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From the collection of the late Mr. W. S. Louson

A SONG OF THE VALLEY

By Harry R. Nobles

Give me a home in the valley,
Beside my brother man,
Where the full tides sweep, and the willows weep,
And the high hills I can scan.

Give me the man of the valley,
The man who is bearing the load,
Who smiles at his work when others shirk,
And shrinks not 'neath the goad.

Give me a task in the valley
In the thick of the world's turmoil
Where burdens press and sin's distress
Calls forth a life of toil.

Give me the valley's vision,
O Lord of the Common place,
That the scars of sin, and the wounds within
With love I may help efface.

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THE COMING SESSION

Whether the coming federal session produces any legislation of value or not it will certainly produce interesting situations if not complications.

In fact the row has already started. The Moosejaw Times, one of the main Liberal supporters in the West, is becoming uneasy. Reports have come from Ottawa that the MacKenzie King government is likely to touch the tariff question but lightly at the coming session, pleading shortness of time as the reason. These reports have evidently startled the old and faithful Moosejaw Times and after hinting that the Liberal platform of 1919 was built to secure the support of the West and that it succeeded, it issues the following reminder:

"This document (the platform) was drawn up by the Liberal party in convention, with the approval of both Mr. King and Mr. Fielding, after they had had some fifteen years experience investigating and administering the tariff as members of the Laurier Government. This pledge given the people by the Liberal party contains specific engagements, the fulfilment of which must not depend on investigation; because investigations could produce no new evidence that could possibly alter the ideal set before the Liberal party......

"This pledge in the Liberal platform, supported by now Premier King and by now Finance Minister Fielding, after their tariff experience in the Laurier Administration, and after their defeat in 1911, makes it imperative for the new Liberal Government to provide a very large measure of downward tariff revision during their first session. Failure to do so will shake the confidence of the people, and will render the Government vulnerable to attacks from both sections of the Opposition. If MacKenzie King fails to convince the country of the absolute sincerity of the Liberal tariff pledge, both Meighen and Crerar will point their finger and say: 'Did not we tell you so?' The MacKenzie King Government must make good on the matter of tariff reform downwards and that right early. To fail here is to fail everywhere."

Whether the protectionist Quebec wing of the party or the Fielding and Progressive tariff reducers will prevail, whether the 1919 platform which snared the West, or its occasional recantation during the campaign by MacKenzie King which snared the Protectionists and manufacturers will be resurrected, are among the interesting features of what promises to be a great game.

We already hear in anticipation, echoing along the corridors of the new Parliament Building the familiar strains of that classic song "Oh, oh, oh, its a lovely war!"

FARMERS' MEETINGS

It is to be regretted that the weather has turned out so unfavorable for the Farmers' Week, the meetings of which are now in progress but which on account of the condition of the roads and the severe cold have so far been poorly attended. Through the publicity given to the principal reports however the meetings have been by no means a failure although much additional information would have been given through the discussions which larger attendances would have elicited.

The show of poultry this year is a most creditable one and would have been creditable to any province in Canada, indeed it is doubtful if any other province could have put up such a show. Thanks to our poultry men, the egg-laying contests, the reports of the Experimental Station and the work being done by the Dominion poultry experts our province is well maintaining its reputation as the "Denmark of Canada".

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY

Yesterday was the anniversary of the birthday of Robert Burns, one of Scotland's greatest poets and the poet whose memory all Scotchmen delight to honour. For many years the Caledonian Club has celebrated this anniversary on the date, excepting when it falls on Wednesday when on account of this being the regular mid-week prayer meeting night it is held on the nearest appropriate date' This year as our readers already know the celebration begins this Thursday evening and it is gratifying to know that the usual interest is being manifested and that the advance sale of tickets assures full houses on both nights. It will be remembered that last year many left the securing of seats too late and were unable to even get a look in particularly on the second night. The time to secure seats is when they are available and those who can do so are advised to get them for tonight if they can, if not they may have a chance for tomorrow night by applying today.

OLD FILE V. SMOOTH FACE

Hon. F. J. Nash, Editor of the Patriot, returned to his duties yesterday. Co-incidentally in yesterday's Patriot the following bouquet was presented the sorely distressed Attorney General—"Bravo! Mr. Attorney General! We (editorially of course) are all proud of you. We (again editorially) admire your fearless and impartial performance of your duties. The public are not blind. As for your enemies.—"They bite against a file" "Anti venom."

Perhaps this will soothe the ruffled feelings of Mr. Attorney General but isn't it a little rough to compare him to a file? Thackeray says "Will is an old file in spite of his smooth face." Scott says "File your tongue to a little more courtesy." Then, of course, there is the legal definition of "file" which may or may not be apropos at the present time.

ANOTHER EXPLANATION

Yesterday's Patriot explains that the omission of a clause in the Bell government's new road act, which omission makes it impossible to hold the bye-elections until the omission is supplied at a future session, did not occur through negligence on the part of the government but because the government could not foresee the changes by which the vacancies have occurred! Who, it asks, could have foreseen the death of Mr. Sutherland or Hon. Benjamin Gallant? Who could have foreseen the appointment to a judgeship of the Hon. A. E. Arsenault or the election of Mr. A. E. McLean to the House of Commons? Certainly no one could. Prophets are scarce in these degenerate days of ours and the Patriot's admission exonerates the Bell government from harboring any prophets or men of foresight. By the way, the late lamented Mr. Sutherland died during the session, which would indicate that the aggregation is also wanting in hindsight. The Patriot's explanation that the government could not foresee the need of an election, by- or general serves only to confirm the general opinion regarding the aggregation. However, it is well to keep on explaining. This differs slightly from one given in its issue of the 31st inst., in which "Attorney General Johnston informs the Patriot that an amendment to the Election Act was prepared at the last session of the legislature, to meet the provisions of the new Road Act introduced by the Commissioner of Public Works" The public of course may take their choice of the two explanations.

ALL RIGHT AGAIN

It is encouraging to find that the Attorney General has not become discouraged by the revelations of the past few weeks and that he is buckling on his armour for further attacks upon the lawlessness which, as he himself declared in a recent deliverance in court, has become so rampant that the government has found it necessary to employ additional help to investigate. Not daunted by these conditions he has, through the press, issued instructions to the police and constables how to proceed in cases of suspected crime. In the peaceful days of old such instructions were given personally to the officers of the law but the Attorney General, under stress of present circumstances, has in his wisdom committed his matured injunction to cold, unequivocal, unchanging and inflexible newspaper type.

Now that we have the wounds laid bare, the ointment prepared and the leeches duly instructed may we not look for an almost immediate healing? There are many scars it is true, there is much to overcome but now that the police, constables and other officers of the law are instructed there should be hope.

Might we suggest that the Attorney General or some other accredited member of the Bell government issue a word of admonition to prospective law-breakers and also to those who have not yet settled with the courts for penalties imposed?

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

BREAKING ROADS

Sir,— In your issue of Jan. 19th. I noticed that our Post Office Inspector is informed of the way our winter roads are neglected, but on reading his letter I was inclined to think that he knew but little of what some of the mail drivers had to endure under the present conditions. I will just give him an illustration of the Peaks Road mail route of which I am resident. From the 26th of December to the 15th of January we received but two mails on Peaks Road; one of those the mail courier was forced to leave his horse in a bank of snow and deliver the remainder of the purpose of breaking the winter in his letter where he stated "I am pleased to have noticed in the press that the Commissioner of Public Works has called upon all road overseers and inspectors to promptly call out the residents for the purpose of breaking the winter roads after every storm." Just let me illustrate how these orders were obeyed. The writer asked the overseer why he neglected his duty. He made this reply: "I have nothing to do with the winter roads. The Inspector appointed a resident of Peaks' Road to act as overseer. This man declines to give his service for nothing whilst there is another man in the district drawing a salary for the same position." Now I might say under the jurisdiction of our so called Road Inspector and overseer that our roads are shamefully neglected both summer and winter, but what can you expect when a man is forced to accept a position for the sake of the salary end of it.

I am Sir, etc.,

TAXPAYER.

Ne[illegible] The Way

(From [illegible] Examiner.)

On Saturday last there appeared in this column the academical and official titles of Premier King, also a brief outline of his pedigree taken from the latest issue of the Parliamentary Guide. His titles were correctly given, and somewhat more fully set down than had been done by any newspaper published in Charlottetown. His pedigree, we doubt not, was written by himself or approved by him as most of the sketches in the Parliamentary Guide have been.

We fairly drew the inference that Premier King is proud of his descent from William Lyon Mackenzie, who led the rebellion in Upper Canada in 1837—8. Is there anything in the sketch given in The Guide to show that the Premier is ashamed or is not proud of his pedigree? Nothing of the sort. The facts about William Lyon Mackenzie were fairly given They are historic. In brief he was popular. He was five times elected to the Parliament of Upper Canada and as many times he was expelled from that body and after ten years of public life he led the rebellion of 1937—8.

For this recital of historic facts the writer of these notes has been stigmatised as "venomous" by The Patriot". Or was it because we condemned rebellion the Mackenzie rebellion, the Papineau' rebellion, the Riel rebellion? It matters but little. If so, we here and now repeat the offence with satisfaction. We are opposed to rebellions. Too often they are bloody short-cuts to forbidden ends.

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ANNUAL FISHERIES REPORT

The Chief Inspector,
Eastern Fisheries Division,
Halifax, N. S.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit my Annual Report on the Fisheries of this Province, in accordance with Section 88 of the new book of instructions:—

LOBSTERS

The season opened on the 26th April; the weather continued fine throughout the month of May, and a good catch was the result. During the entire month of June high winds prevailed, to such an extent that the season's work was a partial failure; notwithstanding this fact, however, there was very little gear lost.

It will be noted that there is a big decrease in values, due to the fact that in 1921 there has been a decrease in price of about $15.00 per case.

1919—REGULAR SEASON

County	Cwt.	Cases	Values.
West Prince	9,963	4,981	
East Prince	5,156	2,568	
Queens	11,738	5,869	
Kings	29,510	14,755	
Total	56,247	28,173	

1920—REGULAR SEASON

County	Cwt.	Cases	Values.
West Prince	17,011	8,051¼	$ 302,807
East Prince	7,694	3,817¼	131,684
Queens	15,752	7,840¼	271,224
Kings	33,695	16,716	565,839
Total	74,152	36,425	$1,271,554
West Prince	13,760	6,788	$ 137,078
East Prince	6,431	3,216½	64,261
Queens	11,745	5,862½	117,357
Kings	23,461	11,789½	236,884
Total	55,337	27,655½	$555,580

1919—LATE SEASON.

County	Cwt.	Cases	Values.
West Prince	1,810	905	
East Prince	6,106	3,053	
Queens	207	103½	
Total	8,123	4,061½	

1920—LATE SEASON

County	Cwt.	Cases	Values.
West Prince	1,532	766	$ 20,988
East Prince	6,733	3,255	97,650
Queens	257	116	3,258
Total	8,522	4,137	$ 121,896

1921—LATE SEASON

County	Cwt.	Cases	Values.
West Prince	1,211	600	14,484
East Prince	6,616	2,801	56,720
Queens	252	123	2,520
Kings			
Total	8,079	3,524	73,724

1919 LOBSTERS SOLD IN SHELL

County	Cwt.	Values
West Prince		
East Prince	660	$ 11,220
Queens		
Kings		
Total	660	$ 11,220

1920—LOBSTERS SOLD IN SHELL

County	Cwt.	Values
West Prince		
East Prince	58	$ 986
Queens		
Kings		
Total	58	$ 986

1921—LOBSTERS SOLD IN SHELL

County	Cwt.	Values
West Prince	400	4,800
East Prince	1013	12,156
Queens	29	348
Total	1,442	17,304

NUMBER OF TRAPS FISHED

Regular Season.

1919	257,789
1920	261,676
1921	217,361

Late Season

1919	29,612
1920	32,260
1921	26,641

You will note that in the late season, 1920, the total catch of lobsters was 4137 cases, and 58 cwt., were sold in the shell (equal to 29 cases), making a grand total of 4166 cases. 1921 there were 3524 cases, and 1442 cwt. sold in the shell equal to 721 cases, making a total of 4245 cases.

You will observe from these figures that the late season, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather during the months of September and October, was a grand success, especially when there were 5649 traps fishing less than last year.

1920 —Total No. of Canneries in Operation— 182
1921 —Total No. of Canneries in Operation —160

Although the total catch for 1921 is much smaller than that of 1920, if we take into consideration the number of canneries in operation and the number of traps fishing, and the unfavorable weather in the month of June, the usual catch was well maintained. So far as the preservation of the industry is concerned, I think it is very necessary that every precaution possible be taken to prevent the packing of berried lobsters—this, to my mind, is a matter of vital importance. If the Regulations in this respect be well observed we can be assured that there will be an ample supply of lobsters for all time to come.

Last spring before the opening of the season a campaign of instructions to packers and fishermen was carried on throughout the whole province, with a view to adopting the best methods of packing so as to improve the quality of the lobster pack, and the result of this campaign has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. In fact, several of the buyers tell me that the quality of the lobsters improved 100 per cent and that they had no difficulty in disposing of the entire catch— this applies especially to the late season catch. A good beginning has been made and the work in this regard should be followed up this season with equal interest. Already the packers are inquiring whether further instructions will be afforded them this spring; before this work can be undertaken however, we want to know if the biologists are going to issue any instructions on the methods of packing.

COD.

This fishery is not being prosecuted to any extent due to the fact that the demand has been small.

COD

	Value	Total Catch
1919—	39,616 cwt.	$ 99,039
1920—	22,905 "	50,684
1921—	333,322 "	42,727

HADDOCK

A decrease in the catch.

1919—	2,196 cwt.	4,445
1920—	1,085 "	1,627
1921—	737 "	737

HAKE

A small increase in the catch over that of 1921.

1919—	20,473 cwt.	40,946
1920—	8,754 "	14,422
1921—	11,620 "	11,476

HERRING

1919—	30,110 cwt.	60,220.
1920—	31,911 "	47,866
1921—	30,441 "	32,874

MACKEREL

A fair increase over that of last year.

1919—	11788 cwt.	65,619
1920—	5,880 "	22,545
1921—	8,294 "	789'93

SMELTS

A small decrease from that of last year.

1919—	8,599 cwt.	51,594
1920—	10,906 "	87,248
1921—	10,482 "	66,921

TROUT

1919—	17 cwt.	170
1920—	52 "	520
1921—	116 "	1,160

CAPLIN

Caplin approached the shores this season for the first time for a number of years.

EELS

A fairly large increase in the catch over that of last year.

1920—	181 cwt.	1,770
1921—	815 "	4,785

TOM COD

1919—	176 cwt.	$ 352
1920—	6 "	24
1921—	38 "	144

CLAMS AND QUAHAUGS

1919—	550 bbls.	$ 947
1920—	187 "	620
1921—	177½ "	350

OYSTERS

I am pleased to report a fair increase in the catch of oysters over that of last year, due to the fact that the fishermen are taking a special interest in liberating all small oysters; the weather, too, seemed to have been favorable, and the result was a good catch of spatt—consequently, East, West River and tributaries, Orwell, Vernon and Seal Rivers are now full of small oysters. The future looks very promising for the fishery. It is reported that next season fishing will be prosecuted in parts of Richmond Bay and tributaries, but I intend in a few days to make a special report on conditions obtaining in all the rivers of the Province.

1919—	3,392 bbls.	$ 31,160
1920—	2,775 "	22,423
1921—	3,792 "	25,669

(A) Fleet of fishing boats and vessels less than last year.

(B) No new developments in any branch of the industry to report.

(C) No abuses to report.

(D) The close season has been well observed except in a small section of West Prince County and St. Mary's Bay, Kings County.

(E) With the aid of Patrol Boats and one of the Canadian Mounted Police illegal fishing was successfully suppressed in West Prince County. Fishing streams were well protected from sawdust and mill refuse.

LICENSES ISSUED

Lobster Cannery	164
Lobster Extension	84
Lobster Fishing	1448
Quahaug Fishing	1
Oyster Fishing	348
Smelt Gill Net	268
Smelt Bag-Net	268
Fish Cannery	6
Trap-net	2

PROSECUTIONS

Total No .... 53 Convitions 53

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The Final January Drive
ON FUR GARMENTS

Some folks try to keep it a great secret; but let us whisper it to you quite clearly:

January is the time to BUY FURS!

Of course, we much prefer to sell them to people earlier in the year and secure our fair profit; but now that mid-season is here and our stock still quite ample, we are ready to let every garment go, regardless of making profits on the Furs.

Naturally, you know that Furs are bought for many seasons of service, so the two months that are past make a very insignificant fraction of the wear-time that the furs will give their new owners—yet see how much of the former price has been cut away now!

Each year certain kinds of skins grow more scarce. That is why prices can't be brought down, except in January—NOW.

The woman who wishes to possess a handsome Fur Coat or scarf ever in the future, should see how low the prices are now, and how beautiful the Furs.

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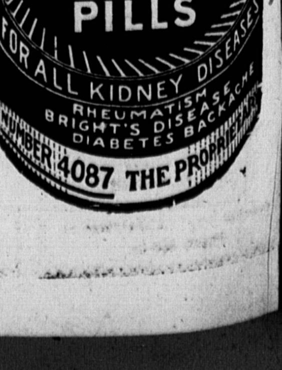
PATONS

PERISHED IN ICE GLOW

PORT WING, Wis., Jan 24—Carried out into the ice-coated waters of Lake Superior late Saturday when a severe gale sprang up, Alfred Peterson, a fisherman of Knife River, Minn., reached here last night after his wife had perished in the open row boat. Mrs. Peterson died yesterday morning, according to Peterson's story.

His legs and arms frozen, Peterson, leaving the body of his wife in the ice-locked boat, crawled from one ice cake to naother until he reached the south shore of the lake, twenty-seven hours after he lost control of his boat.