

Japanese Seed Oysters Spark B.C. Development

VANCOUVER (CP)—The growing appetite of British Columbians for the queen of sea foods—the oyster—has shot the experiments of a few years ago into a \$316,000-a-year industry for a small section of Canada's west coast.

More and more, the calls in B.C. restaurants for "half a dozen fried" or "half a dozen raw" have stimulated oyster farmers to overcome an inherent barrier to supply the demands.

Oysters do not propagate naturally in the tidal waters of B.C., which seldom reach temperatures in the 70s, required for oysters to release their spawn. Thus, the 20,000 "shuckers"—oyster farmers—must import the seed for restocking.

All the seed comes here from Japan. This spring 2,000 cases—a record quantity—arrived for seeding which takes place during April. Of the 84,814 gallons of oysters

harvested from the lower mainland and Vancouver island beds last year, most were marketed locally in a fresh or fresh-frozen state. Some are canned for stew and a small percentage smoked and packed flat for the hors d'oeuvre market.

BIGGEST PLANT

John Christopherson, manager of the biggest oyster packing plant in the province, estimates a return of 25 to 30 gallons from each of the 775 cases he is seeding this year. It takes 2½ to 3½ years for the seed, planted in the mud at the water's edge at low tide, to become a mature oyster.

The bulk of the industry is concentrated in the Boundary bay area on the mainland, 24 miles south of Vancouver, and on the east coast of Vancouver island from the southern tip 80 miles north to Comox.

The industry increases in volume as the water gets warmer. Meanwhile, another experiment in oyster growing is being watched with keen interest. Up to two years ago, scientists regarded the south coast waters of B.C. as having the minimum temperature for successful cultivation of oysters; that development could not occur satisfactorily in water under 50 degrees.

This theory is being challenged by a group in Prince Rupert, 480 miles north of here, where the water rarely rises to 45 degrees. Several thousand seeds have been planted there during the last two years and some growth has been noted. Maturity is expected in about five years.

LEGISLATE FOR ABORTIONS

VIENNA (AP)—Poland's Communist Parliament Saturday approved a law permitting abortion in exceptional cases, Radio Warsaw said. The measure was said to have been adopted against the votes of the Roman Catholic members of the House. The law approves abortion in cases where one of the parents suffers from incurable diseases.

See Guided Missiles With H-Bomb Heads

HONOLULU (AP)—Are U.S. atomic weapon designers nearing development of ultra-powerful anti-aircraft guided missiles fitted with hydrogen bomb warheads? Seemingly casual and unrelated comments in different government quarters have posed the question—given new point by the approaching nuclear tests at the central Pacific proving grounds.

President Eisenhower, in a recent press conference discussion of guided missiles and H-bombs, commented that there was a paradox in urging all-out effort in guided missile development while at the same time stopping all research on the hydrogen bomb. Then he referred to the need for going ahead, not to produce bigger bangs or cause destruction but to "make it useful in defense purposes, of shooting against a fleet of airplanes that are coming over."

Before newspaper men left Washington to witness one of the coming nuclear tests at Bikini they were told by one official that the new series would include tests with "a substantial slant toward defensive purposes." At another point there was reference to the series including both little and fairly large explosions.

This, however, did not necessarily mean that reporters would be permitted to see more than the scheduled single explosion of a multi-million-ton energy bomb dropped from a plane, as such a weapon would be used in strategic attack.

Nor does it assure that the designers will have ready an anti-aircraft device for testing in this series. AEC officials have indicated there will be future test series.

The AEC and air force, however, have been exploring the techniques of using nuclear weapons for anti-aircraft purposes. These studies, which were made last year at the Nevada proving ground, involved only "little" nuclear fission bombs.

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Japanese Boost 1955 Exports To Canada To Reduce Surplus

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's high surplus in Japanese trade was Japan's ambition to whittle it still further.

The problem, of course, is that Japan is short of raw materials which she must import from Canada and other countries for her manufacturing industries.

And she has to be cautious about exports because large shipments could bring protests from manufacturers in Canada and other countries.

J. L. Mutter, Canadian commercial councillor, and W. G. Pybus, commercial secretary at Tokyo, write:

"Japanese government and industry are increasingly concerned about the problem of relating production to export demand. A good example of this is the textile industry. The sales resistance which Japanese textiles are meeting in Canada, the U.S. and other areas has led to serious efforts to curtail production and at the same time to increase efficiency."

Canadian exports, mainly of wheat, other grains, iron ore and drugs, declined by \$5,600,000 in 1954. On the other hand, imports—ranging from bauxite for aluminum plants to mandarin oranges and toys—almost doubled to \$36,700,000 from \$19,200,000.

This placed Japan in a more favorable position, reducing Canada's surplus in Japanese trade to \$10,000,000.

The experiments involved dropping a bomb from a high-flying plane to produce a high-altitude burst like that which would occur in anti-aircraft fire.

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES B. TOMPSON

The death occurred in Prince County Hospital on March 15th, of James B. Tompson. Although he had been in failing health for five weeks previous to entering the hospital, his death came unexpected to his wife, brothers, and sisters, relatives and friends.

The late Mr. Tompson was born and spent almost his entire life in Darnley. He sold his farm seven years ago and he and his wife moved to Kensington. Possessing a pleasant disposition, every one who visited is home received a warm welcome.

During his illness at home he was tenderly cared for by his wife and was visited by his Pastor, Rev. J. Callaghan of Indian River, and received the last rights of the Catholic Church, of which he was a faithful member.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, the former Margaret Curley of Freetown, two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Gallant, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Mrs. George Morrison, Char-

lottetown P.E.I.; two brothers, William of Baltic, P.E.I.; and Walter, Kensington, P.E.I. Two brothers predeceased him, namely, John Robert and George. The funeral was held March 19th., from his late residence to the "Holly Family Church", Kensington. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by his Pastor, Rev. J. Callaghan, who also conducted service at the grave. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Indian River.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Claude Tompson, Ambrose Curley, Walter Tompson, Bruce Tompson, Harold Brennan, Adolph McKinnon.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Rev. J. Callaghan, Doctors Auld and Ziekinski, Nurses and staff of the Prince County Hospital, Joseph Davidson, those who sent Mass Cards, flowers, cards and letters of sympathy. Neighbours and friends for visits, and kindness shown me, during the illness and death of my husband.

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His son, Ron came in to the business in 1954 to assist his father and the value of his services is of high quality for he shares greatly in the administration and general work of the store.

The renovation and extension recently carried out is the second improvement plan since 1950, and covers the whole field of the Atkinson intention to give the buying public every facility and convenience in choosing their purchases. Everything in clear view, clearly marked and perfectly classified in surroundings that are lighter, brighter, and more cheerful than ever before. The customers may judge for themselves that this has been accomplished.

Mr. Atkinson's aim was to provide the best obtainable popular products, and also to stock lesser known excellent goods to give his customers the widest possible selection. The shopper will note the fine display includes hundreds of items from all parts of Canada, The United States and Britain. There is a special display of Delicatessen merchandise gathered from world-wide sources and presents such a large variety of choice items that is unsurpassed in the Maritimes.

MEAT DEPARTMENT

The Meat Department has been greatly extended and the counter display improved giving the customer the fullest view of the seasonable items of Meats, Poultry and Fish.

The New Produce Display case also brings into clear view the fine stock on offer, and is the first of its kind in Canada; while the new Frozen Food HUSSMAN display case now doubles the capacity for showing this merchandise in the most attractive manner. Both cases were installed by Storey Electric.

The beautiful illumination will be appreciated by everyone who visits the store. This type of lighting is entirely new—Cool White Deluxe, installed by Chappell and Company, gives an effect of enriched daylight.

The modern shelving and the introduction of display islands are welcome additions to display merchandise and these together with the extended floor space were the work of Chandler Brothers. The new Marbleum floor tiling was laid by Douglas Bros., and Jones.

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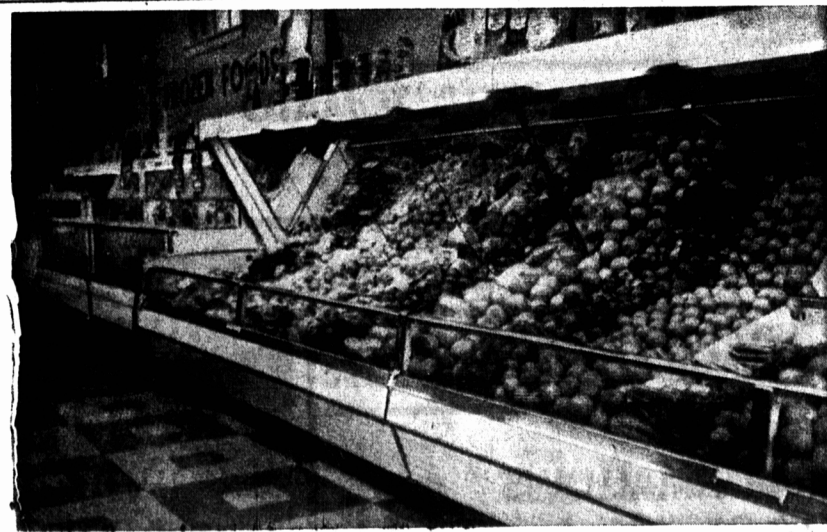
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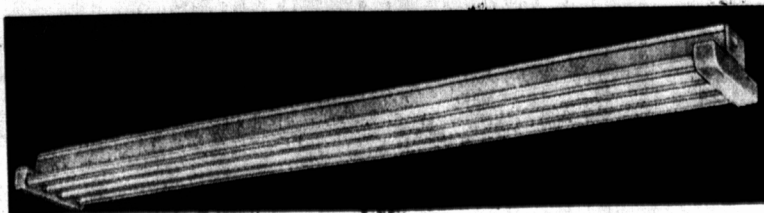
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