

The Fighting Fisherman's First Love Is The Sea

If Yvon Durelle the fighting fisherman from Baie St. Anne, should ever become world light heavyweight boxing champion, he'll be one of the most colorful and unpredictable men ever to wear a world crown.

Most of the color will stem from his inborn fear of no man, his impetuous personality and the conflict between his desire to fight and his reluctance to take the time for that purpose from a vocation which needs every minute of his time.



DURELLE THE FIGHTER

LOVES THE SEA
Yvon loves the sea and he loves the Maritimes. But if he should make the grade he'll tear as madly back and forth between Baie St. Anne and the various squared circles as he has done as Canadian and British Empire Light Heavyweight Champion.

Yvon, now 27, worked and played as a child around the fishing boats of Baie St. Anne. The "play" period, of necessity, was not of any great duration for any of the Durelle family. At 13, he was spending the winter months in the rough lumber area of the upper Miramichi River at a time when the smelt fishing wasn't very productive.

A Miramichi Bay fisherman travel heartbreaking distances over solidly frozen areas to choose spots for under-ice settings. In Durelle's youth the profitable box-type net was just coming into use.

DREAMS OF OUR BOAT
Salmon catches by the drift method were the mainstay but the cost of a salmon boat and nets, in the neighborhood of \$3,000, was unthinkable for a young lad without collateral.

Lobster fishing, which required any kind of open craft and a number of homemade traps, offered hard work, the possibility of trap loss by storm but a rewardingly high profit return on a short term venture.

On the other hand, herring soured into Yvon's bay early in the spring and the catches were—and still are—sizeable. Some

people actually were paying for the privilege of watching them. And better still, the fellows wore padded gloves, had protective mouthpieces and were approximately the same size.

For a man used to tangling with all comers, regardless of size, this was too good an opportunity to pass up. It was a golden opportunity for a young fisherman to pick up some easy money to invest in a fishing fleet.

It was only a matter of days before Durelle, clad in a pair of brand new trunks donated by his priest, was plying his fists for pay amid the cheers of hundreds of salt-sprayed cohorts from

GM diesel engine. He fishes the Miramichi Bay mostly but at times will venture far out into Northumberland Strait in search of salmon. His sailing knowledge is respected by east coast fishermen and his catches are unusually big.

All of the Durelle males have been fishermen at one time or another and four of Yvon's brothers have been or are professional fighters.

GAINS WORLD ATTENTION
A few months ago not many people outside the Maritimes had heard of Durelle the fighter. And when, on June 14, as a 3 to 1 underdog, he blasted out a draw in a 10-round bout with the official Number One contender for Moore's crown, Ray Anthony, the only people who weren't surprised were Chris Shaban and thousands of fellow-Maritimers.

These same Maritimers, according to Dave McKay, former sports editor of the Moncton Times, "would fill the house just to watch Durelle shadow box for three rounds." Most of Yvon's approximately 140 professional fights were staged in the Maritimes and never reached the official record books.

As far as formal boxing training goes, Durelle had had none. But he has succeeded in developing a style all of his own, chiefly through trial and error, against such well known opponents as Floyd Patterson, present world heavyweight champion; Gerard Hecht and Willi Bessmanoff, Germany; Yolande Pompey of Trinidad; Ron Barton and Arthur Howard of England; Jimmy Slade, Paul Andrews, Clarence Hinnant, Angelo DeFendis, Chubby Wright and Gordon Wallace.

NEVER COMPLETELY OUT
Never, in fighting such an array of top talent, has the French Canadian fisherman been rendered unconscious. He has suffered a technical knockout and some others of dubious variety, but not even Patterson could keep him on the floor. In his last fight with Paterson, Durelle fought five rounds with a broken hand and was none the worse for wear when he was forced to stop at the end of the fifth round.

Success has never gone to his head. The championships he has won and the success he has had at fishing have left him just as modest and earnest as he was when he earned his first \$15 in the ring.

Some of that modesty and sincerity paid dividends for the Canadian fishing industry last September 18 when the hundreds of thousands of televiewing consumers in the rich Toronto, Montreal, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Sarnia areas, for instance, watched him on Tabloid. His message—that fish is high in protein and low in calories—was the kind of simple, direct advertising that money can't buy and few industries get the chance to profit from.

PIONEER ORCHARD
British Columbia's first large commercial apple orchard was planted in 1867 at Earls Court, near Lytton.

Propellor Selection Important For Efficient Performance

The selection of proper propellers should not be difficult as very much practical data from research exist in this field, but many fishing boats still have unsuitable propellers giving a low efficiency. This refers back again to the problem of estimating the correct speed.

If a fisherman tells either an engine or a propeller manufacturer that his boat is able to run 2 knots faster than it can, it is understandable that his new propeller will be of the wrong dimensions — mostly too high a pitch — with the result that he cannot run his engine at full r.p.m., thereby being unable to use the full output of the engine.

In this connection it is amusing to read certain advertisements for engines where a certain low hourly fuel consumption is claimed. A fisherman buys a new engine of a certain horse power and certifies that the fuel consumption is only so many gallons.

Knowing the specific fuel consumption of such an engine, it is easy to find out that the fisherman is not using the full output of the engine. There is also the possibility that the engine manufacturer does not dare to let his engine develop the advertised horse power and has limited his output in some way, resulting in the advertised low fatal total fuel consumption.

CONTROLLABLE PITCH
Because of the difficulty in determining speeds, also because fishing boats in fact sail at very different speeds in varying weather conditions and when dragging fishing gear, the use of controllable pitch propellers is recommended.

In some countries, such as Scandinavia, controllable pitch propellers are almost exclusively used in fishing boats, but in most other parts of the world there seems to be ignorance of their possibilities or fear that they should add mechanical complications, requiring large maintenance costs.

This probably arises because some novel designs of controllable pitch propellers have been too complicated and have not got over their teething troubles. It is

rather remarkable that nobody tries to copy the very simple types of controllable pitch propellers used in Scandinavia. A point worth considering is that with a controllable pitch propeller a reverse gear is eliminated.

MAXIMUM POWER
The need for maximum power during trawling is sometimes exaggerated. It has been actually found in several instances during fuel measurement tests while trawling that only 50 to 60 per cent of the full output of the engine is used.

It is therefore not always advantageous to have a controllable pitch propeller, because it is not always necessary to utilize the full output of the engine during trawling. A controllable pitch propeller does, however, offer good manoeuvring qualities.

The use of a shrouded propeller, the so-called Kort nozzle, has many advantages, especially for trawlers. It increases pull during trawling (normally by some 25 per cent) protects the propeller from the trawl wires and, with modern Kort nozzle rudders, the boats have an excellent manoeuvrability.

LESS PITCH
Furthermore, tests with Kort nozzles on trawlers have proved that these boats pitch less in a seaway and can therefore sail at higher average speeds.

Vertical axis (cycloidal) propellers, such as Voith-Schneider propellers, are now being used more and more in tug boats because of their excellent manoeuvrability. It has been shown that such propellers, having the load-coefficients common for fishing boats, can give the same efficiency as normal screw propellers.

A novel improvement is that the separate blades can be exchanged from inside the vessel without docking. The price, however, seems still to be rather too high to justify their application in the average fishing boats.

An active rudder, that is, a normal rudder with an electrically driven propeller in a ring or nozzle, has lately been adopted for a number of German fishing (Continued on page 9)

Inspection Department Is Vital To Fishing Industry

The Fisheries Inspection Laboratory with all modern facilities located in the Federal Building in Charlottetown plays an important part in quality control. Their part is to carry out examinations of canned fish and to bacteriologically examine lobster meat and other products. The Laboratory also assists the Inspection Officers and plant operators with technical problems.

Under the Fish Inspection Act standards of grade or quality have been established for oysters, frozen smelts and all types of salted and pickled cured fish. Before these products are offered for sale, inspecting officers ensure that they meet these standards. This Act also provides for the control of salt fish and shuckins' plant operations.

As a result of the ever increasing demand for quality and in an effort to increase consumption of fish products the Department has recently instituted an inspection program on Fresh Fishes.

On Prince Edward Island this work was concentrated at Souris where the landings by the dragger fleet were examined for

quality at time of landing and during cutting. Up to the present this program was carried out on a voluntary basis with the co-operation of the industry but eventually it is expected that all fresh and frozen fish will be under compulsory Government inspection.

All fish processors in the Province operate under license from the Dominion Government and have their operations regulated by the Meat and Canned Foods Act and Fish Inspection Act.

The enforcement of these Acts is carried out by the Inspection Branch of the Dominion Department of Fisheries. On Prince Edward Island this Branch consists of eight Inspection Officers located throughout the province and a Fish Inspection Laboratory at Charlottetown, P.E. Island.

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Island Legislature Of 1881 Sought Fishery Award

From the files of The Examiner
"In the Legislature on March 28, 1881, Hon. Mr. Sullivan gave notice that he will move the House into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the compensation due this Province under the Fishery Award."

"It will be remembered that the claim made in the minutes of council, forwarded by the Davies Government, and also in the Joint Address of both Houses in the session of 1879, was for \$1,250,000 as the share of this Province in the Halifax Award. To which the reply was given by the Dominion Government that the Halifax Award was made to cover the period of twelve years, commencing on July 1st, 1873 during which the Treaty is to continue in operation, and as on that date this Province became part of Con-

federation, we had no stronger claim than any other Province to a portion of the Award.

\$1,250,000 CLAIM
"On being thus informed, the Legislature last session memorialized the Queen and asked that not only might Canada be directed by the British Government to hand over to us the \$1,250,000 claimed for our share of the award for a period of twelve years from July 1st, 1873, but also that we should be compensated by the Imperial Government for the use of our fisheries by citizens of the United States for the period of nearly two years from July 24th, 1871, to July 1st, 1873, when at the earnest request of the Home Government, this Island threw open her fisheries to U.S. fishermen. "The despatch which was re-

ceived from Lord Kimberley in reply to the memorial, evaded answering this part of the claim entirely, and we trust that our Legislature, in dealing with the whole question, will not neglect to press this claim against the Imperial Government, who have treated the Island very shabbily in the matter.



DURELLE THE FISHERMAN

times the market was flooded, however, and thousands of pounds of the silver fish ended up as fertilizer in back fields.

FISHING FOR MONEY
When Yvon was 16, the fishing began to get tougher for the small operator and many were looking around for other jobs. The lobster seasons still were profitable but the one-boat operator worked on a shall margin. It was at this time that Yvon became interested in fighting for money.

Since, early childhood young Yvon had been mixed up in one brawl or another. He had earned a reputation as a rugged fisherman and while playing around the wharves and boat houses acquired a like reputation as a fighter. He had never ducked a scrap and was not averse to starting one himself if conditions were right; the main condition being the other fellow's willingness.

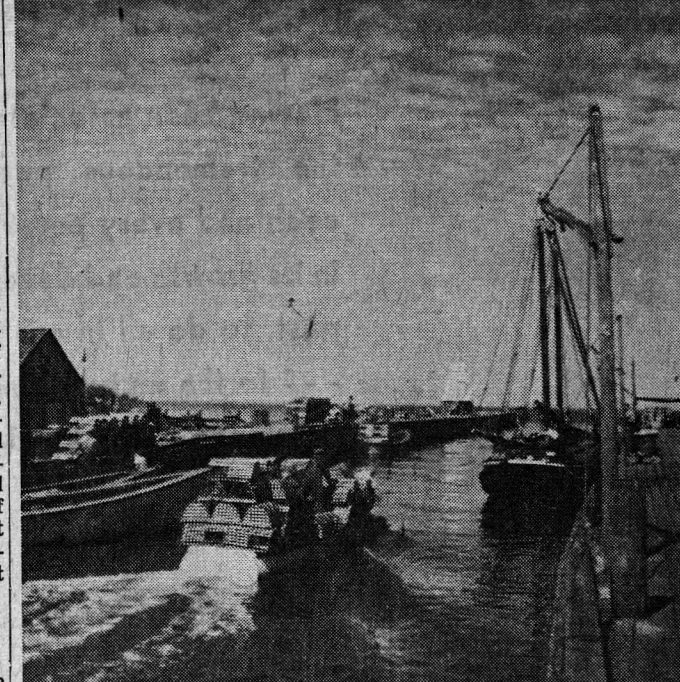
Then in 1946, while on fishing business in Chatham, N.B. Durelle saw something that was to change his life. Not only were a couple of guys fighting, but

Miramichi Bay. He took home \$15 for his first win.

BUYS LOBSTER BOAT
After several more fights and many tough sessions at sea, Durelle was owner of his first lobster boat. As the years went by, he continued to prosper until today he owns his own home, has three 40-foot boats and anticipates acquiring a fourth, possesses thousands of dollars in traps and is a very proud husband and father of three children.

Durelle today is the second-ranked light heavyweight in the world. In the fight game he is known as a rugged performer with a wicked punch. He's in line for a fight with Champion Archie Moore and, providing the match-makers ever come to terms, will give a good account of himself against the King of his division. His manager, Chris Shaban, of Moncton, is convinced he can win.

In the meantime, Yvon attends to the fishing end of his dual business interests from the deck of his favorite boat which is radio-equipped and powered by a



LOADED WITH TRAPS



FARMERS GATHER IRISH MOSS FROM SHORE

A cash crop on Prince Edward Island which requires no capital outlay and one which the whole family can help harvest is "Irish Moss". This sea plant which grows in clusters up to nine inches in diameter is washed in to shape by the storms of

late summer and early fall. The "Irish Moss" is dried and baled and shipped to the United States where it demands a ready market. The extracts from the moss serves as a valuable emulsifier and is used in the manufacture of medicines, paints,

polishes, etc. Its stabilizing factor is important in keeping the solid matter of liquids in suspension. The annual value of the Irish moss to Prince Edward Island runs between \$115,000 to \$125,000.

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