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Western and Central Districts

Fisheries Body Concerned Over Legislation Progress

Concern over the slow progress in implementing the 1964 legislation on territorial and national waters was expressed in Ottawa by the Fisheries Council of Canada to government officials.

The council directors pointed out that low catches by inshore fishermen in many east coast areas must be related to the heavy fishing pressure offshore — much of it by well-equipped and still growing foreign fleets. Unless quick action could be taken to establish the new baselines, on a headland to headland basis, from which the 12-mile exclusive fishing zone would extend, they were fearful of a more serious repetition of this year's inshore catch failure.

In the absence of the Minister of Fisheries, the Hon. H.J. Robichaud, the departmental officials could only indicate to the council that implementing this legislation involved negotiations with a number of foreign countries and that these discussions were continuing.

PROGRESS SLOW

Council president D.F. Corney summarized industry's views — indicating that the slow progress being made on this matter was mo t regrettable and that the industry hoped the government would give a higher priority to a successful implementation of this legislation, which was passed on July 9, 1964 by the House of Commons.

Inspection was discussed fully with officials of the Department of Fisheries. The council was advised that the Minister of Fisheries had accepted its proposal for a year's deferment, until April 1, 1967, of the implementation of the proposed new regulations on "The Inspection of Processing Establishments" and "The Inspection of Canned Fish and Shellfish and the Operations of Canneries". It was felt that both the department and the industry needed more time to get ready for these new regulations.

APPROVAL GIVEN

Approval was given for joint executive meetings between the industry fisheries trade associations of Canada, the United States and Mexico, to discuss common problems. Approval has been expressed by the National Fisheries Institute in the U.S.A. and word is expected shortly from Mexico. The first meeting is scheduled for next spring.

The directors of the Fisheries Council of Canada, which was set up in 1945, decided to incorporate the council under Part II of the federal Companies Act.

Among the council directors attending was S.H. Burhoe, Charlottetown.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Higher Prices Recall Fantastic Fox Years

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

IT'S A far cry from the glamorous days of a half century ago when there was a feeling of financial magic in even the thought of a black fox, but foxes are paying their way again. The price last year ran $50 to $60 for top pelts and the average ran around $45, I'm told by Lloyd Lockerby, Hamilton, who is fur marketing manager for the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association.

The only trouble is that there are scarcely any foxes left to cash in on the improved prices. Mr. Lockerby is the only man west of Charlottetown who has any foxes registered—and Prince County was the home of the fox in the glamorous days of old. Mr. Lockerby has 45 animals.

There are 54 foxes in a ranch in Sherwood where animals are owned by my longtime friend Bill Brown and by Foster Pickard—both of Charlottetown and Irving Thompson, Dunstaffnage and Charlie Swan, Mt. Edward Road.

B. B. (Bus) Jones, Bunbury has a male and a pair of females. That makes 102 foxes registered in the province. These few people kept their faith in the industry long enough to see the dream of profitable prices realized.

I WORKED last weekend in Prince County from Miscouche to Tignish seeking background information on this industry that once attracted world wide attention to Prince Edward Island. One reason for the renewed interest is that the CBC is planning a television program which will portray the rise and fall, and now the—shall I call it the comeback?—of the industry.

I'll let you know when the show will be run, for many will be interested in seeing it.

I want to express my deep appreciation to the many people who made my weekend trip so worthwhile. For the most part I was researching the fascinating story of the province's most glamorous industry, and from the time I dropped into the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeder's Association's office in Summerside where I chatted with Lloyd Lockerby and George Callbeck until I finally said goodbye to Jack Lewis, Alberton, Sunday afternoon, I received consistently helpful co-operation.

I expect to review the story of the industry at length in a future column, but here are one or two highlights I picked up.

Highlights Are Interesting

CHARLES DALTON—he came from Norway, west of Tignish and Robert Culton who came from Little Shemogue, N.B. are the names most closely associated with the founding. I'll tell you about two others James Gordon and Robert Tuplin, in a future column.

When Dalton and Oulton dissolved partnership, and the former sold his ranch to a Charlottetown company in 1912, he received $400,000 in cash and $100,000 in stock shares in the new ranch for 20 pairs of foxes—the one condition noted was that they should have not less than 40 pups that would be raised to maturity the following season.

Mr. Callbeck, who was fur marketing manager of the CNSFBA for many years managed the Willow Hill Fur Farm in Summerside for several years—he later was a prominent fox and mink breeder. One female from this ranch whelped foxes that brought close to $300,000 for the company, according to the late Lt.-Col. Dan MacKinnon.

The Royalty company with mostly outside capital paid dividends to shareholders of 600 per cent in 1913. Dividends of as high as 1,000 per cent were paid in some instances Col. MacKinnon wrote.

A Tignish lady told me that Dalton sold a fox in Europe once for $25,000—I don't have the details—and Jack Lewis told me an American buyer paid $30,000 for a female once if she produced pups the following year, which she did.

I have at least one really good story of honesty in fox dealings, but it was natural that there were some shady stories too. More than 30 foxes were registered in one year from a female that had accquired good publicity in transmitting desirable qualities to her offspring. Eight pups was unusually high, I am told. Litters of 30 or more,—there never was anything of that nature.

High Priced Fox Deals Recalled

HELEN GORDON RAMSAY (Mrs. George), Montrose told me she remembers hearing her father, the late Hudson Gordon, buying a pair of foxes on the telephone for $20,000 one morning, and selling them that afternoon for $25,000.

George Callbeck told me that when the Willow Hill ranch sold out, they sold their good breeding stock to B. Graham Rogers who lives now in Charlottetown. But the foxes not good enough to sell to Mr. Rogers were pelted and sold to the late Chester McLure for an average of more than $500 apiece.

There is more, much more. I'll review it in a future column, or columns, I don't think I can possibly do justice to it in one column.

Alberton Lady Impresses

THE MATHESON family worshipped in Montrose church Sunday morning. Mrs. Matheson's grandfather, Rev. James Murray, was the second minister there, and there was also the fact that Frank Pridham, who was born about two stone throws across the valley, had his Capital City Four quartette from Fredericton, N.B. We enjoyed their numbers greatly, but there was an extra bonus for us.

Mrs. Alice Green of Alberton who writes many good stories for this paper, brought the message at the "Thank Offering" service. This talented lady impressed me so deeply I brought a copy of her talk back with me, as I wanted to refer to several parts of it.

A REALISTIC sense of history pervaded the well-filled church as Mrs. Green talked of some of the people who had gone from that area with the missionary message in the years that are gone.

This was particularly true as she talked of the martyred Gordons of Erromanga. The sense of history was the more real in that the monument to those Gordons stands by the roadside not far away. And to me the impression was even stronger, for a relative of those Gordons, Gordon Barbour, was sitting by my side. Indeed we were weekend guests at this Barbour home which always welcomes us so warmly.

"Rev. George Nicol Gordon, from the neighbouring district of South Kildare went "to give his life a sacrifice for Christ's cause on Erromanga, in the New Hebrides...A few years later his brother, Rev. James Douglas Gordon went to take his brother's place...and he too suffered a marty's death."

Pioneer Hardships In Klondike

THERE WAS fitting reference "to Island-born John F. Pringle... that great stalwart with a heart of gold" who was sent to the Klondike mining camps in the gold rush of 1898 "where pioneer life, hard work and illness were playing havoc with the lives of 1,200 men."

Two young women responded to a call for nurses "and the government gave them a cabin for a hospital. It had a floor of sawdust, a roof of mud, and two small panes of glass for windows.

"It held four cots, the pillows were made of sacking that had come around the cots, and they were filled with hay in which the dishes had been packed. When the hospital became overcrowded they pitched a tent beside it and with this primitive equipment these two nurses courageously carried on their mission of practical Christianity until a hospital was built two years later," Mrs. Green recalled.

There was reference to an Alberton boy, Dr. George Arthur who was responsible for the first School Home for new Canadians when the West started to open up at the turn of the century. Dr. Arthur's missionary effort was in Saskatchewan and it was a valiant one." He and his wife took into their own home 20 boys who among them spoke five languages."

I have only space for these few excerpts. But I have never seen an audience follow a speaker with more rapt attention. I hope Alice Green will pardon me if I suggest that any group looking for a speaker at a Thank Offering service would be well advised to talk with this Alberton lady.

There was the deep feeling once again that few of us ever stop to realize what sacrifices and what great efforts were made by courageous and devoted men and women of the past. And, as I said several weeks ago when I referred to a message from Rev. Donald Nicholson, these efforts were shared by people of all the faiths who settled this part of the country.

DR. STEWART

Island Doctor Wins Award

Dr. David G. Stewart is this year's recipient of the Schering scholarship for post graduate study in his chosen area of medicine.

The scholarship is awarded annually to a member of the College of General Practice.

Dr. Stewart is a native of Montague and has been practicing in the Crapaud area since 1962.

He is a graduate of Dalhousie University where he will again be studying for two weeks commencing Nov. 1.

DEATHS

CLOW — At the P.E.I. Hospital, Wednesday, Oct. 27, James Elmer Clow of Dartington in his 33rd year. Resting at the Andrews Funeral Home until noon Friday Oct. 29 then to Brookfield Presbyterian Church for funeral service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment will take place in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

MacEACHERN — Monday, Oct. 25, 1965, James Duncan MacEachern of 91 Fitzroy Street and formerly of Mermaid in his 77th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held today with service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment in Mermaid cemetery.

SLAVIN — At the P.E.I. Hospital, Wednesday Oct. 27, 1965, Mrs. Elmer Slavin, nee Doris Delaney of New Glasgow, P.E.I., in her 43rd year. Resting at the Chisholm Funeral Home until noon today, then to the home of her sister, Mrs. Eric Trowsdale, 30 Eustane Street, Summerside. Completed funeral arrangements later.

THOMPSON — At the Charlottetown Hospital on Wednesday Oct. 27, 1965, John J. Thompson of St. Peters in his 88th year. His remains will rest this evening at 7 o'clock at the Perry Funeral Home from where they will be transferred on Friday afternoon at 2.30 to the home of his daughter, Mrs. James R. Flynn, St. Peter's Bay. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning leaving the home at 9.45 for Requiem High Mass at 10 o'clock to St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Bay. Interment in the church cemetery.

Must Develop Youth Power, PC Candidate Says At Meet

SUMMERSIDE — Our greatest resource in this province is our young people and we must not fail to fully develop the great brain power and ability locked up in the youth," David MacDonald, Progressive Conservative candidate for Prince said last night.

Speaking at a rally in Kinkora where he was joined by the other three members of the Island Conservative team Mr. MacDonald said "the great potential of our young people has just recently been started on the way to full development. As our educational endeavours increase so increase the costs.

"The adverage taxpayer is finding it increasingly difficult to bear the burden of education costs and technical training so needed by our young citizens.

"The conservative party has a huge and comprehensive education policy, that the people of this province cannot afford to ignore.

"This policy will provide massive aid to education in the form of increased university grants, payment of 75 per cent of university capital costs and, of utmost importance to this province, aid to the technical training in our basic industries of farming and fishing."

Speaking briefly on the Progressive Conservative pension policy, Mr. MacDonald said there are some 3,600 people of eligible age in Prince County alone who are counting on increased pensions "to give them the better standard of living they so richly deserve."

M. J. McQuaid, Conservative candidate in Kings, told the assembly that never has there been an election of more vital importance to the economy of Prince Edward Island.

LARGE CROWD

Speaking to one of the largest crowds yet encountered by the Conservatives in this campaign, Mr. McQuaid said many of the great Atlantic development policies set up by the Diefenbaker government have not been carried out to their full potential by the Liberal administration.

"The Atlantic Development Board grants are a prime example," he stated. "Not one cent of the money alloted under this program can be spent by the board without approval of the treasury board. The development board mages the decision and programs and planning and then are needlessly slowed down by the treasury board .. the original conception of the development grants did not require treasury board approval of these developments."

Queens County candidates Heath Macquarrie and Angus MacLean also spoke at the rally.

"This is an election in which we must choose well our government," Mr. MacLean stated. "The outcome of this election will begin a political trend that will run in this nation for many years. Sound thinking Canadians must not give a stamp of approval to unsound government."

His teammate, Mr. Mcquarrie said "the nation if it is to reach its goal of full and equal development must have a government which in anti-discriminatory, united and truly national."

Chairman of the meeting, which was held in Kinkora Regional High School was John R. McCabe.

Injured Child Flown To N.S.

Six-year-old Edward Roberts, 92 Weymouth Street, was flown to hospital in Halifax shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday for treatment of head injuries suffered when he was struck by a car on Weymouth Street at noon yesterday.

Charlottetown Police department who investigated the accident reported the driver's name as Mrs. Marjorie MacLeod, 199 North River Road.

A spokesman at the police station said the young lad ran out from a parked vehicle near his home on Weymouth Street.

Dr. A.L. Saunders attending physician at the P.E.I. Hospital said the youngster is suffering from skull fractures and concussion.

WANTS CHINA IN UN

TORONTO (CP)—Trade Minister Sharp says Communist China should be recognized diplomatically and admitted to the United Nations. But, Mr. Sharp told an election rally it's only his personal opinion and he can not speak for the Canadian government. He said recognition of Red China would be "a contribution to the peace of the world."

Named Commander Of 5 Signal Regiment

The appointment of Lt. Col. H.R. Hennessey, CD, as officer commanding 5 Signal Regiment, and the promotion of Colonel Hennessey from the rank of major to his present rank, have been announced by N.S. — P.E.I. Area Headquarters at Halifax, effective Aug. 27, 1965.

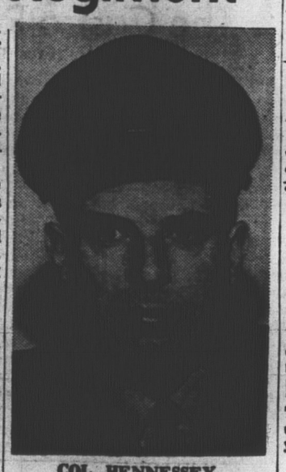
Col. Hennessey becomes the sixth commanding officer of this regiment since its present designation after World War Two, and the 10th to command the local signal unit since its founding here in 1905. He succeeds Lt-Col. E.A. McCarey, CD, who commanded the regiment or the past four years.

Lt. Col. Hennessey first joined the local unit as a signalman in 1937. At the outbreak of war in 1939, he joined the active force and proceeded overseas in July, 1940, with 1st Canadian Corps of Signals, serving in the U.K., Sicily, Italy, and Northwest Europe.

He is a son of Mrs. George S. Hennessey and the late Mr. Hennessey of Charlottetown, and is married to the former Shirley Chisholm of Kentville, N.S. Their family includes three boys and one girl.

COMMISSIONED IN 1946

On his return from active war service, Lt. Col. Hennessey joined the local signal militia regiment and was commissioned in 1946. In later years, he served the unit and adjutant and squadron commander. He left the province in 1958, but resumed his association with the regiment on his return in 1963.



COL. HENNESSEY

He is director of taxation at Charlottetown for the Taxation Division of the Department of National Revenue, and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of P.E.I.

MARK NATIONAL STUDENTS DAY

The Saint Dunstan's University student's union in co-operation with Prince of Wales College staged a panel discussion with the problems facing higher education in Canada and more specifically in P.E.I. as the theme at the SDU gymnasium yesterday afternoon. This discussion was their part in National Students Day which was organized by the Canadian Union of Students. Shown chatting before the discussion are the panel members: (from the left) Rev. E. J. Roache, academic advisor, SDU staff; Dr. J. J. Coyle, PWC staff; Dr. George Dewar, minister of education; Dr. J. A. MacMillan, representing the royal commission on higher education and Dr. Brendon O'Grady, SDU staff.

One Social Number Plenty, States UIC Announcement

The Unemployment Insurance Commission said yesterday that the current registration for the Canada Pension Plan is apparently leading many Canadians who already have a Social Insurance Number to apply for a second one.

The Commission emphasized that the one number provides identity for both Canada Pension Plan and unemployment insurance purposes and that the individual must not have more than one number.

Those who apply more than once may be building up future difficulties for themselves in regard to payments from either or both plans. They may find that they have created more than one "account" for their contributions and thus have trouble obtaining their full entitlement when the time comes to obtain benefits.

The UIC noted that every effort is made to avoid assigning more than one number to an individual. However, when the particulars given on one application are not identical to those given on an earlier application, a second number will be issued.

For the individual who already has more than one Social Insurance Number, the Commission says the solution is simple. He should report the problem to the nearest UIC office, bringing with him, or mailing, all the Social Insurance Number cards in his possession. The Commission will cancel the later number of numbers and supply a new Social Insurance Number card if the original one has been misplaced.

While it is an offence for a person to knowingly apply for more than one number, it is recognized that most multiple applications are made inadvertently. The Commission stressed that its immediate interest is to have those who contribute to either the Canada Pension Plan or unemployment insurance to do so under one — and only one — Social Insurance Number.

COMPULSION WRONG

The Lutheran Church in America is on record as opposing compulsory church attendance at U.S. military academies.

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