

One Lobster Season

One closed season during July-September is advocated by Dr. D. G. Wilder in place of the 14 regional closed seasons now applicable to the Maritimes, Quebec and Newfoundland.

Officials are chiefly concerned because of the difficulty of enforcing the various closed seasons. A single closed season would make the task very much simpler.

The proposal may not mean a greater drain on the stocks of lobsters in the various areas but it would have a profound effect upon the fishermen. It is frequently the experience now that the catch is not sufficiently maintained during a two-month season for all fishermen to continue operations until closing day.

A probable result is that fewer fishermen would continue to operate but operate during a greater part of the year. That might be all to the good in the long run but the immediate effect would be to require the others to find alternative occupations.

Arms Race Or Human Race

"We are not on the road to peace but to a war of a character such as this world has never seen yet." That is the summing up of the situation by Elmore Philipott, M.P., Liberal member for Vancouver South, speaking to the World Government Conference in London.

The solution, and the only solution, seen by the Canadian delegate is that nations should voluntarily surrender to a world government their right to make war on their neighbours. As he put it, a choice must be made "between the arms race and the human race."

He is not, of course, the only one to see the inevitability of world government. Many serious observers have come to the conclusion that without it war is bound to break out sooner or later and the victor in the global struggle would in fact rule the world, or what Churchill forsook as a "heap of ruins."

Thus we would have world government in any case, but what men of good will should strive for is world government by agreement. In that way nations can retain practically all their individual sovereignty but must yield the right and power to wage war.

The proposal, of course, runs counter to the aspirations of many peoples over the past century but it is quite a different thing to have an overlord voluntarily set up than to be forced to submit to the strongest in global conflict.

Alberta's Example

Provinces with older traditions might well note the example set by Alberta in preserving its pioneer past. In museums throughout the Province, new generations are being given a proper sense of the social, cultural and physical forces which have shaped life in the West. And Alberta's finest historical museum is also its newest. The Norman Luxton Museum at Banff, although still far from completed, contains one of the finest collections of Indian clothing, weapons, equipment and artifacts in western Canada.

Another private museum is operated 140 miles northeast of Edmonton, featuring Indian relics and other objects of pioneer interest. At Medicine Hat, a local historical society has set up a replica of a pioneer homestead. At St. Albert, the cathedral built in 1861 by Father Lacombe has been preserved as a museum by the town, while at Edmonton the first Protestant church, built there in 1871, is also preserved for the same purpose. A replica of the homes built by early Ukrainian settlers is on view

at Elk Island Park, 30 miles east of Edmonton. The thatched roof buildings, furnished with hand-made articles and implements brought from Russia, is the first of a series of exhibits planned for the Park.

Two small museums attract visitors during the periods of Alberta's largest annual celebrations, the Calgary Stampede and the Edmonton Exhibition. The original building of The Edmonton Bulletin, built by Frank Oliver in 1880, houses the Edmonton Exhibition museum, operated by the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Old-timers Association. In the grounds of Victoria Park during Stampede Week, modern Mounties man a small police post modelled after those established by the early North-West Mounted Police in the early West. At Banff the Government of Canada maintains a museum containing much of educational value. St. George's Island Natural History Park also deserves mention for its largest collection of life-sized models of prehistoric animals in America.

In the Arts Building on the University of Alberta campus at Edmonton are the teaching museums, particularly valuable in paleontological and mineralogical specimens. Also on the university campus is the Ruthven Library, whose third floor is taken up by a collection of Indian and Eskimo artifacts.

This brief enumeration should indicate the great importance attached by Albertans to their past. Here in this section of Canada, with a pioneer history stretching much farther back, we seem to be oblivious to its value and interest. We have, it is true, revived our oldtime Prince Edward Island Historical Society; but without adequate museum accommodation there is little that any organization can do to preserve permanently what is left of our pioneer relics.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Pravda is indignant at Mr. Attlee for "slandering" the Soviet Union and Communist China after enjoying their hospitality. Evidently the Communists hoped that he would dutifully sing for his supper.

Canada's top pharmacist is a native of this Province. Dr. A. W. Matthews, dean of the B. C. School of Pharmacy, has been named head of the Canadian Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties.

"Increasing humidity so affects the vocal cords," reports an Oxford researcher. "that those least gifted with song burst forth when rain is imminent." It would seem that old expressions about wet blankets and dampers will have to be revised.

The Canadian taxpayer may well be worried about the latest reason for visiting Ottawa. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner General in Southeast Asia, has announced his intention of visiting the Canadian capital for a "completely lazy vacation." He aims at attaining "the maximum of complete relaxation."

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the Canadian population has reached 15 million. If the growth continues at its present rate, by 1958 there will be three people in Canada for every two that were here in 1940. Even the most conservative estimates are for a population of 25 million before the turn of the century.

Wilfred Scaven Blunt, English traveller and poet, died this date 1922. He spent eleven years in the diplomatic service, married a granddaughter of Lord Byron, and travelled for some years in the near and middle east. He was interested in politics and race horses and wrote poetry and histories. Some of his works are, "The Secret History of the English Occupation of Egypt, 1907", "Gordon of Khartoum", "The Land War in Ireland" and "Love Sonnets of Proteus."

The Canadian Bar Association was told by its legal aid committee that if law societies do not arrange for adequate legal aid then governments will. "Legal aid", points out the report, "is part of the administration of justice." Professional men, in theory, work as hard for a client who cannot pay as for any other, but unless legal aid is suitably organized, its provision almost inevitably works unfairly for members of the profession and their clients.

Manitoba has just harvested a bumper crop of Kentucky blue grass seed, according to reports reaching the department of colonization and agriculture of the Canadian National Railways. This year's crop will be close to 1,500,000 pounds of clean seed, or almost four times that harvested in 1953. Commercially, Manitoba is the only province in Canada producing Kentucky blue grass seed. It grows naturally in the inter-lake area of the province between Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba.

THAT NEWS ITEM REPORTED THAT THE NEW FOLDING MONEY WAS BEING GIVEN OUT BY BANKS. WITH MANY OF US IT'S NOT SO MUCH WHAT THE NEW STUFF LOOKS LIKE. BUT HOW FAR WE CAN MAKE IT STRETCH. THO' IT WILL MEAN GOODBYE TO SOME OLD ACQUAINTANCES. CIVIC-MINDED. LIKE THE DARINGLY GOWNED MISS ON THE TWENTIES. WE'LL DO ALL WE CAN TO KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN.

The Pool's Corner SUMMER STORM There came a wind like a bugle; It quivered through the grass, And a green chill upon the heat So ominous did pass We barred the windows and the doors.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. SPEAKING OF VEGETABLES "Among the vegetables exhibited at the Charlottetown Fair last week was a cabbage of the drum head kind, weighing twenty pounds, raised by Mr. George Weldon, of this town. Several large squashes and pumpkins were also exhibited.

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Fresh Green OTTAWA REPORT The Tariff On Textiles

A lot will be heard this month about our textile industry, its difficulties, its unemployment and its demand for protection by a higher tariff against competition from imported British wool textiles. The Tariff Board has been instructed by the Minister of Finance to examine the circumstances of Tariff Item 554b, which covers chiefly worsteds and serges.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

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NOTES BY THE WAY There are those who come back from a trip with just brag and braggage. -Vancouver News-Herald. More than 230,000 cubic feet of water passes over Niagara Falls every second. And, every year or two, a member of the Hill family. -Chatham Daily News. The most difficult task in the world is to convince a woman that even a bargain costs money. -Galt Reporter. Justice is still a quiet force that moves carefully, that weighs evidence, that does not hurl insults, that does not claim what it cannot prove, that punishes with at least an attempt at precision. -New York Times. Because of a switch left open at a California television station, a furious row among the staff was carried over the air. Perhaps it could be classified as an educational broadcast. -Stratford Beacon-Herald. The husky is to be respected, it has a set of jaws like a bear trap, but it is no more vicious than any other dog. In fact we know of one instance where the only trouble with one particular husky as a pet was the fact that it thought it was a lap dog—and a husky becoming overly affectionate is some thing to contend with. -Sudbury Star. An armor vest was recommended for U. S. civil defense by Army doctors reporting on its success in Korea. There, the 8-lb. nylon vest defeated two-thirds of all body hits by shell fragments or low-velocity bullets. The doctors reason that it should work as well in bombed cities, where most injuries are caused by flying debris. -Time Magazine. Today's vacationing youngsters may think they are living dangerously on water skis, but did they ever try to wind up an old-fashioned portable pinograph in a canoe? -Winnipeg Tribune. Star pitcher of the Cleveland baseball team, now leading the American League, is Bob Lemon. Accordingly, in spite of his name, he's considered anything but a fruit of that variety. -Nanaimo Daily Free Press. If Canadians held to the principle of buying only a house the cost of which is equal to only two years of their salaries, the building industry would slow down. The average Canadian salary is in fact \$3,016. Consequently the man on salary should not buy a house selling at more than \$6,000. But look around you. Is there a new house selling at that in the whole neighborhood. No, the cheapest are sold at double that price. In other words the man on average income who buys a dwelling budgets for a debt for 30 years to come. The housing industry must be expanded and modernized to answer the problem. -Le Droit, Ottawa. Some pretty tough and belligerent persons attend sporting events, if one can judge by the fierce outcries of many spectators. But the impression lingers that most of them would soon show a softer side if dumped into the field to play and forced to mix it with the players. This old quirk of character isn't by any means restricted to our side of the ocean, however. Spaniards, for instance, like the brutal sport of bull fighting. But when five fighting bulls escaped from an overturned truck the other day, people nearby wisely bolted their doors and remained inside. The run of mill Spaniard fights bulls vicariously. -Windsor Star.

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