

Tough Nfld. Moonshiners Famous For Sheer Nerve

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—A look through old newspaper files here has brought a reminder that in the early 1900s, when Newfoundland had prohibition, it had a breed of bootleggers and moonshiners who yielded to no one in their sheer nerve and indifference to the law.

One of the most famous episodes was the capture of the Flat Island moonshiners in 1919 by a British warship, a squad of Royal Marines with local constables, and a St. John's newspaper reporter.

It had been known for some time that the residents of Flat Island, about 200, were brewing intoxicants and distributing them promiscuously.

Two law enforcement officers went to Flat Island but could find no evidence of moonshining. They went on to Coward Island, where they searched without success.

Returning to Flat Island, the constables returned to the home base where they dispatched a report to Police Inspector C. H. Hutchins in St. John's.

READY FOR FIGHT
Inspector Hutchins sent 10 additional men who joined the other two, proceeding to Flat Island. Arriving at the dock, they found 200 armed men well-

ROLLO BAY
Mrs. Frank Wood has returned to her home after undergoing surgery at the Souris Hospital. Mrs. Edwin Peters was a recent business visitor to Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gallant, Hope River, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joey Deveau.

Mrs. Jerome Chaisson and children Michael and Cathy have returned from a visit with relatives at Rustico.

Master Allan O'Keefe, Bear River, is a patient in the Souris Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. MacDonald, North Lake, were recent visitors to Rollo Bay.

Miss Elizabeth Chaisson, nurse-in-training at the Charlottetown Hospital, spent the week end at her home in Rollo Bay.

Gilbert Gaudet was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Peters, Rollo Bay.

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ing behind rocks and barricades. The invaders were told to leave to, or be blown out of the water.

A short distance away, the women and children of the island watched tensely.

Fearing a miniature war, the officers beat a retreat.

Then the British warship Cornwall arrived in St. John's.

Inspector Hutchins made the necessary arrangements and next day the naval craft, with marines, policemen and the reporter, started for Flat Island. They began making arrests on their arrival, but by this time many of the island's male population had taken off for the remote Labrador fishery.

Normally the 700-ton Algonia is engaged in sealing during the winter and general freighting in summer. Mr. Grievé says the experiment was "very satisfying" and will be repeated this year.

SOME FAILED
Capt. Herbert Setlor and the 17-man crew of the Caroline Rose out of Port Elizabeth in Pilectia Bay returned with a full load of 3,500 quintals. The men used three cod traps.

But for the 11-man crew of the J. W. Wiscombe from the Burn Peninsula fishing wharf

ated six cod traps from the sealing vessel Algonia loaded the ship with 7,000 quintals of cod in about eight weeks. A quintal is about 112 pounds.

Some veteran fishermen here said the Algonia's catch was the largest ever taken by a single ship off Labrador.

Capt. Clarence Rogers of Catilina on Newfoundland's Trinity Bay said most of the fish were caught in one place—Tab's Harbor on the south side of Labrador's Grosswater Bay.

The Labrador venture was an experiment involving a bigger boat and a larger crew than usual," says J. C. Grievé, director of Bowering Brothers Limited of St. John's, Nfld., Algonia's owner.

Before the Second World War the Labrador fishery drew thousands of Newfoundland fishermen. In the early days fishermen worked from shore stations anchored in the numerous inlets along the Labrador coast

MURRAY RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph MacPherson and daughter Carolyn have taken up residence in their new home in Murray River.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacKay good. The little vessel brought back only 550 quintals, about half its capacity.

Capt. Albert Joyce blamed the poor catch on bad weather and ice-clogged water which hampered the vessel's movements during the first three weeks of the season in June.

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winners of the weekly croquet party held in Murray River School were ladies first, Mr. Reuben Moore, second Mrs. William Moore, gent's first Earl MacLean, High Bank, second, Rolie MacDonald, Hopetield, with the door prize going to Miss Mary L. Martin, Murray River.

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7 BAN BANANA LEAVES

DOMINICA (Reuters) — The government of Dominica in the Windward Islands has banned the wearing of dried banana leaves or other inflammable material during the Mardi Gras Carnival because of a fatal fire during Mardi Gras last year. It was learned Friday.

Biologists from 30 to 60 countries are expected to participate in the International Biological Program, expected to start in 1965 for five or seven years.

Record Cod Catch Taken By Sealer

By JAMES H. HUSSY
Canadian Press Correspondent

BURIN, Nfld. (CP)—Eight hundred Newfoundland fishermen who spent four or five months hunting for cod off the

Labrador coast last year are divided in their feelings about the venture.

For some it was a bonanza, for others almost a bust.

The 34 fishermen who oper-

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