Island Lobster Catch Is 'Fairly Good' To 'Poor'

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Lobster catches are ranging from fairly good to disappointingly poor along the Island's coastline, a quick check with various points revealed Saturday.

Joseph Gaudin, manager of the co-operative at North Rustico, said "the lobsters are scarce and are getting scarcer all the time. Unless conditions improve, we won't get any more than 65 to 70 per cent of last year's catch in the Maritime area". Mr. Gaudin based his statement on information he received on a visit to New Brunswick several days ago.

One large packer on the New Brunswick coast said boats were averaging less than 200 pounds per day and some fisherman were landing much less than that.

The odd boat at North Rustico is getting good catches but there are poor on the average, he said. The top boat has landed about 12,000 pounds to date, but the average would be around 3,000 and in a normal year the average would be close to 6,000, he said.

There were only 5,000 pounds landed from 30 boats Friday or an average of about 160 per boat.

The fishing on the south side appeared to be better, with William MacKenzie at Pinette reporting fairly good catches of about one pound per trap, or slightly better, in the area fished by the lobster men along the coast from Wood Islands to Elton.

Better fishing is expected early in June when the catches normally are at their best. The lobsters there run to about 65 per cent market size, he said.

"FAIR" AT MORELL

Catches in the Morell area "are just fair", it was learned, with fishermen reporting about one-half pound per trap, though they are still optimistic and expect the catch to be good when the water warms up later.

Fishing along the south shore was reported "fairly good" by a man from the Canoe Cove area, although there were no detailed statistics.

Fishing in the West Prince area was reported "not so good" from Alberton fishermen, who say there are too many traps fishing. One man said "you could walk on the buoys" in the area between Alberton and Tignish, although better catches were reported to the South where fishing is not so heavy.

But one report indicated a three-man boat has been taking up to 1,000 pounds per day from 600 traps which would run slightly better than the pound-per-trap average.

ON EAST COAST

The fishing along the Eastern coast of the Island was reported at less than one pound per trap.

The price of 35 cents for canners and 40 for market lobsters appears to be general

BURTON

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arsenault and family of Bloomfield have moved to their summer home at White's Cove in Burton.

Mr. Earrel Howard, Cape Wolfe, has returned to his home from the Prince County Hospital where he underwent surgery.

HOWLAN

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault, Mrs. Lyman Arsenault and son Wayne motored to Tignish on Monday.

Ivan and Lorne Arsenault spent the weekend at their home in Howlan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gallant and daughters and S. Gallant of Charlottetown, spent the holiday weekend in Howlan, Woodstock and O'Leary.

Maurice Arsenault is a patient in the Community Hospital.

ARRIVES IN BONN

BONN (Reuters)—A 10-member Canadian iron ore mission headed by Denis Harvey of the department of trade and commerce arrived here Saturday for a three-day visit to west Germany. The delegation which came from Holland, intends to study German ore markets and see iron ore industrialists in Duesseldorf today.

BRIGHT ON MOON

Earthlight on the moon—sunlight reflected from earth — is about 40 times brighter than moonlight on earth.

WELLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cameron, two daughters and two sons of Wellington Centre recently returned from a pleasant visit with daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Praught of Toronto. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron in Hamilton, Ont.

Mr Gerald Gallant, Moncton, recently visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Cyrill Gallant.

Wellington United Church Messengers met at the school on Saturday afternoon for their May meeting.

Miss Kaye Perry recently left for an indefinite time for Toronto, Ont., to visit friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray White, Charlottetown visited Mr. and Mrs. Anthony White also Mr. and Mrs. Sylvere Perry on Sunday.

Mr.and Mrs. Ed Sellker and family were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvere Perry on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacCausland visited in Charlottetown on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer MacCausland and family.

NOTED FIGURE

Helen Keller, the American teacher and writer, became blind and deaf two years after her birth in 1880 at Tuscumbia, Alabama.

Leon Balcer Will Speak In Prince Co.

SUMMERSIDE — Hon. Leon Balcer, QC, Progressive Conservative candidate for Trois Rivieres, Quebec, and federal minister of transport in the present Conservative government, will be visiting Prince County on Wednesday, May 30, to address political meetings in Abrams Village during the afternoon, and at Tignish in the evening.

The announcement of Mr. Balcer's visit was made Saturday by Progressive Conservative headquarters in Summerside, who said that Mr. Balcer will be addressing both meetings in French and English.

Mr. Balcer will be speaking at the auditorium in the Evangeline rural regional high school in Abrams village at 4:00 p.m., and in the Tignish Legion hall at 8:30, advanced times.

Dr. Orville H. Phillips, Progressive Conservative candidate for Prince County, will also address the meetings.

Mr. Balcer was first elected to House of Commons in 1949, re-elected in 1953, 1957, and 1958.

He was appointed solicitor general for Canada in 1957, and minister of transport in 1960.

He is a past president of the Young Progressive Conservative Association for Canada, and also a past president of the Conservative Association.

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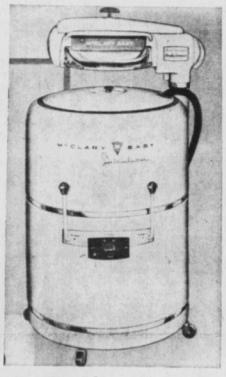

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