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# Dominion Oyster Leasing Policy Warmly Indorsed

## Liberal Members Who A Year Ago Petitioned For Change Are Now Appreciative Of Results. They Ask For Further Inquiry Re Alleged Contaminated Areas.

The following resolution, moved by Hon. B. W. LePage and seconded by Hon. L. R. Allen, was adopted in the Legislature yesterday:

WHEREAS the fishermen who are interested in the oyster fishing in the vicinity of East, North and West Rivers and Bedeque Bay which have been closed to oyster fishermen by Federal Order in Council owing to alleged contamination have strongly expressed their disapproval of said action;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature requests the Federal Department of Fisheries to conduct further investigation during the coming season with a view to completely determine whether or not the said alleged contamination is of such a nature or extent to justify the closing of said areas.

Speaking on the resolution Premier Campbell drew attention to a resolution passed in the House on April 17, 1935, requesting the Dominion Government either to cancel the leases of oyster beds or in the alternative to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the whole situation. "The reaction of the Dominion Department of Fisheries to that resolution," he said, "was to the effect that the Department had already made a full investigation of the question and they were quite satisfied that the only hope and prospect of proper development of the oyster industry was through the policy of leases. However, they did not wish to force this policy on the Province of Prince Edward Island against the wishes of the Government and local interests. Therefore they assured us that if we were desirous of cancelling the agreement of 1928, under which those leases had been made, we were at liberty to do so, and the leases would automatically be surrendered."

"But the Minister of Fisheries pointed out to me that the Dominion Government was making an appropriation for the development of oyster cultivation, and that they regarded the leasing system as a reasonable adjunct of that development, and that therefore if this Province saw fit to cancel the agreement and thereby to annul the leases, the Dominion Government would have no alternative but to withdraw the expenditure of that appropriation from the Province, and seek some other field where they might conduct their experiments and carry on the development."

"I feel that at this stage I should report to the House the reaction which has been received from the Dominion Government from the resolution passed approximately a year ago in this connection. Mr. J. Walter Jones said that last summer the Fisheries Department sent men here and picked up oysters in these areas and analyzed them, apparently for sewage contamination; the supposition being that the sewage from Charlottetown and Summerside was injuring the oysters. "As a result of that investigation, the whole harbour of Charlottetown, nearly all the East River, all the North River and a considerable part of the West River and about half of Bedeque Bay, is cut off to the fishermen. I would like to draw attention to the fact that when they picked up those oysters, the oysters had already died. They couldn't get them live because there is not a live oyster in these places."

"Our fishermen have had their rights along these shores for a long time; long before Charlottetown was in existence or had a sewage system. Those rights are safeguarded by Dominion regulations. You will find that sewage cannot be dumped to contaminate oyster beds. If anything of that kind occurs, the City of Charlottetown and the Town of Summerside are responsible."

"Also in these areas, which they have contaminated they are going to allow the men who have licenses to pick up the oysters and transport them in the months of July and August. I claim that they are taking away all the rights

of the people who live in these areas. They are not allowed to put their oysters on the market, but outsiders can come in, pick up the oysters and transport them elsewhere."

Hon. J. P. McIntyre: "I hold the same view as my hon. friend. I was always opposed to transferring oysters from one place to private beds. I was always in favour of the development of the oyster industry the way they have been doing it in Malpeque Bay; that is on barren bottoms that have not been producing oysters. I cannot see the logic in trying to prevent some people who are ambitious and energetic and want to develop an oyster area that is not already developed. There are thousands of bays around the province that are not producing oysters, and I cannot see the reason why fishermen or anyone else who wishes to go into that particular business, cannot get a lease and plant oysters. What the Biological Board is doing is to catch the spat of the oysters and plant them on those barren bottoms. That is something that is going to be a help to this province."

"These fellows in Malpeque Bay who have private leases employ a lot of labour, whereas if they didn't do that those areas would never produce any oysters."

"I think it was a hasty step on the part of the Department at Ottawa, without any notice whatsoever, two or three weeks ago to close all the East and North Rivers. It will be a hard job to get those areas open again. That is unfair and unjust to the fishermen. There ought to be a Royal Commission appointed by the Federal Government to go into this matter thoroughly. If they are contaminated on account of the sewage from Charlottetown and Summerside, the Dominion Government ought to come to their relief and make them put in a proper system."

Mr. Horace Wright: "Since the resolution was tabled last year members have had the privilege of visiting the bottoms at Grand River near the Biological Station, at the invitation of Dr. Needer, and of seeing just what is being done by the Fisheries Department at Ottawa. I am sure that we were all impressed with the value of the work that will accrue to this province from that work. We are all convinced of the importance of that work, and I think it would be a very great mistake if we should cancel the agreement at Ottawa. As the Minister has pointed out, it is only the barren bottoms that are being leased. Those are of no benefit whatever to our fishermen. I agree with the stand that is being taken that it is not fair to take these oysters and plant them in other beds."

Mr. Thomas Linkletter: "It has always been done."

Mr. Wright: "Oyster farming is carried on all along the Atlantic coast. The United States authorities have found that it is only by oyster farming that the industry can be kept up. When private individuals carry on in their own private beds there is an opportunity to preserve the industry which is impossible when it is left to public fishing. We have had an investigation recently with regard to lobster fishing and we were all startled with regard to the extent of poaching that is being carried on. The same with the oysters; it is very difficult to prevent over-fishing. If we want to develop the oyster industry for this province it is very important that we should maintain the agreement that we have with the Dominion Government."

Mr. Linkletter: "I would like to ask, are the oysters dead in the East River?"

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: "Where there used to be 3,000 barrels in other years there was not 50 barrels last year."

Mr. Linkletter: "Are the small oysters dead as well as the big ones?"

Mr. H. H. Cox: "There are millions of small oysters around the shore."



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Mr. Linkletter: "Not in the bay at all, in this harbour, West River, North River, Pownal Bay, and Vernon River. The oysters are dead until they can be resuscitated."

Bymont Bay is closed owing to that contamination. If that investigation was correct it would be no hardship to have the Department have another examination just prior to the opening of the season. If the oysters are found to have to be lifted. If they still

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**KELVIN GROVE INSTITUTE**

The regular monthly meeting of the Kelvin Wobens Institute was held at the school house on Tuesday evening, April 6th, with nineteen (19) members present. Meeting opened by singing the Island hymn, followed by Creed in unison. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Bertha Walker occupied the chair. Roll call was answered with Health Hints. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read by secy. Sick committee reported getting ten boxes of fruit. School committee reported hooks needed for the evening. It was moved and seconded that we send a donation of goods to the Orphanage. It was moved by Mrs. Wm. Stavert and seconded by Mrs. W. A. MacMurdo that we hold a banquet on May 11th to celebrate the tenth (10th) anniversary of our Institute. Committee to make arrangements, Miss Mae Walker. Mrs. Lorne Crozier, Miss Margaret MacMurdo, Miss George Yeo and Miss Gladys Walker. Programme committee, Mrs. Harold Crozier, Mrs. Edward MacMurdo, Mrs. Erskine MacMurdo, Sick committee, Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. Edward MacMurdo, School committee, Misses Gladys Walker and George Yeo. Lunch committee, Mrs. Morris Casey, Mrs. John MacKay, Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. Erskine MacMurdo. Program for the evening was as follows: Reading by Mrs. Hubert MacNeill; reading by Mrs. John Thompson; contest by Mrs. Lorne Crozier. First prize, Mrs. Cecil Paynter and Mrs. John Thompson, second prize Mrs. John Stavert and Mrs. Hubert MacNeill. Questionnaires on Child Welfare and National Events were filled in by the conveners. Mrs. Cecil Forbes and Mrs. Hubert MacNeill were appointed to plan for May programme. Meeting closed with singing "God Save the King."

**NORTH WINSLOE SCHOOL**

Following is the report for the month of March:

Grade VIII-1. Keith Cudmore; 2. Clayton Cudmore; 3. Alton Younker.

Grade VI-1. Marion Ford; 2. Margaret Craswell; 3. Veda Roberts.

Grade IV-1. Vera Nunn; 2. Catherine McNaughton; 3. Rena Cudmore.

Grade III-1. Charlotte Moreside; 2. Heath Craswell.

Grade II a-1. Lea Roberts; 2. Lois Craswell.

Grade II b-1. Ralph Shaw and Elaine Nunn (equal); 2. Shirley Nunn.

Grade Ia-1. Grant Laird and Donnie McNaughton (equal).

Grade I b-1. Sheldon McQuarrie; 2. Christopher McQuarrie.

Perfect attendance - Keith Cudmore, Alton Younker, Lauretta Smith, Margaret Craswell, Eunice Cudmore, Preston Cudmore, Marion Ford, Eric Laird, Rena Cudmore, Vera Nunn, Heath Craswell, Lois Craswell, Ralph Shaw and Grant Laird.

Teacher, **IVAN M. ROBERTS** (Patriot please copy)

**APPEAL IS FILED**

OTTAWA, April 14 (CP)—Notice of appeal was filed in court here today by the Ontario Attorney General's Department against the acquittal March 17 of Miss Dorothea Palmer in nearby Eastview on a charge of advertising birth control information and contraceptives by means of a pamphlet.

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