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Fishery Report

(Continued)
Scallops.

There was a decrease in the catch of 200 barrels and a decrease in value. Alberton is the only point where this fishery is carried on on a commercial basis. The spring catch was about the same as in previous years, but the fall batch was a complete failure due to the fact that during the summer, the scallops died on the beds. This applied to all the scallop areas around the Province and is a matter which should be investigated by the scientists.

Fisheries Protection Service.

During the season of 1929 there were eight patrol boats in the Protection Service, and with their assistance and that of the Fisheries Inspectors and Guardians, all attempts at illegal fishing were successfully suppressed; in fact, outside of one point, illegal fishing was practically nil.

Total Number of Confiscations covering violation of the Fisheries Regulations during the season of 1929, covering 100 seizures were 46
Total number of Prosecutions 12
On account of the very dry season and the low water supply, the mills could not allow much water to go through the fishways at Laird's, Campbell's, Dixon's, and Vernon River milldams. These fishways were built with very green lumber, and when the water is not permitted to run through them they dry up, the seams open and they leak for a time. Fishways should be built of fairly dry lumber so that at all times when the mills have sufficient water to permit some to go through the fishways, this water will not be wasted and will enable the fish to ascend to their natural spawning grounds.

Capital and Employment.

The total capital invested was \$870,777 which covers lobster canneries, vessels, nets, wharves, lobster traps, ice houses, small fish houses, etc.
No. of Females employed 641
No. of Males employed 2,769

Magdalen Islands.
The total marketed value of the fisheries in the Magdalen Islands for the year 1929 was \$704,698, an increase of \$60,338 over the preceding year. The following table shows the total catch and marketed values:—

KINDS OF FISH	Quantity Caught	Value Marketed
Cod	63,975 cwt.	168,791
Cod Oil	gal. 10,385	5,390
Seal Oil	gal. 5,220	1,953
Herring	cwt. 135,291	129,329
Mackerel	cwt. 21,522	72,539
Eels	cwt. 110	770
Smelts	cwt. 2,445	26,510
Clams	bbls. 2,455	14,730
Lobsters and PRODUCTS	cwt. 22,594	274,160
Sold in Shell	cwt. 2,570	(31,214)
Canned	cases 9,732 1/2	(237,684)
Tomalley	cases 494 1/2	(5,832)
Hair Seals	No. 1,140	2,564
Fish meal	tons 77	4,780
Fish Fertilizer	tons 1,000	1,000
Fish Skins	cwt. 200	561
Shelled Grit	tons 8	210
Other Products		
Fish Dinners	cases 300	1,500

Cod.
There was a decrease in the catch of 24 cwt., with an increase in value of \$14,781.

Herring.
There was an increase in the catch of 25,689 cwt. and an increase in value of \$30,242. The herring fishery is very valuable to the Magdalen Islands, chiefly for lobster bait purposes and for hard smoked herring. The smoked herring put up in the Magdalens is of a first-class quality as is evidenced by the fact that there is a steady increase in the output and a good demand for them on the markets of the world.

Mackerel.
There was an increase in the catch of 702 cwt. and an increase in value of \$3,182. These fish are pickled and sold chiefly in the West Indies markets. The bulk of these fish are caught in the early spring when they are of inferior quality, and only a low price is realized for stand the value of preservation of

them. It is a pity that such a large quantity of mackerel are taken before they have a chance to spawn especially when they are so difficult to market on account of their inferior quality. I do not anticipate an increase in the summer catch, especially with handlines, until such time as there can be an international understanding arrived at whereby all fishing is suppressed until after the spawning period. Mackerel caught in the fall are fat and are one of the finest fish in the sea, but when caught in the spring they are scarcely fit for human consumption, especially after they are salted.

Smelts.

There was an increase in the catch of 2,292 cwt., with an increase in value of \$26,573. It is strange about smelts this season—the only place they appeared plentiful was around the Magdalen Islands out in the middle of the Gulf. It is thought that on account of not having any heavy storms during the summer to wash their food ashore, the smelts remained out in the Gulf and in this fact may be attributed the small catch in the lakes and streams of the Maritime Provinces. The marketing of smelts from the Magdalen Islands is a problem that will have to be solved if these fish continue to be taken in large quantities; as they are being marketed in the fresh state, it is very necessary to forward them to market from day to day. This is impossible under the present system of transportation. The Magdalen Islands has steamship communication only twice each week, and very often in stormy weather in the fall the boat only makes one trip; again, the boat in this service makes special trips to Halifax during which time her regular connection with the Islands is interrupted. Some of the smelts were lost last season as the time between the shipments was entirely too great. One way out of the difficulty might be the establishment of a refrigeration plant of a sufficient capacity to preserve the catch until the cold weather, say, December. This would avoid the decomposition of the fish and would result in a much greater revenue from this fishery for the people of the Islands.

Clams.

There was a decrease in the catch of 320 barrels, and an increase in value of \$1,920.

Lobsters.

There was an increase of 337 cwt. in the catch and a decrease in value of \$18,047. This decrease is due to

**Educational
Advancement**

(C. E. MacKenzie)

I can remember when only a small boy hearing an old gentleman quote the following from an old time teacher, "Lickin' and learnin' go together," and judging from the stories told of the old time teacher, the cat and nine-tails played no little part in the so called education of that period. But we must admit in all fairness, that the little old log school house with its long desk round the sides and the reign of terror sent forth into the world's activities many men and women of wonderful character. But we feel that education has advanced considerably since those days, and that our present system will also develop with the ever advancing times.

In the old days the teaching of the three R's was considered of the greatest importance. To the more serious minded of the profession, perhaps character building entered incidentally into the scheme of things; but, as a rule the teachers ability was measured by the examination results and the number of pupils able to pass the matriculation into the normal school, and toward this goal all his or her energies were directed.

To-day thoughts are running through the minds of many people, interested in the welfare of our province, that the direction should be changed from this viewpoint, and that the aims of our educational system should be to build up the essentials of character and personality rather than to overrate scholarship. Taking an ordinary ungraded school as we find it in this or any country, one will hardly find two pupils out of say thirty that in every respect the teacher can treat as an individual class, but rather that each has his or her own different channels. For instance one girl may be hard to manage. Is the fault heredity? Is it her environment? Or is it her own view of life that is at fault?

Again, some boy may not be doing as well, then by gaining his confidence and adopting a policy of cooperation in solving his problems we have gained this boy's goodwill and educational development will

be seen that study of each child is of vast importance. The writer realizes from experience that it is difficult to reach the hearts of the child, and environment from his

chief concerns of the child should be the education of his boys and girls are their chief resources—in a sense they are our immortality.

There is no "royal road" to learning. For many it is decidedly an uphill climb. But in the light of present day advanced methods and with the equipment that should be within reach of every teacher it can be made a much more pleasant path for the feet of our youths to tread than it was half a century ago. A schoolroom bright and cheery with a few deft touches of color and here and there a picture dear to the heart of childhood is a big factor in promoting happiness and real enjoyment in the day's routine.

The term education is often loosely applied in a manner far from the original Latin "educio" meaning to "lead out." Then to take this word at its original meaning it seems that by study of the individual we should endeavor to lead out those latent powers, and in this way expand the perspective of each child. Then with

this wonderful industry.

Seals.
There was a decrease in the catch of 214, and a decrease in the value of \$849.

Remarks.
Navigation with the Magdalen Islands opened about the first week in May, and, as usual, the "S. S. Lovatt" with her genial Captain and Crew gave entire satisfaction in every particular.

Capital Invested.
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**Planning Next
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By I. B. Birdsall

Toronto Saturday Night.

Garden planning is an entertaining as well as a helpful pastime for the winter months and the early spring period the outdoor work begins. Unless a person is a haphazard, hit and miss flower grower, he should engage in some garden planning, having regard not only to the size and designs of his beds and borders and his shrubbery arrangements, but also to those essential qualities of good gardening, balance and color harmony.

Your planning may be but the simple act of preparing a rough chart or sketch of your garden, spaced to represent lawn and beds and borders, with the different varieties of perennials and annuals, you propose

Another method of preparing a color scheme that you may care to follow is to paste lithographed reproductions of flowers on your garden chart, retouching them with water colors. A few of the better class seed catalogues, a pair of shears and a tube of library paste are all the extras that you require to prepare such a garden plan.

You will find such garden planning quite fascinating. A miniature garden grows for you on paper—a garden that you will change probably several times before you have achieved the desired effects.

It is unwise for an amateur to attempt the planning of extensive grounds or home surroundings unsupervised. Content yourself with a garden of modest dimensions or two or three perennial borders. Leave the

wool of their existence? Is it worth while to seek to discover in every child heart; as the poet has it, "Some not entirely barren part where truth and love may grow."

I feel it is and trust that every one having to do with the education of our youth may endeavour to "pass along" everything that will help to make education a success. planting, indicated, or it may be a more detailed undertaking involving the collection of much data and also much selection by elimination. If you are clever in the application of water colors or crayons, you may decide to prepare your garden plan in color. This certainly adds interest to the pastime and at the same time offers valuable training in color harmonization. A shade or tone may be applied flat, simply to represent the color of the flower designated for each space on your garden plan, or you may be enough of the artist to work in attractive floral designs in color.

When you plan your garden for next summer, don't plan to fill all your available space with piles of dirt and stones or with lily pools, sun dials, bird baths, benches and pottery.

Holding of farm live stock by Indians on reserve in Canada during 1928 was as follows: horses, 36,173 milch cows, 9,194; other cattle; 34,498; sheep 3,204; swine, 9,704; hens and chickens, 108,918; turkeys, 7,715; geese, 5,196; ducks, 7,788.

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