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TIME'S CHANGES

STATISTICS given before the Royal Commission on Fisheries, whatsoever effect they may have on the fisheries are richly suggestive of some of the most notable changes. For instance, the catch of fish, exclusive of lobsters, increased by approximately four and three quarter million hundredweights in the eight years from 1917 to 1926, but during these years the number of men engaged in this branch was reduced by about 800 men.

The increased catch by a smaller number of men was undoubtedly due to the improved appliances used. The lobster catch during the past 28 years has fallen off by 529,000 pounds. It was shown also that it now takes three times as many traps to catch a given quantity of lobsters as it did at the beginning of the 28 year period.

What is true of the fisheries is true of all the industries. Improved machinery is taking the place of men. In our own province we, with a population of 86,000 produce five times as much as we did when we had a population of 109,000. We are producing from an inexhaustible source, our soil, with improved machinery and methods of farming we can dispense largely with manual labour, we can send our sons, once needed on our farms, to other employment and to other countries. The blessing of improved machinery and improved methods is offset by a depleted population.

On the other hand, as shown by the lobster statistics, the fishermen are drawing from an exhaustible source. They require three times as many traps to do the work done even a few years ago.

The lobster fishery is being rapidly depleted and it is sincerely hoped that the Royal Commission will be able to devise ways and means for arresting the depletion. Our lobster fishery is very valuable and is very rapidly becoming less so and, if depletion continues at the present rate with multiplying appliances, the end of this excellent crustacean is not far off.

Many lessons may be drawn from the figures given. For instance, improved facilities for fishing and the apparent saving in the reduced number of hands employed, have not lessened the value of the catch. The cost of fishing with improved gear is greater than when more man-labour was employed. This is true of farming also. The cost of production has been increased, rather than diminished, by improved machinery. This is doubtless equally true of other industries. Improved machinery does away with much of the hand manual labour of by gone days, but it has increased the cost of production and the cost of living, and thereby hangs a tale. We are having a better time because of our new appliances, but we have to go all the faster to keep out of reach of the wolf.

COMMUNITY LIFE

THE true idea of citizenship is service for the community, the city, the province, the nation. And neither of these can prosper without the co-operation of their respective members, "beginning at Jerusalem," that is at home. One's first duty is to his own community. This duty faithfully done, he serves his city, his province, his nation. There are, in every community, those who in all their efforts, never lose sight of the community's interests. Selfish interests will necessarily obtrude themselves, as they have a right to do and a right to be considered, but when the carrying out of this is found to be inimical to the interests of the community, the good citizen will abandon them.

What every community needs most in all times is more men of the true type of citizens. They are the lead-

ers in progress, in example, in the maintenance of law and all that goes to make an ideal community; the nucleus of an ideal nation.

The ideal citizen is not always given the place he deserves to hold in a community. Too often the selfish-seeker who makes his way by selfishly crowding others out of his way is the one who is given the place of honour, yet time and civilization are correcting this also. In the great majority of cases the man who is public spirited enough to make a sacrifice for the community receives his reward in the approval of his neighbors and in the fact that they are ready to follow his example and thereby raise the tone and further the prosperity and happiness of all. No man "liveth unto himself." He is a part of the whole and must do his part in the unkeep of the whole. "Who is my neighbor?" "Thy neighbor? It is he whom thou hast power to aid and bless."

INCREASE VALUE OF FUR

THERE are thousands of trappers in Canada and all of them are engaged at one time or another during the winter season in taking the pelts of wild fur-bearers. There is hardly a farm, village or a town in Canada that has not got its trapper or fur trader. Millions of dollars are distributed each year among these persons as a result of the disposal of Canada's annual raw fur catch. Last year it had a value of \$15,072,244. A very considerable increase in the yearly value would be made possible were proper methods of pelt handling more widely known.

With a view to making possible a wider knowledge of the essentials necessary to the proper skinning, stretching and drying of raw pelts, a monograph entitled "The Preparation of Pelts for the Market" has been prepared by the Department of the Interior. This monograph will be sent free of charge on request to the Director, Natural Resources Intelligence Service, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada.

A NEW STUNT

DOROTHY Cochrane Logan's name may or may not go down in history. Anyway, she has done something which is not entirely new. She announced that she had swum across the English Channel in record time, at a time when long swims were the vogue. Afterwards she admitted that her alleged swim was a hoax just to show how easily people could be fooled. Her only claim to sympathy in this is that she had a definite, perhaps an unselfish purpose in putting it over, a purpose which was not without its merits. She only wanted credit for what she did not accomplish in order that people could see how easily they could be fooled. And the world needs, such an illustration occasionally. We do not require to go to Dorothy for such examples. We can find them nearer home, with the difference that when we are hoaxed they have really done what they said they have done.

We have known men elected to Parliament, just as Dorothy was going to swim the English Channel—in their minds—without ever intending to do it and who had not the grace that she had in admitting that they had done it to hoax the people.

Dorothy's stunt was, perhaps, not a very creditable one but, if the people she hoaxed only understand how easily it can be done, her temporary sacrifice of reliability will not have been wholly lost.

EDITORIAL NOTE

We gratefully acknowledge The Patriot's belated admission—after repeated denials—that twenty-four Liberal candidates had secretly given in a written pledge to carry out the Alliance's behests. The significance of this is that while the Liberal candidates and their canvassers were seeking support on a plank of cheaper liquor, more easily obtainable they were all the while secretly pledged to do the very opposite. The fact that the government is now endeavouring to turn down the Alliance proves conclusively that the Liberals were dishonestly playing a double game in order to secure power. It is for the Alliance to see that their written pledge is carried out to the letter.

Notes by the Way

OLD age pensions have been adopted in many countries; and Canada has sturdily followed the example. The principle underlying these pensions is sound, but the plan adopted by the King Government of dividing the cost between the Dominion and the Provinces on a fifty-fifty basis is so unjust and unequal as to render the system impossible of operation in various sections of the Dominion; and the people of those provinces which receive no benefit from the pensions are compelled to assist in paying the pensions in all other provinces than their own. It is astonishing that a pension system so unfair and unequal should ever have received the sanction of Parliament.

The Federal Government with its power to raise revenue by every known form of taxation holds a very strong financial position. On the other hand the Provincial Governments have been from the early days of the Union down to the present compelled to beg for assistance again and again by way of increased subsidies. Under such circumstances, the proposed division of the cost of age pensions between the federal and provincial authorities in equal proportions is notoriously unreasonable and unjustifiable.

The recent Conservative Convention recognised the desirability of old age pensions, but adopted a resolution making them a matter of exclusively federal concern. Under the Conservative platform as adopted at Winnipeg the provincial treasuries would be freed from any burden on account of old age pensions and the entire cost would be assumed by the National Treasury; all the provinces would share in the benefits of the system from the time of its adoption and the cost would be equitably distributed over the tax-payers of the Dominion. Our readers will have little difficulty in deciding whether the Liberal or the Conservative plan is the better one.

Premier Saunders and his Government are committed to the King Government plan, which involves a very large and entirely new charge upon the Provincial Treasury which can only be met by some new form of taxation. The knowledge that the new burden is needless, unjust and unreasonable cannot render it in any way more acceptable to the people of Prince Edward Island.

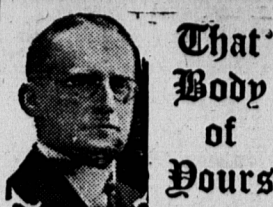
The Fisheries Commission is at work hearing evidence as to the present condition of the fishing industry in the Maritime Provinces. The Commission is composed of good men, and the result of their investigations should be beneficial. So far the evidence taken has shown a languishing condition and a falling off in the production of the lobster and oyster industries and much that is unsatisfactory in other lines of fishery activity. A capable and energetic Minister of Fisheries is sadly needed at the head of the Department, but a long unfulfilled promise still remains to the discredit of the powers that be at Ottawa.

A Fisheries Commission may investigate, report and recommend, but it can have no administrative authority. Only a capable Ministerial head can bring order and efficiency into a Department where chaos has so long held possession.

Drunkenness and crime are regrettably increasing in our own Province, in Nova Scotia, in New England and throughout the United States. And this goes on under prohibition. The facts are incontrovertible. This would not be if prohibition really prohibited. Except in limited areas prohibitory laws fail to prohibit and rampant violation of the liquor prohibition law brings all laws into contempt. There is no State in the American Union where the standard of intelligence and morality is higher than in Massachusetts, yet the Saunders organ in this city in its news columns prints the statement of District Judge Fisher that "Judging from the number of cases of drunkenness that have come before this court, a wave of intemperance has swept over Lowell. A wave" that submerges a city of 150,000 people is properly spoken of as "alarming."

The interprovincial conference to be held at Ottawa early in November is already attracting considerable attention. Apparently the King Government is preparing to take full charge of the proceedings thereat. Ottawa despatches tell that the Federal Cabinet has been preparing for it, and Premier King has made known his views as to how the Conference should be conducted. "The probability is," we are told, that Mr. King will preside at the principal sessions and that other members of his Cabinet or heads of Provincial Governments, may preside at meetings of committees." The Conference may possibly object to being tied down to a cut-and-dried programme prepared in advance by the Federal big-wigs and may claim some right to order its own affairs in its own way.

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By James W. Burke M.D. BLEEDING FOR OPIUM POISONING

You will remember your instructions in first aid in the treatment of opium poisoning, that is morphine, or more frequently laudanum. As the patient is wont to go to sleep you were advised that every means possible should be used to keep him awake.

Accordingly he was to be "walked" up and down, beaten by towels, given strong coffee and so forth, all with the idea of preventing him from lapsing into deep sleep, unconsciousness, and death. However these heroic measures are now passing into disuse, and the washing out of the stomach by means of the stomach pump, using weak permanganate solutions, is now the first thought in treatment. You can readily see that if the poison or a portion of it is removed, there is just that much more chance of recovery.

Along with this is inhaling pure oxygen, which as you know helps to stimulate heart and lungs, and the vital processes generally. A British physician records a case that was treated by still another method, and one that at once appears to be quite logical.

The patient had swallowed some six ounces of laudanum, at least half an hour before the physician arrived.

Notwithstanding the washing out of the stomach the patient went rapidly into a stupor, which deepened into complete unconsciousness, and the lungs began to fill with water. Death was but a short way off.

At this stage the vein in the arm was opened, and as it is called, and immediately the beneficial effects were apparent, the patient going on to complete recovery.

It does seem like common sense to rid the system of some of this poisoned blood by the old fashioned method of bleeding, that is the opening of a vein.

It reminds us that the physician of former days, used this method of ridding the body of many ills.

It certainly has its place along with other methods in the treatment of various ailments.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

Canada's Grain Trade

Q. What is the extent of Canada's grain trade? A. Canada's grain trade, for the crop year ending July 31, and to the close of navigation 1926, showed the following radiation: Exported 189,467,114 bushels (Mostly to the United Kingdom), shipments to eastern inspection division 128,170,651 bushels, milled for home consumption 11,919,150 bushels and milled for export 5,785,893 bushels. Seed requirements were 38,412,647 bushels, 263,087 cars were inspected. Of export shipments overseas 142,508,257 bushels went via Canadian ports and 122,584,780 via U. S. A.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "I have an idea that he will succeed." Say "my opinion is," or "I think."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: ban-quet. Pronounce bang-kwet, not ban-kwet.

OFTEN MISPELLED: fellow (rim); note the oe.

SYNONYMS: confirm, assure, corroborate, establish, prove, ratify, substantiate, sustain, uphold.

WORD STUDY: "use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: INSPIRE; to stimulate, as a quality of action; impart. "My change of environment inspired new ideas."

attention. Apparently the King Government is preparing to take full charge of the proceedings thereat. Ottawa despatches tell that the Federal Cabinet has been preparing for it, and Premier King has made known his views as to how the Conference should be conducted. "The probability is," we are told, that Mr. King will preside at the principal sessions and that other members of his Cabinet or heads of Provincial Governments, may preside at meetings of committees." The Conference may possibly object to being tied down to a cut-and-dried programme prepared in advance by the Federal big-wigs and may claim some right to order its own affairs in its own way.

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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 of correspondents.

THE PATRIOT'S COLUMNS

Sir.—The Patriot's long and fiery articles, denunciatory of The Guardian, are taken by the public as evidence that there is a great deal of truth in The Guardian's statements. If the Patriot's statements were mere "fabrications," as The Patriot says they are, it would not be deemed necessary to denounce them. Their truth or untruth will be demonstrated in the development of events. That The Patriot should believe it to be necessary to fill two long columns of its valuable editorial space in an endeavour to cause the public to believe that The Guardian is all wrong in respect to the promises and doings of the new Provincial Government seems to me to be the best proof in the world that it is true and right in that regard.

It seems to me that The Guardian is fulfilling its duty as an organ of the Opposition ventilating and criticizing the conduct of the government and its masters. The Government has no right to expect that it can go back on its pre-election promises and now that it is in office—do as it pleases. The Guardian does well to stir the Hon. members up to their duty to the public and to hold them to it. There is need for action to that end. The sin of drunkenness abounds and still increases. I have not in recent years seen more men under the influence of liquor than within the time that the Government has been in office; and the police court records show that there is need for action on the part of the Attorney-General and other officers of the law.

I am, Sir, etc. PUBLIC OPINION October 20th, 1927.

THE PULPWOOD SUPPLY

Sir.—A Toronto newspaper recently said editorially:—"From time to time fears are expressed that with the tremendous demands being made by foreign and home newspapers on the pulpwood resources of Ontario and other Provinces, the supply of this natural resource of the Dominion would rapidly become depleted. Had the Governments of the different Provinces not taken steps to prevent this, the fears would have been well founded. However, under the plan of reforestation as adopted by the Ontario Government this timber is replanted as it is taken off, thus assuring a continuous supply of pulpwood."

This newspaper not only owes it to its readers, but it would be performing a public service as well if it would explain how the miracle of providing for the future of our great pulp and paper industry, by the planting of tiny seedlings at this late date, is to be performed. It will take FORTY YEARS at least for these seedlings to reach even pulpwood size.

Now, if you take Government statistics for the amount of the present stand, for the quantity consumed and the amount destroyed by fungi, fire and insects, and then offset the annual growth by the ever increasing loss from wind, it is proved that TEN YEARS' supply

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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A REASONABLE EXHORTATION:—O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 107:1.

PRAYER: O Lord, do Thou continue Thy loving-kindness unto us and all mankind.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

"To the old village church I wended my way, The church that in childhood I knew, And the pages of time turned back for the day As I sat in the hard oaken pew.

"The pulpit seemed bathed in a spiritual mist; It was peopled by ghosts of the past, While the Spirit of Youth my weary eyes kissed, And memories came thick and fast.

"The minister preached, but I did not hear; I was listening to sermons of yore From the lips of a saint I used to revere, Who had preached in that pulpit before.

"The young choir sang, but my ears heard no sound; I was hearing sweet music instead That was sung long ago, and the shrouds were unbound On the years that I thought gone and dead.

"Oh, that dear village church, with its mystical charms, Thrills the soul of me yet with delight. For it holds yesteryears in its enfolding arms And the anguish of time doth requite." Charles L. H. Wagner, in the Congregationalist.

is the limit that we can figure on. This is the same figure arrived at by me independently in my personal investigations.

These figures make no provision either for the progressive increase in the consumption of wood through the expansion of our rapidly growing paper industry.

In any event the total number of seedlings now being planted annually in the entire Dominion of Canada, provided they all survive the attacks of fungi, fire, insects and wind for the forty years necessary for their growth, would not be sufficient to supply ONE of our large paper mills for TWELVE MONTHS.

Despite this alarming situation, our Government does nothing to save or even prolong the life of Canada's greatest manufacturing industry by stopping the ever increasing export of our raw pulpwood.

I am, Sir, etc. FRANK J. D. BARNJUM Annapolis Royal, N. S.

OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP

Sir.—The resolutions of policy adopted by the Winnipeg Conservation Convention, although somewhat indefinitely worded, appear to give sufficient scope for leadership to accomplish a great deal for Canada's good, they also permit the party to do little or nothing for Canada without seriously violating the Convention's instructions.

In connection with our raw materials and natural resources being administered to the greatest advantage of the Canadian people, it will, of necessity, follow that definite provision must be made for their manufacture in Canada by Canadian workers.

Because the greatest good that could be bestowed on Canada would be an abundance of employment at home which would immediately make two jobs for every man now in Canada, instead of only half a job for each man as at present.

This influx of capable people would make a home market for 25 per cent more of our home products at once, and this home demand would materially increase year by year.

This would necessitate the immediate addition of an extra million workmen in Canada, and with their families, add four million to our population, and continue with greater increase of population.

This would do away with the imaginary necessity of immigration agencies in all parts of the world testing up Canada's opportunity, because employment sufficient to require a million more men immediately, would head the industrially inclined throughout the whole world, towards Canada, so the Governments chief duty would be to stand at Canada's entrance gateways and make their own selections from the best in the land.

As soon as the Hon. Mr. Bennett gets adjusted to his new and heavy responsibilities, it might be a good thing if he would let the people know his intention thereon.

One thing that should have immediate attention is the proposal "To Abolish Imports and Exports Prohibitions and Restrictions," at the League of Nations meeting in Geneva on the 17th inst., when the United States propose to be represented there.

If they once get that passed by the League of Nations, Canada then will certainly be a raw material adjunct to the United States forever, and permore than that before very long.

The Canadian Government don't seem to be moving much in this matter, and if the opposition don't, we will be in great danger of being bound hand and foot to the United States before we notice it.

Surely enough has been seen and said to warrant Canada moving in the matter immediately and earnestly.

It seems left largely to the opposition leader and perhaps his advisors to administer the party policy largely as they please.

If the leadership proves progressive they should accomplish what-



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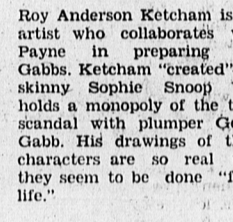
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S. A. MacDonald

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ders for Canada, if otherwise, they may just mark time waiting for something to turn up. The scientific research revolution will afford lots of opportunity to develop Canada. Merely voting a large sum of money towards that end won't accomplish much, unless a capable scientist is secured and given definite instruction to solve the reason why there is not a particle of Canadian Iron Ore being melted or used in Canada today. (If Bessemer Steel were in operation, some Nova Scotia ore would probably

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