

Anniversary Of I. O. O. F. Observed

Again the members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows throughout this broad continent of America, are joining hands to celebrate the 121st anniversary of the founding of the Order at Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., April 26th, 1819.

Anniversary Day to the Oddfellows is a time when a general review of the past year's operations is made and when new and improved plans for the future are put into operation so that the scheduled and approved work of the Order may go on uninterrupted and unbroken. This year the anniversary must be celebrated under different circumstances than those of the past years. The happy means at our disposal for a joyous celebration must be laid aside and our attention given to the serious factors that have prevented the peace of the world from occupying its place in our midst, in accordance with the ambitions and teaching of Oddfellowship.

Our celebration this year throughout the jurisdiction of our whole Sovereign Grand Lodge must be in accord with the troubled times now affecting the whole civilized world. We should hang our heads in sorrow to a certain extent, and all who have entered the conflict face a most tyrannical enemy who stands for everything that will mean taxation for all that we hold dear in freedom, justice and civilization. It has been truly claimed that civilization is at stake in the present conflict. Then nothing is lost as there will be nothing left if civilization is destroyed. If we lose all the factors of life that we have enjoyed so long and which we hold so dear, if the conflict goes so far as to even leave Allied victory in doubt, then we will realize what sacrifice is. We will realize how the world values British citizenship, to which we should go to fight for British justice.

As Oddfellows we are taught, that it is necessary for us to take a definite stand on matters of public policy and to exercise a collective authority for public good. As an Order, we are also taught that it is by united effort our best work can be carried out, and we are expected in assuming the obligations imposed upon us as members to be able to understand and carry out the duties we are required to perform. At this time even after 121 years of service in the cause of humanity, the foundation upon which the Order started still stands firm. Its principles are needed as much in the lives of all people as they were at its foundation; the aims and objects are just as necessary, and the trials and tribulations they were intended to combat are just as prevalent as at any time in the history of the Order. The need for organized beneficence, special relief, supporting our homes, support of the various educational schemes and other adopted measures is just as great, and requires our help as before. So that in the 121 years of the existence of the Order, the general principles and aims are not materially changed and the need for fraternal assistance to members of our fraternal society has been always existing throughout the years. Through the members render aid to deserving brothers in just the same spirit as they did at the inception of the Order, and with experience gained the Order, keeping abreast of the times, has been able to multiply assistance. Its policy has been to do all in its power at all times for the aid of suffering humanity, and the Oddfellows may at this Anniversary Day look back over the years of the existence of the Order and give some considerable thought to the course it has adopted and still find the firm and sturdy rock of fraternity. This shows in a general way the manner in which we should regard and deal with one another. The whole structure has securely rested on this foundation from its start, and by its influence and steady association with things real and necessary it has been able to beat down all opposition and ride out every storm of prejudice and spite and hatred that tried to destroy it. Fraternity was chosen as the basis of its importance, and no better principle could be chosen. It was the need of friends and the friendly relations of others that prompted the FIVE beginners to get together and form the first Lodge. As the work the Order was organized to do, consisted of dealings and intercourse with humanity then the existence of the application of fraternal relations was Fraternity. It contained the fundamental element so urgently needed, where intercourse with mankind and man dealing with man was of such concern.

Unless embodied in acts of humanity it is void of application and usefulness in the world and therefore becomes an empty aim. But when proper associations are formed and useful duties are undertaken it then becomes a proper and necessary to dispel the ill incident to life, and the issue becomes one of Heavenly Beneficence to the afflicted members of the Order. Thus, by the compelling influence of Fraternity described to us in Holy Writ, and exemplified in the lessons that Oddfellowship teaches maintenance of the experience gained by its members, we are led to intelligent understanding of what our foundation is and how its prestige and solidarity is to be maintained.

At this time of the celebration of our 121st anniversary, we should look back to the many features of the Order with pride. As a heritage it has the systems of relief to carry out and maintain without resorting to charity in its coldest sense. It has the care and maintenance of its homes for needy members. It has the care and maintenance of aid to the afflicted and persecuted member. It also has the care and maintenance of the newly adopted educational scheme including its proposed plan of Moral Education as a part of the course of studies in the public schools. In all of these many as in its other features will be found the fraternal touch which is the main supporting element of the Order. Oddfellows, today, as in the days of old feel their hearts beat in a responsive way when they are requested to perform the duties expected of them in becoming members of the Order. The lessons and the experience gained in the field of Fraternal endeavor are accepted as part of their very lives. This will be seen in the willing efforts and service given on behalf of the needy members which dispels many a tear as well as many a headache and hungry stomach. It is the actual performance of organized beneficence and reciprocal relief with its impressive results that makes the work of the Order so important and dear to the hearts of its members.

With world conditions as they are today, organizations with 121 years

service in the fraternal world have something significant to contribute. The members wish to point out that the great principle of Fraternity upon which the I. O. O. F. Order has so securely rested for so long a time is still a needed and much sought after ideal. Its co-principles: Friendship, Love, Truth, Faith, Hope, Charity are still recognized as the spiritual headlines for its seasons and its explanations. The Order still maintains in accord with its earliest conviction that the inherent good in all people is, to have a thorough understanding of what the co-principles teach and expect of each one of us, and that we be allowed the sublime right of freedom and understanding to enjoy to the fullest the democratic idea as expounded by the I. O. O. F. It embraces a happy, contented, and faithful life, serving our God and our country with the added advantage of having being prepared for efficient and fraternal service by receiving the valuable instruction imparted by Oddfellowship in accordance with the understanding of faith and righteousness.

As the members of the I. O. O. F. gather together for a fitting celebration of their Anniversary Day, they look with consideration and regard to present-day facts and events. As they weigh in their own minds the many storms of adversity that are attempting to shatter and destroy our democracy and with it our very civilization itself; as they see country after country turn away from a free form of government to the dictatorship with its force and greed and brutality; as they hear the cry of the sufferers who have gone under the ruthless heel of a most brutal aggressor whose only aim is conquest with no thought of the price, the foremost desire of the whole membership is to present a united front with all our resources to stem the flowing tide of ruthless aggression and substitute instead a rule of peace on Earth. May the day soon arrive, when the law of universal Brotherhood will soon be dominant and govern all people of the earth. The principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth with the additional motives of Faith, Hope and Charity are now the basic principles of the Allied cause in the present great war. They are also the basic principles of the Independent Order of Oddfellows who regard them as a sacred guide and protector against the ill of life.

Resort Parks Prove Sport Fishing

Now that Spring is here and summer on its way, disciples of Isaak Walton are busy polishing their fishing rods and setting their gear. For some, memories of the "big one" that got away last year are revived, but with the traditional philosophy of his kind the true fisherman is eager once again to try his skill and luck. Others prompted by past successes are looking for new fields to conquer, and soon the great trek from all parts of the continent will be under way to Canada's countless lakes and streams.

Each year sees increasing thousands of fishermen visit Canada's national parks, where a wide variety of game fish await them. In the mountain parks the streams and lakes provide keen sport, particularly for those anglers who take into account the vagaries of the waters and the whims of the fish. In Banff National Park there are about 150 larger lakes and twenty streams which provide good fishing. The most exciting angling falls to those who can take the time for a day or two of hiking or riding along mountain trails, and fish the waters of Baker Lake and others of the Ptarmigan-Skoki area east of Lake Louise, in Mount Asiniboine, or in the Lake near the Simpson Pass. The completion of the Banff-Jasper Highway now provides access to the northern part of the park where the Mistaya and Waterfall Lakes were prepared in advance by stocking with cutthroat trout. Almost within the town of Banff, the cutthroat, Dolly Varden, and speckled or eastern brook trout are available in the Spray River and Vermillion Lake, while seven miles up the valley of the Cascade river lake trout are taken by trolling in Lake Minnewanka.

To the north, Jasper National Park has a dozen fine fishing lakes located within three miles of the park townsite, and many others are near the Banff-Jasper Highway and other motor roads. Rainbow, cutthroat, brown and lake trout are thus within easy reach of the angler. A day's trip by car, boat and trail brings him to the Maligne Lake system, where speckled trout have been successfully introduced, and the fisherman has his choice of the lake, the swift waters of the Maligne River, or the small but productive Beaver Lake which drains into Medicine Lake. Amethyst Lake in the famous Tonquin Valley provides a rare combination of landscape and fishing, where the rainbow trout are plentiful and the only need is for more anglers.

Waterton Lakes National Park is another mountain playground where excellent sport awaits the fisherman. From the icy waters of Crypt Lake fly fishermen take cutthroat trout, while equally fine and more accessible are the waters of Emerald Lake and the Algonquin-Carleton Lakes provide smaller cutthroat. An excellent highway runs to the shore of Cameron Lake where rainbow and speckled trout are numerous, and in the main lake near the townsite lake trout up to forty pounds are taken on the troll. At least fifteen other lakes and half a dozen streams provide mountain trout of several species.

The lakes of Yoho National Park provide unique combinations of scenic beauty and excellent fishing. Beautiful Lake O'Hara with its rainbow trout is a gem to the angler as well as to the artist, and Emerald Lake and Wapta Lake in the valley of the Kicking Horse River provide several species of game trout.

Coming eastward to the prairie regions, the waters of Prince Albert National Park in Saskatchewan contain fine specimens of pickerel, pike and great lake trout. Another game fish, the small-mouth black bass, is being added, which will provide both fly and bait fishing. In Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba rainbow trout have been introduced into Clear Lake, the centre of fishing interest in that park.

Famous among the game fishes of Eastern Canada are the small-mouth bass and the giant maskinonge, both rivalling the mountain trout in popularity among sportsmen. Georgian Bay Islands and St. Lawrence Islands National Parks in Ontario provide good fishing for these species in their native waters.

The Cape Breton Highlands National Park in Nova Scotia makes a unique contribution to Canadian sport fishing with its Atlantic salmon, speckled trout, and swordfish. The Cheticamp River, a salmon stream, lies within the park and the famous Margaret River has its source at the southern boundary. On the eastern shore, sword-fishing offers exciting possibilities for deep-sea fishing. Several of the small lakes and ponds of Prince Edward Island National Park contain brook trout, and afford opportunities for angling as do a number of streams outside the park.



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Canadian Bacon Exports

Canadian exports of bacon and hams to the United Kingdom have increased very materially during the first three months of 1940 compared with the same period of 1939. March exports to that country, totalling 29,377,000 pounds, were 10.3 million pounds greater than the exports in February 1940, and were 13.2 million pounds greater than the exports in March a year ago. For the first three months of 1940 exports to the United Kingdom have totalled 82 million pounds worth over 14 1/2 million dollars as compared with exports of 43.3 million pounds worth 7.4 million dollars in the corresponding period of 1939.

Canada is thus fulfilling the agreement entered into with the United Kingdom last fall under the terms of which up to 5,000,000 pounds per week were to be shipped. Further evidence that Canada has ample supplies of pork products are shown by the cold storage statistics. At April 1, 1940, there were 69.9 million pounds of pork in cold storage as compared with 34.8 million pounds at April 1, 1939. In spite of the heavy shipments to the United Kingdom, pork stocks have continued to increase.

What effect the loss of Denmark as a source of supply will eventually have is difficult to forecast. Although Denmark supplied the United Kingdom with very large proportion of pork products, rationing of meat in the United Kingdom may reduce the amount imported and thus tend to reduce the gain which would otherwise have occurred. Bacon is a relatively expensive food and the foreign exchange required for its purchase may be needed more for the purchase of other commodities, especially war materials. While supplies of bacon in the United Kingdom at the present time appear to be adequate, it is possible that within a few months increased imports from other sources may be necessary.

The future of Denmark as a bacon producing region while under German control is not very bright. The importation of feeds from overseas countries will be cut off and a considerable decline in hog production will likely occur. In the meantime, of course, Germany will strive to some extent from the production of a few becoming available and for a few months will have larger supplies of meat and animal fats.

Pruning Young Apple And Pear Trees

(Experimental Farms News)

Young orchards of today are the hope of the future, states R. D. L. Bligh, Assistant in Pomology, Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville, N.S. They must not be neglected now, either in pruning, growth or insect and disease control, if they are to give highest production in the future.

Pruning has a dwarfing effect on the tree and the grower should bear in mind that every pruning cut will tend to reduce tree size and fruit production. Nevertheless, it should be regarded as an essential orchard practice as it is the only practical method of developing a strong framework that will support the bearing portions of the tree in its future years. Therefore, the amount of pruning given newly planted and young trees is essential to the development of a strong framework.

Pruning begins with the young tree at planting time. To offset the loss of roots left in the soil when the tree is dug, the practice of removing crowding branches so as to provide a modified leader type of tree with spirally arranged scaffold branches is recommended over the old method of heading back all branches. If this pruning is not done, the greatly reduced root system may not be able to supply the demands of the tree. The large leaf bearing surface and the young tree may die from dying out.

If yearling whips are planted, all

buds to a height of 18 inches are rubbed off, all remaining buds are rubbed off, leaving a bare stem for a large leaf development which results in a larger root system with a sturdier trunk. If two-year old nursery trees are used, the method of pruning is the same as for the whip whips has been out for a year. Branch selection is practised. Those branches which come out at right or wide angles with the leader are left. The lowest branch about 26 inches from the ground and others six to eight inches apart arranged systematically and spirally above this until five or six such scaffold branches are established. Subsequent pruning should be light, only those branches having a detrimental effect on the future shape of the tree should be cut off. Remember that early bearing, size and size of the tree are largely determined by the pruning methods practised after the framework of the tree is established.

HOLLYWOOD, April 24—Actress Anita Louise and writer Maurice Chevalier have been keeping company ever since they first met in Hollywood. They are today they will be married May 18.

Atlantic Eelpout Hatch Young From Eggs

RUBBER BOOT TAKEN FROM BOTTOM BY TRAWL CONTAINS EELPOUT AND EGGS—SUBSEQUENT HATCHING OF YOUNG FISH UPSETS PREVIOUS THEORIES OF LIVE BIRTH

Constant investigation carried on by scientists of the Fisheries Research Board at the various Biological and Fisheries Experimental Stations provide much new and valuable information in regard to the habits and life of various species of Canadian fishes, as well as dealing with the more practical problems of the industry.

In many cases the investigations of the scientists reveal hitherto unsuspected facts about fish life, and in some cases an entirely new fund of information is uncovered.

Such was the case with *Zoarces anguillarum*, the muttonfish, more commonly known along the Atlantic Coast as the eelpout. The European species of this fish *Zoarces viviparus*, as its name implies, gives birth to its young alive. For some time it was also thought the closely allied American eelpout reproduced similarly. First doubts were cast on this belief when scientists noted that the American eelpout contained many more eggs than the European species.

During an early January, while a trawler was being operated from the Research Board Boat Edward E. Prince, under Captain A.E. Calder in Black's harbour, bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, when the discovery was made. Captain Calder gives the details as follows: "They were drawing in ten meters of water having a temperature of zero centigrade. Among the debris when the trawl was raised was a fisherman's rubber boot. On examination two medium sized eelpouts were found in the boot and a mass of eggs was present. The egg mass was in the shape of a garden cucumber and consisted of eggs enveloped in a jelly-like substance. These were placed in sea water in a large pan, and as the boat plunged through the sea the egg mass broke up and young eelpouts began emerging from the eggs."

In all there were 842 eggs, the most of which hatched before the boat arrived at the Biological Station at St. Andrews, N.B., some hours later. Further observations were made in the laboratory where additional young emerged from the eggs. The young were approximately 30 mm. in length at the time of emergence from the eggs, and specimens were carefully preserved.

It was an important discovery! These observations make it quite certain that the American eelpout is not viviparous," says H. C. White, of the Atlantic Biological Station, in a report on the occurrence. "That the American eelpout does not give birth to its young alive, it is further believed from the finding of the egg mass in a boot, that the eggs are usually deposited in cavities and guarded by one, or possibly both of the parent fish. The young are well developed at time of hatching and easily recognizable as being eelpouts."

Under present conditions the eelpout is not exploited in the Canadian fisheries markets, but the species is an acceptable food fish. It occurs in considerable numbers along the Dominion's Atlantic coast.

In Memoriam MRS. MARGARET CURLEY

Many friends will regret to learn of the passing of Mrs. Margaret Curley who died on March 18th at her home in Freetown, after an illness of four days. In spite of her advanced years, Mrs. Curley was keenly interested in current events, and could converse intelligently on any subject. Her husband predeceased her 12 years ago also a son and daughter. She leaves to mourn one son and two daughters, namely: Alfred and Mrs. Russell Reeves of Freetown and Mrs. John McCauley Bonshaw also one brother, Thomas P. Hammill, Middleton, and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Roberts, Kingsford and Mrs. Catherine Curley, Freetown, 13 grand children and 6 great grand children.

During her illness she was frequently visited by her pastor Rev. Phelan McKenna who administered her the last rites of the Holy Catholic Church.

The funeral which was held at St. James Church, Summerfield, on March 20th was largely attended, where Rev. J. M. Mass was officiating. The pallbearers were: Edgar Reeves, William Francis, Albert Campbell, Leonard McCauley, Ambrose Curley, Walter Curley.

May her soul rest in peace.

Card Of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Curley and family wish to thank their neighbors and friends who helped out during their recent sad bereavement especially Father McKenna, also those who gave Mass Cards and Messages of Sympathy.

SYDNEY STILL DRY

SYDNEY, Australia — (CP) — After spending "millions of pounds" to perfect its water supply, Sydney still cannot ensure a supply during a prolonged dry spell. Restrictions remain on water consumption.

Dainty, Sparkling Countess of Athlone Captivates Newsmen

LONDON, April 24 — The Earl of Athlone, the new governor-general of Canada, and his wife, Princess Alice, charmed the lives of hundreds of Canadian newspapermen who visited them, Friday, at their country home in Sussex. Their correspondent is certain that they will be the most popular vice-regal couple in the history of Canada, as they were in South Africa.

The Earl of Athlone is every inch a soldier, his bearing erect and his brown eyes full of friendliness. He told us stories of adventures of his youthful day in the army in Africa. He told me he recalled Winnipeg well from the time of his visit with King George during an empire tour 39 years ago.

He was much impressed with the wide streets and the newness of everything there, and he said he expected to find big changes now, but he hoped that the streets would look just as wide.

Fond of Outdoor Life

Princess Alice is a dainty little lady, of quick-witted, sparkling intelligence and good humor. She said that both she and her husband were fond of travel and hunting and enjoyed outdoor life. She has beautifully-shaped little feet that make one think Cinderella's slipper would fit them perfectly.

When I told her that Canada was more united now than at any time in its history, and spoke of the people of different races on the prairies, she said quickly they were all good Canadians.

When I asked her whether they would be at Ottawa for a full five-year term, she said it was difficult to be sure about it, but Queen Mary had asked her brother not to remain away too long. Queen Mary will find parting with her brother hard. Lady Athlone loves gardening and showed us a rock garden she built. The earl showed us the beautiful view of the South Downs from the house, with Mount Caburn Lewis in the distance.

He told me he was very fond of Rye and often had gone there to visit his newest friend, E. F. Benson, who died recently. We met their daughter, Lady May Abel Smith, who probably will not go far away from her husband, who is with the army in Palestine. Lady Athlone had spoken French ever since she was a child, and she said she speaks French every day as some members of the household staff are French. Their house is unpretentious, but furnished inside with beautiful taste in charming simplicity.

PLENTY TORONTO

TORONTO, Ont. — (CP) — Last this Ontario capital should get an exalted idea of its importance, a Modest Citizen prints out there in a Toronto in Australia, another in Ohio and still another in South Dakota.