no possessions beyond the seas to which to send her convicts. Botany Bay in New South Wales was once a colony whither British convicts were transported, but the province is now a great and rich possession of the British Empire. No doubt under enlightened rule Siberia would be capable of a like marvellous transformation.



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Sales still increasing. Never sold in bulk. Lead Packets only. 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c.

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A COTTON DRESS GOODS REVIEW

More than a month ago the Cotton Dress Goods march past began, led by our acknowledged chiefs. Recently the productions were from France, America, Canada, and Great Britain. Part of that little spot produces the best, namely, SCOTLAND. Its the place of fast dyes, especially in Cotton Dress Goods.

THE PARADE AT FIRST WAS STATELY BUT SLOW

SLOW owing to so many Ready-to-Wear Wrappers and Waists being on the market.

We Want the Space and We Will Get the Pace

To-morrow morning—4000 yards cottons at HALF PRICE, 18c Cottons, 9c, 16c Cottons 8c, 14c Cottons, 7c

12c Cottons, 6c; 10c Cottons, 5c.

Come quick if you want any.

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SCOTTISH



GATHERING

The Grand Annual Gathering of Clans of P. E. Island, under the Auspices of the Caledonia Club, will be held at

CHARLOTTETOWN,

ON THE GROUNDS OF THE

Amateur Athletic Association

Thursday, August 10th, 1899.

The Gathering will be Held Under The Distinguished Patronage of His Honor Lieutenant Governor McIntyre and His Worship Mayor Harburton.

The store will close at 1 o'clock.

The programme offers a day of rare enjoyment to all lovers of athletic games and bicycle sports.

The national games of Scotland will predominate, affording occasion for a grand exhibition of strength and agility. There will be hammer throwing, running, jumping, vaulting and dancing, and the games will be enlivened by "banner and pageant, pipe and drum." Thither will come grey-haired sires and sprightly youths, "noble dames and damsels bright." From the east and the west, from the north and south, the sons of the Heather will assemble. They will forget their plaid and bonnet, in kilts and fliobeg, with tartans flowing and pipers blowing. It will be the occasion of a grand reunion of the sons of old Scotia and their descendants. With gold and silver medals, as well as cash and other valuable prizes as rewards to the successful competitors, and with the "pibroch's wild melody sounding," who will deny that competition will be keen, and that enthusiasm will run high on such a day? Music by Pipes and Band. Train arrangements and prize list will appear later.

D. R. McLENNAN, Recording Sec'y. JAMES McISAAC, President. July 20 1899 dlaw & wtd.

Spring Trade

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