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OUR OYSTER FISHERIES—CAN THEY BE RESTORED?

What is left of the depleted oyster fisheries of Canada may be said to be located in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The highest point in production for Canada was reached in 1882 when 64,646 barrels was the amount produced, of which over 57,000 barrels was the product of Prince Edward Island. A decrease of 47,000 is the record of depletion during the twenty-five years following 1882 in this Province. In the meantime prices have increased 240 per cent in twenty years past.

Be it observed that although the oyster fishery is chiefly a Maritime Province industry, the total production of oysters in the Dominion has always been absurdly small. In the United States the annual production is over \$18,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 is the product of planted beds. In Canada in 1909-10 the value of oysters produced was under \$270,000, even when reckoned at \$7 per barrel, while the imported oysters cost \$369,166, and the duty paid on them was \$43,669.

The history of the oyster fisheries in England, France, the United States and many other countries runs along parallel lines—beds at first thought to be inexhaustible, gradually becoming fished out and destroyed, and then in a slow and gradual process being restored and extended by artificial culture and protection until the fishery became productive again. Among them all the case of the oyster fisheries of the state of Louisiana, as cited in the report of the Canadian Conservation Commission, is perhaps as instructive as any. The State of Louisiana enjoys favorable national conditions for this fishery and has modern and progressive laws. The first feature to note is that seventy per cent of the natural oyster beds of the State are re-

AREA AND REPRESENTATION.

We notice that the Montreal Gazette and other journals in Central and Western Canada are contending that representation according to population is quite just, that it prevails in the United States, and that it matters nothing to the smaller Provinces how much the big Provinces may be enlarged, as two Provinces occupying the same area as Ontario, or ten Provinces west of the Great Lakes instead of three, would still have the same representation in the federal Parliament.

There are essential fallacies in this reasoning. The case of the United States is not parallel with that of Canada, inasmuch as each State, large or small, has an equal representation in the Senate of the na-

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The oyster law forming the basis of the present legislation was introduced in 1902 and the effect has been astounding. In the five years preceding the enactment the increase in production of the natural beds was twenty per cent, while the increase in the five years following the passage of the act, and after it had been approved and amended, was 154 per cent. In 1902 the Louisiana catch was 1,198,413 bushels; in 1905 it was 2,187,000; while in 1908 it reached a total of 3,600,000 bushels.

Beyond question, Prince Edward Island possesses the best natural conditions for restoring and creating a productive oyster fishery of any Province in Canada. Our oyster beds have in them the potentiality of an industry that ought to produce from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 yearly and it should be one of the first efforts of our statesmen to take measures to bring about that production. What has been done in this line in Louisiana and other States of the American union, and in other countries, is available as an inspiring example and could easily be made effective in producing the best oysters in large abundance at our very doors. Surely the attempt is well worth the making.

tion. Again, no State in the American union has been enlarged since they were united, nor would such a thing be permitted in that country.

Furthermore, there is danger to the smaller provinces from the predominating voting power of the large and populous Provinces, and the danger is increased by the enlargement of their area, as by such enlargement the chances of their more rapid growth in population is increased. Already the big Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, by their predominating voting power, have changed the financial terms of the union, greatly to their advantage and the disadvantage of the smaller Provinces, in regard to the per capita subsidy, which was originally payable on their population as it was in 1861 and made it payable on their actual present population.

And the basic principle of justice forbids taking the common property of all the Provinces in the Canadian Northland and giving it to the big central Provinces.

COLD WEATHER, AN ASSET.

This subject was treated in a rather striking way in a recent article in the Halifax Herald. Dr. Parkin was quoted showing how our winter climate had kept the blacks out of Canada and saved us from the negro problem which afflicts the United States.

Warm climates tend to indolence sloth and the vices of the effeminate. The colder weather of the north tends to activity, develops vigor of body and mind, enforces industry, thrift, economy and providence. The home and the fireside are the essentials of a northern clime, vigor, valor and enterprise are the compensations, as they are the product of the cold. The northmen usually conquer in the strife of arms. Canada holds in the new world the same parallels of latitude which in the old world are occupied by the enterprising, progressive and valorous nations.

London in latitude 52, Berlin still farther north and St. Petersburg at 60 degrees are three important seats of power today.

Neither in body, mind nor conscience is man at his best in the regions of perpetual summer. Eternal Wisdom, as Cowper has sung, foresaw that:—

"Hard by native and of stubborn will A life of ease would make men harder still." And had not the Saxon been set in the 'blown seas' of the North, the race that has conquered and holds the four corners of the earth and the supremacy of the seas for the good of mankind could not have attained that position.

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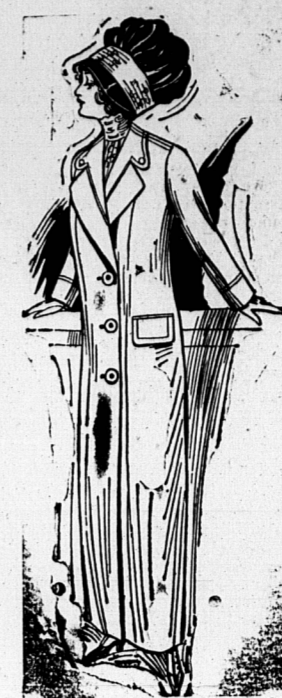
hai. It represents that 2,500,000 people in China are in dire need of food, and that they will need continuous help till the middle of May, when the new harvest will begin. We shall return to the subject.

A bulletin from the Department of Labor Ottawa, tells that the average price of 261 commodities in general use in Canada is 31 per cent higher than during the years 1890-1899 and 45 per cent higher than the price in 1897. Thus all records as to the cost of living are broken.

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