

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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OUR OYSTER INDUSTRY.

In a previous issue of THE EXAMINER the importance of the oyster industry in Queen's County was pointed out and the value of the exports shown. The intimation was then made that it was our intention later on to give some information regarding the industry in Prince County. This information, which has been obtained from sources that may be relied upon, we have much pleasure in placing before our readers today.

During this fall, up to and including the first week of the present month, the shipments of oysters by the Northumberland from Summerside totted 16,303 barrels, 1,927 barrels of which were sent to the Maritime Provinces and 14,376 barrels to the Upper Provinces. Deducting from these 1,850 barrels, the quantity estimated to have been sent by rail from Charlottetown for shipment to the other provinces, there is left 14,453 barrels which must be credited to Prince County shippers. Add to these 1780 barrels shipped from Summerside by the Quebec steamer Campana, and we have a total of 16,233 barrels representing the output of the western traders. Averaging these oysters at \$4 a barrel the total value of the exports would amount to the snug sum of \$64,932.

The quantity shipped from Summerside this season was considerably less than it was in previous years, the continued windy weather interfering with the operations of the fishermen and preventing their getting to the beds. Last fall, on one trip of the Campana alone, 1116 barrels were taken, and altogether the steamer took more than twice the quantity she received this season. What are shipped however are of the best quality, and greater care is taken in packing.

Our Province is fortunate in possessing an oyster that is unexcelled for quality in America. Formerly the Bedeque oysters were awarded the palm, but for some cause or other the beds have become depleted and there is no public fishing at all in Bedeque Bay although private enterprise is trying to cultivate the bivalves on leased beds.

The most celebrated oyster, now, is the Malpeque, taken in Richmond or Malpeque Bay. It is estimated that between 11,000 and 12,000 barrels have been shipped from that bay this fall. The largest shipper is Mr Gilbert Desroches, of Miscouche. Between the opening of the season and the first week in December he shipped about 4200 barrels for which he paid to the fishermen about \$14,000 besides what was expended for barreling, hauling, assorting, etc. The freight alone on his shipments amounted to about \$2,500. Among the other shippers are H C Mills and the Messrs Sharp, of Summerside, H Montgomery and Reid, of St Eleanors, and H V Desroches, of Miscouche. Shipments were also made from Kingston, Barbara Weit and New Annan.

The Malpeque oysters are of different classes, according to flavor and form of shell. The "cup" oyster commands the highest price in the market.

It is a round, plump oyster and will keep much longer than other varieties, generally being as good in April as when fished in November. They are fished on the rocks around certain islands and Bird Island. They are marked "firsts" and "seconds," according to quality, and ranged in price, out of the boats, from \$1.50 to \$5.50 per barrel.

Next to these come the cove oyster, which is preferred by some as it is very fat. It is found in Shemody Creek and in the cove inside the Bay, and the Grand River oyster resembles it very closely. The price of these ranges from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel.

It is the "big bed" in Shemody Creek that has been leased to the son of Geo. Enman and he has about five acres staked off.

According to our information, Mr. Enman tried to secure a lease from the Liberal-Conservative Government but failed. He succeeded, however, in getting one from the present Minister of Marine and Fisheries. It is stated that Mr. Kemp represented that the bed was depleted. However this may be, it is well known that the bed had been fished profitably for twenty years and that oysters were just as plentiful on it when it was leased as at any time. In view of all the circumstances it is not surprising that the action taken by the powers that be in this matter is denounced by good men, irrespective of party. The leasing of this bed is, all things considered, an injustice the like of which was never before perpetrated in that section of the province. To satisfy the public the Minister of

Marine and Fisheries had an investigation held by the Fisheries Inspector. Two fishermen went with the Inspector on a very unfavorable day, and it is said they did better fishing than they could have done on any other bed in the Bay. But when the report of the investigation was asked for in Parliament the reply was that "none had been sent." The Inspector, however, says he forwarded the report. Nobody knows what it was; but everybody knows what it should have been.

So this fine property is handed over to a private individual. He can use his drags and take all the small oysters and call them his, and no one dare object. The bed is calculated by competent judges to yield several hundred dollars a year. The Government refuses to cancel a lease granted under such circumstances, and at the same time they will grant no others, saying it is not in their power according to a decision of the Privy Council.

The oyster industry which furnishes employment to so many persons is deserving of every encouragement and protection. Whilst other fishermen receive a bounty the oyster fisherman must pay a tax of one dollar every season. This goes to pay officials who live miles away from the Bay, whilst the beds are continually disturbed during the close season by poachers and their destructive drag openly violates the law in the fall. To prevent this at once would be more satisfactory than to let them drag away and then impose a nominal fine at the close of the season, which is, perhaps, remitted for political reasons.

A great many would prefer to have no spring fishing, in fact would stick to the old tradition of not eating oysters in any month in which the letter "R" does not occur. This would exclude May—and spring fishing.

Our figures show the value of the oyster export from Prince County to be \$64,932. Add to this amount the \$20,000 estimated as the value of the product of the waters of Queen's County and we have a total of \$84,932. This in itself is a big sum. But if the conditions had been more favorable in the western section of the province the aggregate would in all probability be upwards of \$100,000.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICATIONS.

SELF CULTURE.

The Christmas number of this ably edited and useful publication is unusually interesting and instructive. The Seamy Side of the Empire by Goldwin Smith reminds British readers that British soldiers are not all human and that while there is much to be proud of in their exploits there are also some actions to be ashamed of. In "the Natives New Departure," H. E. Bell regards with anxiety the movement towards expansion the desire for conquest and the lust for blood, and says: "As citizens of a republic it becomes us to be specially watchful in this regard, for it has been well said, 'theoretically the most perfect of all forms of human government, a republic requires, beyond any other, the presence of certain conditions—intelligence and virtue of the people—to preserve it from being practically the worst.' There is also an word in season to the 'Stay at Home Voter' which is well worthy of consideration—besides other articles dealing with problems of the living presents.

SCRIBNER'S.

This is a highly artistic and beautiful number of one of our most readable monthlies. The most notable article for December is entitled "John Ruskin as an artist, and deals with the theories" teachings and limitations, as well as the actual art work of England's great art author. But the article which will be most carefully read in this part of the world is by Joseph Chamberlain—our Joseph—and is entitled "Recent developments of policy in the United States and their relations to an Anglo-American Alliance." The "Fall of Manila," by Captain Bentley Mott, is also an interesting story; and number as a whole has many attractions for the impartial reader of good things.

GRIPSACK.

A holiday school number of Gripsack has been issued. Its illustrations of New Brunswick scenery and New Brunswick schools are capital and the letter press varied and interesting. The Gripsack is edited by Mr. Knowles and published in St. John at the rate of \$1 per year.

MISSOURI JUSTICE.—A man in Missouri was fined \$20 for beating his mule, and the next day was fined \$2 for nearly killing his wife.

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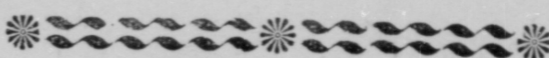
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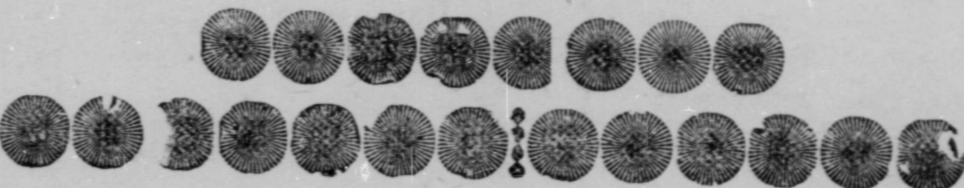
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