

STER VALUE UP

Fishermen Gross Highest in History, Gov't Told

Edward Island fishermen experienced the highest gross in their history in the 12-month period ending March 31, E. M. Gorman, Deputy Minister of Fisheries states in his report tabled in the Legislature last week by the Hon. Gerald Mackinnon.

The report for this period shows that the value of the fish landed in the province has surpassed figures for other years. This period over 9.6 million pounds were landed, surpassing the highest year (1947) of 8.7 million. The mackerel was the highest yet, by a wide margin.

The most significant increase in the point of value, was in the lobster landings, which showed a value of \$24,419,000, an increase of over 71 per cent of the value of our fishery. This was the highest yet, by a wide margin.

est gross in history. Whether or not the fishermen's net returns are commensurate with this advance has given us some serious concern.

SUGGESTS PILOT STUDY

It is the opinion of your fisheries staff that an attempt should now be made to compile some detailed information concerning the economics of our shore fishing operations. With the lessons gained from the application of similar studies to the off-shore fishery, we are in a position to suggest a specific pilot study. This could take in a limited number of representative boats and some worthwhile conclusions in respect to this activity. The importance of such a study at this time could hardly be overemphasized.

The dragger fishery landed over 9.7 million pounds of fish, for a landed value of \$292,941. The first sailing was April 19th; and the last landing of the season was on December 21st.

The following will give a brief summary of the average dragger operation. These are the result of statistical studies jointly conducted by this Department and the Economic Branch of the Federal Department of Fisheries.

DRAGGER AVERAGES

Averages vary considerably for boats as well. A separation of the five boats above-average from the seven boats below-average shows the following results to their return:

| No. Boats | Average Volume in lbs. | Average Cost per lb. | Average Price Received | Cost Price Margin |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 | 1,062,359 | 2.64c | 2.96c | 0.52c |
| 7 | 815,621 | 2.62c | 2.99c | 0.37c |
| 12 | 638,760 | 2.82c | 3.02c | 0.20c |

The cost-price margin of the higher producers is seen to be much stronger than that of the low production boats.

Throughout the season, with landings and prices as indicated, boats would have to make the following averages or a combination of them, in order to break even. Break-even average catch (pounds) 809,753; Break-even average catch (value) \$24,251; break-even average price (cents per pound) 2.973.

During this period considerable effort was devoted to the development and promotion of advances in techniques applied to fishing and processing. An 8-corn herring trap was again set in the Cape Egmont area, and later moved to the Souris area; but we cannot say we have yet been successful in initiating this effort. Prospects are, however, good for this development. Investigations were made as to the feasibility of obtaining an electrostatic dryer and smoker for herring. Due to problems foreseen in the rapid removal of so much moisture in such a short time, it was not considered wise to enter this proposition.

LOBSTER EXPERIMENT

Another experiment initiated was the freezing of market lobster. This was undertaken in an effort to assist the restaurant and tourist trade in providing a dependable supply of lobster which would be reasonably priced out of season. This experiment is continuing with the active cooperation of members of the restaurant.

Toward the further development of the offshore fishery, meetings were held with officials of other provinces and with naval architects on plans for the development of a slightly larger dragger capable of carrying on deeper water fishing operations, mainly for redfish. The object of these meetings was to effect a reduction of the design cost of such a boat by the Eastern Provinces jointly underwriting the cost of a suitable plan.

Numerous meetings were attended at such places as Ottawa, St. Andrews, N.B., Halifax, Antwerp, Lunenburg, N.S. These meetings or conferences discussed, on a Dominion-Provincial or on an inter-Provincial level, such problems as Steamship Regulations, Subsidy Assistance policies, Grading and Inspection Regulations, results of scientific and research investigations, and other matters. On one of these trips it was possible to make a fairly detailed examination of one of the new Russian Factory Trawlers, the "Sverdlouk", out of Murmansk.

During the year we had visits from Southeast Asia, France and from St. Pierre and Miquelon, by Fisheries Missions, to study our development and conditions.

In January the Department held a course giving training and advice to those engaged in off-shore fishery. Subjects covered

DRAGGER AVERAGES (continued)

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| 12 dragners, 1956 season: | 815,260 |
| value: | \$24,419 |
| dependence: | 9,326 |
| crew share: | 9,395 |
| share to boat: | 5,698 |
| boat's net earning: | 2,593 |
| per day at sea: | 3,105 |
| 15 (1): | 1,992 (2) |
| 2 (2): | 7,044 (3) |
| 2,222 (3): | 4,822 (3) |

LANDINGS

Landings of fishery products for the year were as follows:

| Pounds | Landed Value |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Fish | 9,690,100 \$ 285,345.00 |
| lobster | 216,000 4,322.00 |
| crabs | 1,973,300 70,803.00 |
| shrimp | 5,151,000 78,073.00 |
| herring | 2,900 40.00 |
| salmon | 12,200 122.00 |
| trout | 38,700 387.00 |
| perch | 3,000 30.00 |
| cod | 34,000 490.00 |
| halibut | 3,177,500 106,773.00 |
| sole | 1,247,700 41,105.00 |
| sculpin | 32,000 450.00 |
| rockfish | 35,200 176.00 |
| sea trout | 38,400 4,492.00 |
| salmon | 2,274,400 42,044.00 |
| trout | 3,115,200 103,031.00 |
| perch | 973,500 110,586.00 |
| cod | 137,200 n.a. |
| halibut | 9,202,400 9,202.00 |
| sole | 349,100 11,838.00 |
| sculpin | 41,000 2,062.00 |
| rockfish | 9,701,600 2,725,786.00 |
| sea trout | 20,400 341.00 |
| salmon | 2,507,200 203,507.00 |
| trout | 92,300 26,230.00 |
| perch | 9,249,200 112,950.00 |
| total | 51,451,100 \$3,835,431.00 |

above are provided from preliminary statistics of the Department of Fisheries.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

FRANCE SALE on fishing reels, 25 per cent off. Week only. Jamieson's Montague.

FIELD — Orwell congregation, Services for April 6th: Orwell Head Kilmuir 3 p. m.; Valleyfield 7 p. m. Rev. F. Macdonald, P.I. Minister.

AGUE — Dundas Baptist, Services for April 6th: Montague, 11 Annandale 3 p. m.; Dundas 7 p. m. Rev. R. G. Hill, P.I. Minister.

IS — Bay Fortune Pascharge The United Church, Sunday April 6th, 10 a. m. Sunday School, Communion Service; 7 p. m. W. M. S. Thankoffering; 7:30 p. m. Communion Service. Rev. D. A. E. Minister.

UNITED Church of Canada, Rev. W. I. MacDonald conduct services in the Pastoral Charge as follows: Annandale 11:00; Dundas 7:30; the afternoon Service 2:15.

PREBYTERIAN Church, Sunday, Easter services Sunday April 6th: Cardigan, Divine Service 11 a. m.; Lorne Valley, noon service 2:30 p. m.; Montague, evening service 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School 10 a. m. Visitors welcome. Rev. D. A. E. Minister.

URCH OF CHRIST, The Day April 6th, Montague, Bible School for all ages, 10 a. m.; the Lord's Supper and singing service; Murray River

In addition to these items, 862 tons of fish meal was produced with a marketed value of \$94,950.00. One plant also produced body oils from its meal plant, 5,296 gallons with a marketed value of \$5,461.00.

(1) This figure ranged from the lowest, at \$1.50, to the highest, at \$63.56 per day at sea.

(2) This ranged from the lowest, at \$4.00, to the highest, at \$4,089.00.

(3) There being 14 owners for the 12 boats, changed the amount from that given per boat.

10 a. m. Bible School, 11 a. m. the Lord's Supper; Radio program "Where The Bible Speaks" over C. F. C. Y. at 3 p. m.; Murray Harbor 6 p. m. Bible School and the Lord's Supper. Combined evangelistic service at Murray Harbor Church of Christ at 7:30 p. m. Everyone welcome. K. T. Norris, evangelist.

PERSONALS

Mr. Roger Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson, Montague, who is a student at the United Baptist Training School, Moncton, N. B. is presently visiting his parents for Easter.

Abim Keith Peardon, who is a member of the crew of H. M. S. Luzon, Halifax, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Peardon, over the holiday week-end.

James Johnston, student at Mount Allison University is spending the Easter holiday at his home in Montague, guest of his parents, Dr. L. A. and Mrs. Johnston.

Louis D. Johnston, engineering student at University of New Brunswick, is spending the Easter season at his home in Montague where he is visiting his wife and son Ian and his parents, Dr. L. A. and Mrs. Johnston.

Missing Girl Returns Home

FREDERICTON (CP) — Barbara Morris, 15, missing since March 13, appeared in Woodstock Friday and was returned to her Fredericton home.

Her mother, Mrs. George H. Morris, said the girl spent most of the time at Caribou, Me., taking care of an elderly woman who is ill. The girl told neighbors there she had run away from home. They persuaded her to report to the RCMP at Woodstock.



FORECAST TEMPERATURE NEAR NORMAL HERE

The United States weather office says in its 30-day forecast for April that most of Canada will have temperatures above normal for this time of year. Shaded areas on the map indicate the predictions. Prince Edward Island is in the "near normal" area.

included bacterial spoilage of fish, oceanography, diesel engine maintenance, the hanging of gear, navigation, insurance and a complete review of the economics of the past year's operation.

P.E.I. Jeweller Dies In Ont.

The residents of Annandale, Morell and vicinities, were shocked to hear of the sudden death of George Banks of Hamilton, Ont., Monday, March 3rd, in his 43rd year.

Mr. Banks was born in Annandale, P. E. I. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Banks. For the last number of years he occupied a jewellery store at Souris and Charlotteville. Last September he moved to Hamilton, where he became employed with People Credit Jewellers.

Besides his sorrowing widow, (nee Cora Sanderson of Morell, P.E.I.) survivors are one daughter Emily who also resides in Hamilton and a brother Thomas of Annandale, one brother predeceased him twelve years ago.

The remains were transferred from Hamilton by train to P.E.I. for burial, the funeral was held from the home of his parents on Saturday, March 8th, and was largely attended.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. A. Sharpe of Souris, assisted by Rev. Ira MacDonald and Rev. R. G. Hill, who spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. During the service a solo was rendered by Mr. Anthony Ware, "The Old Rugged Cross", The hymns sung were favourites of the deceased, "The Lord's My Shepherd", and "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

The flower-bearers were the Messrs James Banks, Lawrence Sanderson, Sydney Sanderson, Howard Norton, Arthur Howlett and Reggie Mooney.

The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs James Banks, Lawrence Sanderson, Victor LaPierre, Kenneth Robertson and Colin Jackson.

Interment was in Annandale United Church Cemetery, and was under the direction of Dingwell Bros from Souris.

The following friends and neighbours gave floral tributes: WILLOW Wife and Daughter WREATH Father and mother (Banks) Tommie and Gladys. Father and mother (Sanderson) SPRAY Doris, Neta and Doreen Clarence, Lawrence, Guy, Kenneth and Ray

SPORT OF KINGS'

Hockey Season Finished Bowling In Limelight

With the hockey season over, and it being too early for baseball, the sport picture is a little slack with regard to so-called major sports. Sports, referred to as minor sports, such as bowling occupy the limelight.

Morell and St. Peter's are presently indulged in their playoffs. These will take at least a few more weeks before winners are decided. In Souris, the winners of both the Men's and Women's Leagues have been decided, and the Mixed League gotten underway.

Considerable interest, especially in Morell and St. Peter's has been expressed concerning the possibility of a King's County Roll-off. In the last few years, considerable talk has taken place concerning this, but that's all that happened, talk. With one winner already decided, and the other two nearly there, the talk should reach the serious stage, or as in past years, nothing will happen.

Where will this playoff occur? Who will oversee the playoff and enforce rules? Who will draw up the schedule? These, and the other questions must be answered. Possible, the best solution is for either: Chairmen of the three leagues meet and arrive at all necessary decisions, or representatives of all teams still in contention meet and lay down a set of rules. The former, would probably be the best suggestion. With St. Peter's as the central site of the three locations, we would suggest that it be the meeting place.

Bowling is not just to adults. Throughout the country, High Schools have organized leagues. The first one to be operated in King's County is located in Morell. They had a very successful season with eight teams entered. The top four teams in this league are "Sputniks, Nighthawks, Tropeodes, and Bullfighters. At present, these teams are in the midst of their semi-finals.

In last weeks column we made a slight slip. In listing the Abegweits, champions of the Souris Women's Bowling League, we had Emma MacDonald, when it should have read Frances LaVie, Sorry, Frances.

The Mixed League got under way last week in Souris with a full slate of games. For those that forget, Larier's Dodgerettes are the defending champions. They have one change in personnel. Ken O'Hanley has replaced Henry Hartinger. Results of last week's games are as follows: Ramblers No. 1, 4, 1-2 Amazing Six 1 1-2. Ramblers No. 2, 5 1-2 Old Timers 1-2. Sputniks 6 Die-

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MONDAY MATINEE 2:30 EVENING 7 & 9

First War Veteran Dies In Kings Co. Memorial Hospital

The death of D. A. Matheson, Heatherdale, occurred Thursday at the King's County Memorial Hospital in his 70th year. He had been ill about a week. Mr. Matheson was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Neil Matheson, Heatherdale and served with the American Army in the 1914-18 World War. Following the war he returned to Heatherdale and took up the blacksmith trade from which he retired a few years ago.

He is survived by his wife, the former Doris Martin of Grandview, and one brother, Hugh, of Hamilton, Ont., and Heatherdale. The funeral will take place today at 2 p.m. from Valleyfield United Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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