

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

SUMMERSIDE and Prince County

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QUEENS COUNTY COURT—The case of A. K. Robertson vs. James MacPhee, an action for debt before His Honor Judge Duffy in the Queens County Court. Judgment was given for non-suit, both sides to pay their own costs.

ODDFELLOWS DANCE—A largely attended dance was held last night by the Oddfellows in their hall, in commemoration of the founding of the order. The dance was largely attended and was greatly enjoyed. The chaperones were Mrs. William MacEachern, Mrs. John Garnum, and Mrs. Fred Houle. Dixon's Orchestra supplied the music.

CAR STOLEN—The car of a local doctor was stolen at an early hour yesterday morning while the owner was on a sick call. Police were informed and immediately instituted a search. The car was found in Victoria Park some hours later plentifully spotted with mud. It had been driven about twenty miles during the time it was out of possession of the owner.

Mr. Wm. Sturdy is in the provincial capital attending the dairy short course.

Royal Barge May Be Used

LONDON, April 26 (C.P.)—Three new bridges which have been placed across the upper reaches of the Thames will be formally opened by the Prince of Wales in the early part of the summer. They are at Hampton Court, Twickenham and Chiswick. A proposal is under consideration that the Prince shall pass along a stretch of the Thames in the

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GOVERNMENT

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velopment and improvement of the growth and culture of oysters and other molluscs in the said areas. Following upon this agreement it was decided that before encouraging anyone to go into oyster farming, the department would make an investigation to ascertain the methods by which success would be achieved. This investigation took three years and immediately thereafter the contemplated method of encouraging oyster farming was launched.

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted. Capable woman to care for house and four children until end of June. Apply Martha Ann Tea Rooms, Summerside. 9130-4-28-21

CONDITION UNCHANGED—The condition of Mr. Dunkin Palmer, who was severely hurt by a kick from his horse on Tuesday, remains about the same. Mrs. Palmer, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bell, in Moncton, has arrived home and is with her husband. S.

Mr. Fred Causton of Howland is visiting Amherst, N. S., on business. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Costain of West Devon, were visitors to Summerside on Tuesday. S.

Royal Barge. This vessel is rarely seen. Some years ago the King and Queen used it for a State progress along the Thames, but the function has never been repeated.

The bridge at Hampton Court, which is already in use, is close to the old iron-built structure. Designed by Sir Edward Luyens the new bridge is in three spans, the arches being of reinforced concrete, which are faced partly with Portland stone and partly with brick. The brick tones admirably with that of the great Tudor Palace a few hundred yards away, and also with the brick of the old Court House, where Sir Christopher Wren lived and died.

One of the largest pictures to be shown in the Royal Academy which opens on May 1 is Sir John Lavery's painting of the admission of the Prince of Wales as Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, when he received the grant of livery from the Lord Mayor. No fewer than 46 portraits are in the picture.

Mr. MacLEAN: Is the minister of the opinion that the department is on the right track in leasing those areas? Does he not think he is treading on very dangerous ground? The moment he takes any public fishing area away from the public fishermen and gives it to private individuals, does he not think he is immediately courting trouble for his department and is dealing unfairly with the public fishermen?

Hon. Mr. DURANLEAU: What the hon. member suggests has not been done by the department.

Mr. MacLEAN: Does the minister mean to say that no public areas have been leased?

Hon. Mr. DURANLEAU: No public producing areas have been leased.

"Friends on Both Sides"

Mr. MacLEAN: I can hardly agree with the minister in that regard because the leasing has been done in areas where the oysters are showing signs of coming back. If those areas are not now producing in large and paying quantities, what we hoped was that with the government's cooperation with nature on the oyster areas, the beds would be brought back for public fishing. I am placed in a very difficult position in connection with this matter because a division of opinion exists and I have good friends on both sides. There are some who believe the leasing is all right and I understand they have taken out leases. There are many others who believe the oyster fisheries should be retained for the public fishermen, and any money expended should be spent with that aim in view, namely, to bring back the areas for the public fishermen. If you follow this question a little further, there are other oyster areas in the province. I see members from other counties of my province present. They have oyster areas in their counties and I do not think they would for a moment approve of the wholesale leasing of those areas. It would not be fair to them or to the fishermen of their constituencies for the department to do that.

The department may be quite honest and sincere in this matter, but I am sorry I cannot agree that the minister, through his department, is pursuing the right course in this regard. As I have stated, the moment you start handing over to private individuals the public fishing areas of any community, you are starting trouble. I do not know what the aim of the department is; perhaps it thinks the people who take out those leases will begin to develop the areas and the Department of Fisheries will not be obliged to spend the money it otherwise would. If that is the idea, it is false economy, because it will prove a source of trouble. It has been attempted before with disastrous results to the fishing industry and we feel sure the same thing will happen again. I do not wish to emphasize this too strongly, but I might inform the minister that very largely attended indignation meetings were held in that district last summer. Those meetings were attended by as many

DEATHS

WEBSTER—At Morell, April 26, 1933, Mrs. J. Oliver Webster, aged 74 years.

WILSON—At the P. E. Island Hospital on Thursday, April 27, 1933, John Wilson, funeral from his late residence in Alberton on Sunday, April 30th. Service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment Alberton Cemetery.

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as 500 or 600 people and committees were formed which were authorized to act on behalf of the fishermen. They protested against the leasing; they sent petitions and protests to the department and still the latter continues to lease those areas. I would like to know from the minister whether he intends to proceed with the leasing of the areas notwithstanding the fact that those protests have been received from such a large body of the fishermen.

Scores Inconsistency

Hon. Mr. MacDONALD (Kings): One would think the hon. member for Prince, who lives alongside this area, would give the committee a fairer picture of conditions than he has done just now. He knows very well the areas about which he speaks are not producing; that areas which are producing are not being leased by the government; that the agreement under which those areas are being leased was made about five years ago by the previous government with the then government of Prince Edward Island and that this government is only carrying out regulations contained in that agreement. I have yet to learn that the hon. member protested at that time against the agreement made by the two governments of which he was a supporter, but now he comes forward with these objections. He also speaks about meetings having been held there, which I understand were largely engineered by himself for the purpose of embarrassing the department and the government.

Mr. MacLEAN: I have every respect for my hon. friend, but I would ask him to withdraw that statement because it is not correct.

Hon. Mr. MacDONALD (Kings): If my hon. friend says that it is not correct, I shall withdraw it. The main point, however, is this: the areas to which he refers and which are being leased are not and would not be made productive, certainly not in our time, if some person did not lease, cultivate and make them productive. Therefore in those sections where the effort is being made it is for the good of the industry, to revive and keep alive something which would otherwise not have been revived.

Mr. MacLean's Viewpoint

Mr. MacLEAN: Replying to the hon. member for Kings, I did not wish to introduce a political viewpoint into this discussion. As I stated at the beginning, as many of my political friends are in favour of leasing as are against it. He refers to the agreement which was entered into by the former government. May I tell the committee frankly that under the former government and through my own instrumentally, receiving assistance from scarcely anyone but the then Minister of Fisheries, we had an appropriation placed in the estimates in order to bring back the famous Malpeque oyster. It is well known the Malpeque oyster was the most famous oyster in the world and at present oysters are being sold on the markets in various cities as Malpeque oysters although they do not come from that section at all; they come from across the border. The chairman asks why Canadian oysters are not sold in the parliamentary restaurant. The reason they are not sold is that we are not producing them in quantities sufficient to supply the market.

We did ask the Dominion government to establish oyster areas. Away back some fifteen or twenty years ago oyster areas were under the control of the Dominion government. At that time the local government in Prince Edward Island conceived the idea that if they had the oyster areas they could lease them to private individuals, and in that way bring great revenues to the province. The local government did take over those areas and began leasing them. The result was that oysters were brought into that area indiscriminately from the southern United States, and disease became apparent on the beds, wiping out the total oyster production in that great area. The beds lay dormant a number of years. The local government had not money to expend to bring them back to production. I was particularly interested because the area was in a district near my home. I am not ashamed to tell the committee that as a family of boys, my brothers and I made good money out of the oyster areas, and the farmers and fishermen of that community did the same thing, before the disease wiped out the industry. Then the Dominion government agreed to take over the oyster areas, and to expend money towards bringing

FOR BOYS AND OTHERS

Through the courtesy of Mr. R. W. Tufts, Chief Migratory Bird Officer for the Maritime Provinces, the Guardian is in a position to present a limited number of boys and others interested with the booklet "Bird Houses and their Occupants" by P. A. Travenor. Application should be made to "Agricola" care Charlottetown Guardian.

them back to production. At this point I should like to take issue with the hon. member for Kings when he states that those areas were taken over with the idea of leasing them, because under section 9 of the agreement there is provision that before leasing is undertaken the department at Ottawa must obtain the approval of the provincial government at Charlottetown. When the Liberal party was in power here the provincial government in Charlottetown never gave its consent to leasing, nor was any policy of leasing decided upon. If the former Minister of Fisheries were in his seat he could verify my statement, and the deputy minister can now verify it, that as a representative of the county in question, and the only one really interested in the matter, I never gave my consent to a policy of leasing. Further, leasing was never decided upon or announced as a policy of the department.

Contends Policy Changed

However, following a change of government in Prince Edward Island and another change here the policy of leasing was decided upon. The federal department consulted the provincial government. Advertisements for leases were inserted in newspapers and the leasing of the areas was proceeded with. The hon. member for Kings states that no public areas which were producing were leased. I ask him on what authority he makes that statement. I have been in close touch with the fishermen, and I am told that the public areas now beginning to produce are being leased. They have made similar representations to the department. Therefore before any further leases are issued I suggest very careful consideration should be given the matter. There are oyster areas in other rivers and bays. Why should Prince county be picked out and the areas leased, thereby taking away from the fishermen the public rights afforded fishermen in other counties? If there is to be one policy for one part of the province and another for another, well and good. I say however that such procedure would be quite unfair.

I do not wish to make this a political issue in any way, but I believe it is my duty in this committee to defend the rights of the public fishermen, and that the money being expended by the government should be spent in the interests of public fishermen. The hon. member for Kings states that the public areas cannot be brought back to production by the department, but that they can be brought back by private owners. I should like to know why that is so. Oysters for seed purposes can be obtained only from restricted areas where the beds show life and are now producing. The government could take the oysters off the restricted areas which have been set aside for breeding purposes, clean the areas, and protect them properly, as well as private owners can. To say that private owners can bring back areas and that the department cannot, is begging the question, because one has as good a chance to do so as has the other.

Anticipates Criticism

The minister should give this matter his personal and careful attention; it is a matter much too serious to be trifled with. As the hon. member for Antigonish-Guysborough has said, one day we have one Minister of Fisheries and the next day we have another. Despite the fact that they are good men, they are busy with other work and are not giving the attention to the fishing industry that it merits. The deputy minister is doing his best, but he is nailed down to his desk, and receives very little assistance. Important matters are left to drift, and they are not given the careful consideration they should receive. I wonder if any hon. member in the house would submit to the leasing to private individuals of public fishing rights in the rivers and bays of his constituency? I venture to say there is no man in the house who would support any such policy.

No doubt I shall receive a great deal of criticism from some of my

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personal friends. I feel it my duty, however, to defend the rights of those public fishermen who are not here to speak for themselves.

Comments Policy

Mr. PRICE (Westmorland, N.B.): As I understand the matter, only non-productive beds are being leased at the present time. I believe there has been no interference with private beds. Not one man out of fifty can make a success out of barren beds. It has been tried in my constituency; men with money have spent thousands of dollars in an endeavour to make non-productive beds productive, and in every instance they have failed. This vote of \$13,000 is for the culture and protection of oyster beds. I believe the department is trying to do something to advance the oyster industry. The experience in the past has been that only those beds which have been privately owned have been successful, so far as production is concerned. In the county of Kent the Barnes Company some years ago were given a lease of certain beds, of which they have made a success. Outside of that, the beds open to the general public are much abused. I believe the department is taking steps to improve that condition, and also to improve oyster culture. I have no doubt it is endeavouring to do its best, and I suggest this small vote of \$13,000 should receive the approval of the committee.

Cites Mr. Lea's Attitude

Mr. MYERS: In my view—the hon. member for Prince county has not given the committee a fair picture of the circumstances. We have been led to believe by the hon. member that the rights of public fishermen on public beds are being interfered with. This is not the case as I understand it. The public beds are very extensive in the bay referred to, and they are still available to the fishermen at large. And the Department of Fisheries has been for a number of years carrying on extensive and useful work there in clearing up the bottoms that formerly were productive but non-productive by reason of that disease. The department has been sweeping, dragging, dredging and cleaning up these bottoms in the interests of the fishermen at large, and has been very successful in bringing back the fishing on those public beds. It is non-producing, barren bottom and does not form part, as I understand it, of the public fishing ground of the oyster fishermen on that bay. It is being leased for the purpose of producing oysters in areas that did not produce oysters before. The former premier of Prince Edward Island, Hon. Mr. Lea, on October 26 of last year, before the Maritime Board of Trade in the city of Charlottetown, went into this question fully. He reviewed the action that had been taken by the former government in Ottawa, and the government over which he presided as premier of Prince Edward Island; he referred to what was being done and said that it was in the best interests of the fishermen at large.

Fishing For Votes

The hon. member for Prince (Mr. MacLean) says that as far as he is concerned he has never yet given his open consent to the leasing of oysters began to come back, and, as I have said, they are coming back at the heads of the rivers and bays: There is no one more interested in this than I am; I am willing to accept any good, constructive suggestions, but I do not want to be classed as one who is endeavouring to do an injury to the oyster industry or anyone interested in it. What I want is to bring the oyster industry back for the public fishermen, and I do not think that once the whole shore area right around the rivers and bays is leased there will be much chance for the public oyster fisherman to make a living.

I am not going to labour this any further; I leave it with the Acting Minister of Fisheries and his deputy. I think that in the interests of all concerned no more leases should be granted until the matter is looked into thoroughly. I would invite my hon. friend from Queens to come up there and meet the fishermen. I would invite him and his colleagues and the hon. member for Kings to go out there on the patrol boat and see the areas that have been leased, see the work that has been carried on, and if they will just give the word there will be a meeting called that will be attended by thousands of people so that they can get the viewpoint of the fishermen right on the ground.

Mr. MacLEAN: We are objecting to the leasing of the areas. My good friend is an inland farmer, and I would tell him to stick to his potatoes and leave things alone that he doesn't know about.

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Mr. MacLEAN: My hon. friend is not entitled to talk about the oyster industry in the county of Prince. He is a good-natured gentleman from an inland district, and we must pardon him if he has not a full grasp of the situation as it appears to us who are right on the ground and know. The difficulty is that these areas are being leased to people, whose farms front on the rivers and bays. Naturally the oysters are coming back in the heads of the rivers and bays, in shallow water near the shore. The deputy minister knows perfectly well that where the areas are being taken is not out in the big bays and rivers but along the shore fronts of the different people who reside along these fronts. These are the places where the fishermen tell me, the oysters are coming back. Nothing would please me better than if under this private ownership a great industry could be built up, but my hon. friend from Queens knows very well that it was attempted before, and he knows that an industry that was worth millions of dollars to the province of Prince Edward Island was wiped out of existence through that policy. Why should we go blindly into the same trap again, just when the disease has run its course? Scientists told us at the time that this disease had been introduced from some unknown source and that it would likely run its course in seven or eight or ten years. They were right in that, because after it had killed out everything in the way of shellfish in those bays and rivers the oysters began to come back, and, as I have said, they are coming back at the heads of the rivers and bays: There is no one more interested in this than I am; I am willing to accept any good, constructive suggestions, but I do not want to be classed as one who is endeavouring to do an injury to the oyster industry or anyone interested in it. What I want is to bring the oyster industry back for the public fishermen, and I do not think that once the whole shore area right around the rivers and bays is leased there will be much chance for the public oyster fisherman to make a living.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. MYERS: If that is out of order I withdraw it, but it is said anyhow. The hon. member has a faculty of always withholding his consent to anything and everything, and then when the government finally takes action, if he can just get a little sympathy from some fisherman or farmer or anybody, he is quite willing to take the opposite side to that which the government has taken and try to curry favour with a few of his constituents. That has been his record in politics since I knew him first.

Mr. DUFF (Antigonish-Guysboro): "Speak for yourself, John."

Mr. MYERS: Never your mind. If I were the hon. member for Prince county I would be more than proud to stand up and back the Department of Fisheries for the noble efforts they are making on behalf of his constituents and his county to restore that important industry, and I would do anything and everything I could to strengthen the hands of the department. I will say that if the hon. member does not appreciate that \$13,000 that we are

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Oyster Production Problems

Mr. MYERS: I do not wish to prolong the debate on this question. My hon. friend thinks that I do not know an oyster from a potato. That is hardly true. I happened to be a member of the local government in Prince Edward Island from 1912 to 1916 when the oyster areas were taken over from the federal government by the provincial government. They were taken over at that time for the express purpose of attempting to plant oysters on what was then barren bottom. At that time the active beds were producing oysters in great quantities and they were not interfered with in any way. In order to plant these bottoms and build up the industry, areas that were known to be barren were leased to fishermen mostly, and men who are known as farmer-fishermen—men who engage in both occupations—who are adjacent to the areas leased. For some reason or other small seed oysters were imported from the state of Rhode Island and planted on these barren bottoms. Shortly after that some disease visited these oyster beds. Some of the scientists—I do not know whether or not they are very great scientists—blamed that disease upon the imported oysters from Rhode Island, but I am not able to subscribe to that theory, though I am not a scientist. I am a plain, ordinary inlander, as my hon. friend from Prince calls me, though my farm does touch the Northumberland straits. To my mind this is the question: If the disease was imported with those seed oysters from Rhode Island why were there any live oysters left there; why were they not dead of the disease before we brought them here? I want to tell the committee that around the shores of Prince Edward Island we have mussel mud beds from which we farmers dig mussel mud for fertilizer. These beds are known to be sixty feet deep in places, and to my mind that proves that these pre-logical waves of disease or epidemics have been going on since Adam went into long pants, and will continue as long as the sun rises and sets.

"Not Quite"

Mr. MacLEAN: I think my good friend from Queens is measuring other people's corn in his own half bushel. I am not quite as smooth as my hon. friend is and not so able to fish for votes as he is. I wish to tell my hon. friend in the first place that we are not objecting to the spending of this money.

Mr. MYERS: What are you objecting to?

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