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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink".

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Fishery Problems Discussed

The problems and possibilities connected with our second greatest industry, that of fisheries, have been highlighted in the reports of the proceedings of the Prince Edward Island Fisheries Development Committee this week. This Committee, which is under the chairmanship of Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell, is making extensive inquiries into all phases of the industry. On Wednesday much light was thrown on the problem involved in the enforcement of lobster fishery regulations by Dr. A. W. H. Needler, who worked in conjunction with local officials and others in preparing his report. At yesterday's meeting Mr. H. Scott Gordon, who is making an economic survey of the whole industry for the Committee, presented his preliminary report. It appears in full in today's issue, and should be studied carefully by all concerned.

Mr. Gordon's figures show that the total landed value of our fisheries has risen greatly over the past ten years. In ground-fish and pelagic varieties, the principal drawback to further expansion appears to be a marketing one. The greater potential source of development, however, lies in offshore fishing and this will necessitate different and more expensive equipment that has yet been used in this Province. As a means of improving quality, he suggests that some form of general grading be established. While the number of canneries in operation in the Province is today only one-half of what it was during the early 1930's, Mr. Gordon is of the opinion that this number is still too large for efficient production.

With regard to offshore fishing, he points out that this industry must be based on the ability of the Island to provide fishery location centres equally good or better than those of the other areas surrounding the Gulf. As to major products, canned fish and fresh lobsters, the question of more direct marketing through a Government sponsored agency, co-operative, or some other method should be thoroughly explored. It is possible also that returns to fishermen from the minor products could be increased by such large scale marketing as might result from pooling of supplies.

At the Committee meetings it was strongly emphasized by the chairman that the recommendations were of a tentative nature. This applied particularly to such proposals as that of a continuous uniform lobster season, starting in the fall and running through to July 10, which was discussed in Dr. Needler's report and by the Committee members generally. No decision will be reached until those vitally interested in the change, in the neighboring Provinces as well as in this Province, will have had a chance to express their views. In the meantime, the proceedings as published will be followed with much general interest, and it is to be hoped will culminate in very substantial benefit to our fishermen, and the Island generally.

Insuring Against Disaster

Prince Edward Island is the only Province in which the Red Cross Society have not set up an active Disaster Services Committee. It is hoped to remedy this omission at a meeting called by the P. E. I. Division at the Red Cross headquarters here this evening. The plan is to form a Red Cross Disaster Services Committee on which there will be representation from the towns and villages throughout the Province. The Committee would co-ordinate provincial, civic, charitable and service club efforts when necessary in order to avoid duplication and also have the benefit of Red Cross experience from a national level.

It is hoped that there will be a large and representative attendance at this important meeting, which is not only for the purpose of organizing the above mentioned committee, but also of investigating the feasibility of using Red Cross administrative machinery to bring assistance to disaster victims.

Lobster Seasons

It will come as a surprise to many to learn from testimony before the committee on fisheries that closed seasons are not regarded as an effective conservation measure by some who have made a study

of the matter. If the view is correct, then the only justification for closed seasons is in the marketing advantages.

There is some evidence, though the matter will have to be fully investigated, that a better quality of lobster is caught in the spring than in late summer, with consequent price advantage to the industry. There is also the point that it is best to have our lobsters arrive on the American market when demand is high, rather than when large quantities are being supplied from more southerly sources.

In any case the whole question deserves thorough investigation, not overlooking the fact that consumers at home cherish the privilege of being able to get lobster through the several open seasons around the coast.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Massacre of St. Bartholomew commenced this date 1572 in Paris and spread through the provinces during the succeeding weeks.

The first baby in the new Prince County Hospital should really be twins, to enjoy the gifts being showered by Summerside merchants and others.

About the worst citizens experienced in Wednesday's rain storm was cellar-flooding. Bad enough in all conscience but it could have been worse, ground-floor flooding, for instance.

In Montreal, August 17 was the coldest August day on record. The temperature was 50 degrees against an average of 75 degrees. The same date last year the maximum was 81 degrees.

The late Prime Minister Asquith's customary admonition to the British House of Commons on being interrogated on coming events was "Wait and see." This is the attitude we must perform adopt with regard to the crises in both Korea and Iran.

The Supermarine Swift, a new British jet propelled fighter, has just completed its first test and will be produced for the R. A. F. Built and designed by Vickers-Armstrongs, the "Swift" is driven by one of the most powerful engines in the world—the Rolls Royce Avon axial turbo jet.

This country's mounting trade deficit is not necessarily a bad thing. So far as it represents growth and investment at a greater rate than can be financed from internal sources, it is actually desirable. More than that, it simplifies the task of exporters who find less currency difficulty in the way of expanding trade.

The Kinsmen National convention in Halifax was literally, as well as practically, a howling success. The delegates and their friends participating were effectively vocal in their appreciation of the addresses and discussions that took place. The honour of being elected vice-president was bestowed upon a Charlottetown representative, Mr. A. Walthen Gaudet.

"In terms of equipment per acre the United Kingdom is the most mechanized farming country in the world," said Mr. George Tomlinson, Britain's Minister of Education, recently, when opening the new Agricultural Gallery at the Science Museum, South Kensington, London. He added that there are 13,000 combine harvesters and 300,000 tractors at present at work in the country.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, British Secretary of State for Air, arrived in Canada yesterday for a week's visit. Mr. Henderson's itinerary includes visits to air force stations here and in other parts of the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. He will also tour aircraft plants in Toronto and Montreal, and will hold brief talks with the cabinet defence committee and the chiefs of staff committee. The British Air Secretary will be accompanied by Air Chief Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst, member of the Air Council, responsible for personnel.

The internal trouble in India's Congress Party is disturbing in view of the strained relations between that country and Pakistan. Mr. Nehru made a genuine contribution to thinking in India, if there is much thinking there, by pointing out that, besides the millions of sacred monkeys and useless cattle that are fed in India, the addition to the human population has been 42 million in the last ten years. Even the most sentimental believer in the theory that every Indian has a right to expect to be fed by people in other countries must realize that this is going beyond reason. The fact is that Mr. Nehru now realizes that most of what he talked before he took office was nonsense. He has now decided to retire, to get himself out of the trouble into which he has got himself.

You Can Count On David



No Free Postage For British M.P.'s

(London Economist)

At the next general election a number of members of Parliament are going to lose their seats principally because of dissatisfaction with the rising cost of living. This will be felt at its bitterest for the average MP has probably suffered more from the rising prices than the average member of the community as a whole. He still gets £1,000 a year he awarded himself in 1946; prices have risen by more than 30 per cent. since then, and his expenses, which he must meet out of his salary, have risen accordingly.

The largest item is secretarial assistance. The size of the MP's staff varies a good deal: broadly speaking, the more active he is in his constituency the more letters he receives, and the more letters he writes, the more he has to write. An average figure would perhaps be fifteen letters a day.

Some members are to be seen in the House every morning laboriously answering them by hand. But this hardly seems the best use of an able or busy man's time, and the majority either have a full-time secretary or share one—one full to two or three members. Some have experienced secretaries who will answer most of the letters on their own initiative, and who keep card indexes of the MP's "cases," so that when he visits the constituency he can take a bunch of cards and show an astounding degree of personal interest on the doorstep.

Secretarial assistance, if he uses it at all, will thus cost the MP anything between £120 and £400 a year. Postage on twenty letters a day will cost £95 and telegrams and telegrams may also be substantial item. Constituents who call at the House must be entertained and rounds of drinks have to be bought in the constituency.

It is true that all these expenses, except entertaining, count for income tax relief. The member gets £100 tax free and as much in addition as he can justify.

With the exception of London members whose homes are in their own constituencies, MP's may claim relief on the cost of running a second home. The cost of running a car qualifies as an expense only within the bounds of the constituency, but MP's have benefited from the initial allowance of 40 per cent on the cost of buying a new car. Many who have bought and sold a car every year or two will be sadly out of pocket when the initial allowances system comes to an end in April.

Though accurate generalization is very difficult, it is probably not far wrong to say that, outside the few who write their own letters, the expenses actually incurred by an MP in the course of his business as a politician can hardly be less than £300 a year. The average—for which the appropriate measurement is the median rather than the arithmetic mean—seems to be nearer £400 a year. The MP is therefore left with £600 to £700 gross—a sum that must obviously be supplemented by other sources of income if the political life is to allow its practitioners anything near the standard of living that most of them could obtain in other occupations.

There are perhaps fifty to a hundred members living on the £1,000 only, but many of these are elderly trade unionists, bachelors without dependent children; some of them are over the retiring age for other occupations, so that they are probably not, on balance, the worst cases of hardship.

A group which is better off is the small number of union members who are paid an income by their unions. At the opposite end of the economic scale, there are those who are earning very substantial incomes and find it an asset to be an MP. Most of them are lawyers, successful journalists, and company directors—three occupations which can be combined better than most with parliamentary

Old Charlottetown

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—Royal Gazette, Aug. 24, 1830.

The Poet's Corner

A THUNDERSTORM

A moment the wild swallows like a flight of withered gust-caught leaves, serenely high, Toss in the wind-rack up the muttering sky. The leaves hang still. Above the weird twilight, The hurrying centres of the storm unite And spreading with huge trunk and rolling fringe, Each wheeled upon its own tremendous hinge Tower darkening on. And now from heaven's height, With the long roar of elm-trees swept and swayed, And pelted waters, on the van-hid plain Plunges the blast. Behind the wild white flash That splits abroad the pealing thunder-crash, Over bleared fields and gardens disarrayed Column on column comes the drenching rain.

—Archibald Lampman (1861-1899)

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We cannot say that it comes as too great a shock to learn that Harvard College students prefer "cheese-cake" literature for spare-time reading. The disclosure was made by the under-graduate newspaper, the Crimson, which listed next in order of reading preference: racing journals, weekly news magazines, sports publications, crossword puzzle books, western and detective stories. Intellectual quarterlies, poetry magazines and science journals were far down on the list. You can say what you want to—for sustained, year in, year out interest, there is nothing like a dame!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Associated Press reports that judges in Guatemala have gone on strike. Both the judges and the court attendants are dissatisfied with their salaries, which is not an uncommon complaint. Because there are no courts sitting, there has arisen doubt as to whether the police can arrest anyone. Presumably the one arrested could demand an immediate hearing, which would be impossible, since there would be no judge to hold the hearing. That circumstance is in itself interesting enough, but more interesting still would be the situation if someone should raise the question as to whether it is legal for judges to strike.—Wall Street Journal

Not all the news from England emanates from the precincts of government and the pow-rows on world affairs. How fortunate that this is so. One who can dispense with excitement and takes his pleasure mildly finds much to please in the odd tid-bits of news that the cables wall across the Atlantic. There was that championship dog show in Devonshire where 50,000 pounds worth of pedigreed dogs were protected from thieves by a watchdog—a mongrel. Let each find his own moral in this little tale. It isn't necessary to be a so-called blue blood in order to be sturdy and fine and dependable. — Sydney Post-Record.

The Age-Old Story

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

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