Fish Landings Show Decline

HALIFAX, N.S. — Fish landings in the Maritime Provinces during the month of November were officially recorded at 31.3 million lbs., valued at approximately $1.4 million, the Department of Fisheries and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced today. This compares with landings of 50.2 million lbs. valued at $2.0 million in October, and represents a decline of 26.9 million lbs. and $0.6 million.

The decline in returns from the fisheries in November was especially seasonal in nature reflecting less intensive fishing due to the growing inclemency of the weather and the relative scarcity of a number of species. The seasonal trend was fairly general, with the most outstanding decreases occurring in the landings of groundfish and herring. These species registered respective decrease of 9.6 and 11.1 million lbs., thereby accounting for over 90% of the total monthly decline.

Fishing during the month was largely confined to Nova Scotia. The combined landings of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island fishermen amounted to less than 8 million lbs.

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable

	NORTH	
	♠ 7 6 5 3	
	♥ 7 6 5 2	
	♦ A K 8	
	♣ J 4	
	♠ Q 10 7	
WEST		EAST
♠ A K J		♠ —
♥ J 10 9 4		♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ 4		♦ Q 10 9 5 3
♣ 8 6 5 4 2		♣ K J 9 3
	SOUTH	
	♠ Q 10 9 8 4	
	♥ 7 3	
	♦ A K 7 5 2	
	♣ A	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead—jack of hearts.

A reader calls our attention to this hand which contains an instructive, though unusual, point. The bidding followed standard lines. North, having passed originally, had ample values to jump to three spades, and South, of course, went on to four.

West opened the jack of hearts, taken in dummy, and a trump was led. East showed out and West won the trick with the jack. West then cased the A - K of spades and returned the ten of hearts.

Declarer won, cashed the A-K of diamonds, and learned of the bad diamond break. He had only two trumps left in dummy to ruff three diamond losers. There was no way to avoid the loss of a diamond trick and declarer ended going down one.

It was certainly unlucky to find both the diamonds and the trumps stacked against him, but South could have made the contract had he played more carefully.

If we go back to the opening lead and examine the resources in the North and South hands, it will be noticed that declarer can lose at most three trump tricks. This assessment is made on the basis that South can ruff his three low diamonds in dummy.

Nothing can possibly prevent the diamonds from being ruffed successfully unless the door is opened to having three of dummy's trumps removed. Hence trumps should not be led by declarer.

No division of the opponents' cards can be arranged which will prevent fulfillment of the contract if South proceeds without disturbing the trump setup.

Declarer, having won the heart lead, should cash his ace and king of diamonds. If either of these is ruffed, the defender who trumps cannot do better than cash his other two trumps, granting that he started with all three spades.

In the same way, regardless of how the defenders' cards are distributed, no subsequent ruff or overruff by either opponent can interfere with declarer's steady march toward ten tricks.

Only if trumps are tackled prematurely is the contract placed in danger.

RADIO

CFCY THURSDAY

6.58—Sign on
7.00—Hebrew Christian Hour
7.15—Musical Moments
7.30—News
7.35—Weather
7.40—Checkerboard Chatter
7.55—Interlude
8.00—News
8.10—Weather
8.16—Old Time Music
8.45—Weather
8.50—News
9.00—Morning Devotions
9.10—Morning Moods
9.30—Top Tune Time
9.45—Freddy Martin Show
10.00—News
10.05—Magazine of the Air
10.30—Melody Parade
10.45—Swift Money Man
11.00—News
11.02—Co-Op Program
11.28—The Magic of Music
12.00—Weather.
12.45—Dinner Serenade
1.00—Fifty A Day
1.10—Lawrence Welk Xmas Program
1.40—News Headlines and Weather
1.42—Musical Interlude
1.45—Our Gal Sunday
2.00—TBA
2.15—Buddy Clark Sings
2.30—Back to the Bible
3.00—News Headlines and Weather
3.02—The Curel Sea
3.30—Matinee Melodies
4.00—News and Weather
4.05—Best on Request
5.00—News Headlines and Weather
5.05—The Outports
6.00—News
6.10—Interlude
6.15—The Outports
7.00—Music For You
7.15—Today's Hits
7.30—News and Weather
7.35—Sammy Kaye Show
8.00—Chas. Dickens Christmas Carol
9.00—Assignment
10.00—News and Weather
10.15—Sons of the Pioneers
10.30—The Songs We Sing.
11.00—Court of Opinion
11.30—Let's Hear it Again
12.00—Dominion News
12.10—Sign Off

Television Programme Schedule

CFCY TV

CHANNEL 13

THURSDAY

1.30 p.m.—Afternoon Musicale
2.00 p.m.—Tales of Hoffman
4.00 p.m.—Open House
4.30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
5.00 p.m.—Maggie Muggins
5.15 p.m.—Children's Newsreel
5.30 p.m.—The Lone Ranger
6.00 p.m.—Long John Silver
6.30 p.m.—Headlines On Parade
6.45 p.m.—CFCY TV News
6.55 p.m.—Today in Sports
7.00 p.m.—Gazette
7.05 p.m.—Gazette
7.30 p.m.—Sports Weekly with Loman McAulay
8.00 p.m.—I Search for Adventure
8.30 p.m.—Don Messer and His Islanders
9.00 p.m.—C. McGraw
9.30 p.m.—Climax
10.30 p.m.—Music Makers of '58
11.00 p.m.—Folio "The Nativity"
12.00 p.m.—CBC TV News
12.10 a.m.—Sign Off.

CKCW — Moncton
Channel 2

THURSDAY

1.00 p.m.—Thursday Playbill News, Weather Sports
1.10 p.m.—The Emperor's Nightingale
2.30 p.m.—The Wicked Lady
4.00 p.m.—Open House
4.30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
5.00 p.m.—Maggie Muggins
5.15 p.m.—Children's International News
5.30 p.m.—The Lone Ranger
6.00 p.m.—Annie Oakley
6.30 p.m.—Early Evening TV News
6.45 p.m.—Weather
6.50 p.m.—Spotlight on Sports
7.00 p.m.—I Search for Adventure
7.30 p.m.—Waterfront
8.00 p.m.—San Francisco Beat
8.30 p.m.—Don Messer
9.00 p.m.—Meet McGraw
9.30 p.m.—Climax
10.30 p.m.—Music Makers
11.00 p.m.—Folio "The Nativity"
12.00 p.m.—CBC TV News
12.10 a.m.—CKCW TV News & Weather
12.15 p.m.—Rhapsode with the Readers
1.15 a.m.—Sign Off

Treacherous Ripple Rock Will Be Blasted Again

By AL MARKLE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. (CP) — A $3,000,000 engineering project will be blasted skyward next spring in an all-out effort to eliminate one of Canada's worst marine hazards.

It is hoped the explosion will signal the end of Ripple Rock, a treacherous, twin-peaked submarine menace in Seymour Narrows, 10 miles north of this Vancouver Island town, which has claimed 114 lives in marine disasters.

The project was undertaken by the federal government early in 1956 in a "cost be damned" attempt to rid the British Columbia coast of a hazard that has destroyed or heavily damaged at least 16 ships since 1875.

TERRIFIC BLAST

The explosion, expected to be one of the strongest non-nuclear blasts ever touched off in North America, will destroy an intricate network of tunnels built in the last two years to get at the rock. Since 1943 two attempts to destroy the rock have proved unsuccessful and finally the federal government decided that underground tunnelling was the best way to tackle the job.

Ripple Rock is in the southern entrance of the narrows, a body of water two miles long and about a half-mile wide, with Vancouver Island to the west and Quadra and Maud islands to the east. The rock's south peak is within 10 feet of the surface at low tide, the north peak within 20 feet.

The protected channel provided by the narrows cuts hundreds of miles off the open-sea distance between northern and southern Pacific coast ports.

But to use it at any other time than the two daily slack-water periods—perhaps a total of 80 minutes — means that skippers have to judge and compensate for tides that swirl through the channel as fast as 17 miles a hour.

TUNNELLED AT "GIB"

Col. Cyrus B. North of Vancouver, best known for his Second World War work at Gibraltar, is in charge of the project. Col. North was commanding officer of the 2nd Canadian Tunnelling Company (RCE) in 1941 and 1942 and his job was to extend and expand Gibraltar fortifications and galleries to two or three times their previous limits. His superintendent at Ripple Rock is Jack Buchanan. Between them they supervise about 70 miles through three shifts daily, working for the northern construction company and J. W. Stewart Limited of Vancouver, the contractors. Boyles Brothers Limited, Vancouver, is doing the diamond drilling.

Tunnelling started when a 500-foot shaft was dropped straight down from the top of Maud Island.

At the bottom of the shaft a tunnel was blasted towards the west and at 1,900 feet was split, with one arm heading for the north pinnacle and one for the south. Raises were started under the highest points of the peaks and carried up more than 300 feet to sub-levels, running east and west. Smaller tunnels have been pushed upwards at various angles and will be used to house the 750 tons of special explosive used in the blast.

Blasting out of the drifts and entries will continue until six weeks before the actual blast, scheduled for early April.

LONG PREPARATION

The blast will take six weeks to prepare. The special explosive, packed in more than 30,000 canisters, will be placed underground at the rate of 50 tons a day. Special detonating devices, one for every 1,000 canisters, and about 2,000 tons of sandbags, will go underground at the same rate.

The single explosion will probably be heard in Vancouver, 85 miles south.

Seismographs will be set up as far east as Calgary as part of Canada's contribution to the International Geophysical Year. Scientists hope the blast will prove or disprove the theory that mountains are like icebergs, with two-thirds of their bulk hidden away beneath the surface of the earth.

Authorities estimate that the blast produced by the 750 tons of explosive will break closed windows 25 miles away. It is hoped that 65,000 tons of rock will be blown from the two peaks, lowering them 30-40 feet.

Thousands of fish will be killed by the shock wave and wild life for miles around will be stampeded.

The blast will be fired from a bunker on Quadra Island, about 2,500 feet from the north peak of the rock.

Attempts to blast Ripple Rock from the top have been defeated by the heavy tides. The attempts involved the construction of a platform, moored by cables over the rock and the detonation of explosives. They cost $1,000,000.

Property Taxes In St. John's To Be Boosted

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Mayor H. G. R. Mews announced Thursday that property taxes will be increased in 1958 for the first time in 10 years, by two per cent.

After Jan. 1 owners will pay 20 per cent on the assessed value of their property. Persons owning property but lacking essential services will pay a lower rate.

The mayor said the new rate was adopted to pay for expanding services. City council borrowed $3,000,000 for capital works in 1956 and the program was continued through this year.

Mr. Mews said the program will extend into 1958 until funds are exhausted. Meanwhile, an additional $200,000 is needed to meet the interest and sinking fund charges on the loan.

Ten years ago the property tax was increased to 18 from 16 per cent. And, the mayor said, extensive works were undertaken with the additional revenues. Council is having trouble providing for future works because "costs have risen out of all proportions."

Dismiss Charge Against Banks

MONTREAL (CP)— A charge of defamatory libel against Hal C. Banks, international vice-president of the Seafarers' International Union, was dismissed Thursday.

Judge Gerald M. Lamond ruled Banks was not responsible for an article that Harry Mockeridge charged was libellous. The article, entitled Management's Living Cancer, was published in The Canadian Sailor, official organ of the union.

A charge of libel has also been laid against Bruce Taylor, editor of the paper who is awaiting trial.

A third accused, Leonard McLaughlin, has been freed of a similar accusation.

In October Banks was liberated of a similar charge by Judge Rene Theberge at preliminary hearing. Complainant in that case was Jacques A. Savard, 39, of Montreal, who said he was libelled in the July 2 edition of The Canadian Sailor.

Move Bodies Of Crash Victims

QUEBEC (CP)—Work started Thursday to remove remains of the 79 victims of Canada's worst air disaster at nearby Issoudun for shipment to Toronto and burial at Prospect Cemetery.

Frozen ground at the temporary burial spot near the site of the Aug. 11 crash of a Maritime Central Airways DC-4, homeward bound from Britain, made the task difficult. The remains likely will be sent to Toronto Monday.

Most of the victims were from the Toronto-Hamilton area.

OLD ROUTE

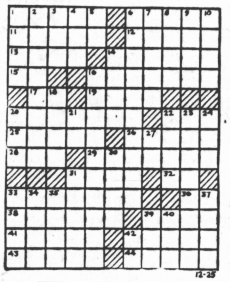
The Pigeon River on the northwest shore of Lake Superior was known in 1722 as an entry to the west.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Courageous
6. Fellows
11. Ran's habitat (Teut. myth.)
12. Greeting
13. Newspaper paragraph
14. A song
15. Music note
16. Small pieces of meat
17. Exist
19. Food leavings
20. Strained
22. Sum up
25. Intended
26. More precious
28. Lever
29. Abounding in hares
31. By oneself
32. Music note
33. Intricate
36. Drama (Jap.)
38. Benefits
39. Kidney-shaped seed
41. Cavalry's weapon
42. Like mint
43. Scoff
44. Forefinger

DOWN
1. Pail handle
2. Lawyer's fee
3. Mature
4. Vitality
5. Elizabeth Regina
6. Incessant talker
7. Corridors
8. River (Ger.)
9. Piece of land
10. Covers with turf
14. Prickly envelopes of fruit
16. A director
18. Remain
20. Mischievous one
21. Half an em
22. Dry
23. Cause to explode
24. Not wet
27. Jewish month
30. Malt beverages
31. Aromatic seasoning
33. Young of a cow
34. Elliptical
35. Hair on horse's neck
37. Cameo material
38. Storage crib
40. Conclude
42. Music note

Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to use it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

R P H Y, D Y T C Q Y M Z A K T D! Y C E Y A Y - J Q H K Q U T Y M M! R P H Y — C E P H M P T.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THIS IS THE HAPPIEST OF MORTALS, FOR HE IS ABOVE EVERYTHING HE POSSESSES—VOLTAIRE.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

MICKEY MOUSE

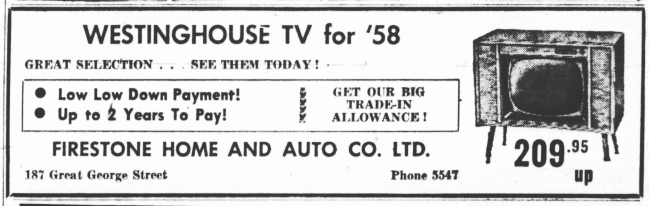
GRANDMA

TILLY THE TOILER

MUGGS & SKEETER

HENRY

ETTA KETT



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