

Concerned With Future Of West Coast Salmon Fishery

OTTAWA, (CP) — One of Canada's top fisheries scientists expressed concern today for the future of British Columbia's \$40,000,000-a-year salmon industry because of industrial development along the rivers where the fish spawn.

Dr. A. W. Neidler, director of the Pacific biological station at Nanaimo, B. C., told the fisheries research board that increasing use of fresh water for power, irrigation and other industrial and domestic purposes is a "serious threat" to salmon production.

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Abegweit I.O.D.E.

The regular monthly meeting of the Abegweit Chapter of the I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Currie on Thursday afternoon with the vice regent, Mrs. Leila Simmons presiding.

Mrs. Eric MacKay, convener for services home and abroad, reported that six dozen diapers had been shipped for overseas relief and a number of knitted articles were being collected for shipment.

Mrs. Currie, educational secretary, announced that patriotic calendars, a book entitled "A Queen and Her Children" and a number of tracts had been sent to the chapters.

Calendars had also been sent to Summerside High School and St. Marys Academy and a number of country schools.

A sum was voted in appreciation to Messrs. Cudmore and Warren of Charlottetown who have been judges at the chapter's annual flower shows.

Officers were nominated for the coming year, annual meeting to take place next month. Mrs. W. P. Callaghan, Mr. Colin Stewart and Mrs. James Hill were appointed scrutineers.

Afternoon tea was served by the hostess, Mrs. Currie, assisted by Mrs. R. S. Hinton and Mrs. Thane Campbell.

Personals

Mrs. David Edwards and daughter, Vivian, Summerside, have returned home after spending the Christmas holidays in Concord, N. H., Portland, Maine, and Moncton, N. B.

Mrs. T. A. McIvor of Summerside, who had the misfortune of breaking her right wrist, is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mr. Murray Turner of Moncton, N. B., is visiting with his brother Roy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McAsey, 36 Spring Street, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Longhlin, Sherbrooke, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McManis, Franklin, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwanen, Traveller's Rest, Mr. and Mrs. Brendon Driscoll and family, Summerside, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McManis, Indian River, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Keough, Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green, Bode-Que, Mrs. C. W. Croken and family, Emerald, Mrs. Ella Montgomery, Traveller's Rest, Mr. and Mrs. Pius Croken, Emerald, Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan and family, Kensington, Mr. and Mrs. James Condon, Richmond, Miss Ellie Gillis, Clermont, Mrs. Jean Gaudet, Boston, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Croken, Kensington, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hogan, Summerside, Mrs. Hubert MacNeill and Mrs. Adrian Arsenault, Antigonish, N.S., Misses Amelita and Imelda McLejlan, Boston, Mass., Mrs. Lauretta Enman of Boston.

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catch have succeeded in maintaining big yields, but more precise knowledge of the salmon is needed.

The number of young salmon produced by known numbers of spawners which is being studied in several B. C. streams and lakes under varying conditions.

Emphasis was being placed on the most valuable species, the sockeye, with the pink and chum varieties next in research importance.

In 1954 B. C. fishermen caught 9,500,000 sockeye salmon, of which 8,000,000 were from what is known as the Adams river run of the Fraser river system.

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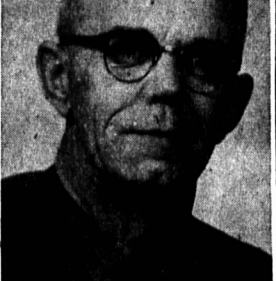
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New Sheriff

Mr. Alfred Gordon, above, is the newly appointed sheriff of Prince County. Sheriff Gordon will have his office in the Court House building on Central Street in Summerside.

(Photo by D. W. Sears)

Bedeque Bible Society Meeting

At the close of the Week of Prayer service in Bedeque United Church on Thursday evening the Bedeque branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society held their annual meeting.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Howard Schurman; secretary-treasurer, Vernon Craig. The meeting closed with prayer.

'Side High Notes

On December 29, a party was given for the Sum-Hi bowlers at the Legion Home. The music was supplied by Lowell Huestis and his orchestra, with Liz Bonness as the chairman of the dancing and entertainment committee.

Curling teams are now being organized at Sum-Hi, but consist of boys only. The girls put their names on the application paper on the bulletin board, but they were all scratched out, with the notice that no girls were allowed.

The Sum-Hi basketball team was beaten by Charlottetown in Charlottetown last week by the score of 65-22. Winner Arsenault was high scorer for Summerside with 12 points.

The Sum-Hi Students' Council will make a contribution to the minor hockey program at the Raceway Stadium, according to information received from Don Cameron, the president of the council.

In the Sum-Hi Bowling this week Margaret Joan Carruthers had both high single and high triple, while the Gay brothers split honors in the boys' division.

Don had high single, and Stan high three. Jonsey is getting to be quite a bowler, having had high honors quite a number of times.

Stan Gay is easily the best bowler among the boys, and also the men's league which is played on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Mr. Stuart has been to the fore in demanding that fishermen in Canadian waters be placed on a footing equal to that of farmers in the matter of federal government loans for boats, equipment and shore installations.

His speeches on the position of the farmer and that of the fisherman have been frequent, logical and strongly supported by members in whose constituencies the fishing industry is of import.

It is understood that one of the strong supporters of a fishermen's loan act has been J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince and parliamentary assistant to Mr. Sinclair.

In his position of parliamentary assistant however, Mr. MacNaught was forced to carry on his missionary work privately.

His position as parliamentary assistant would preclude him from including the fruit and vegetable industry of the potato growers on the floor of the chamber.

The new act has the full support of all Prince Edward Island's members and Senators.

Select Route For Pipe Line

TORONTO (CP) — Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. has selected the northern route for its pipe line bringing Alberta natural gas to Ontario, a source close to the project.

Although the company would neither confirm nor deny the report, it was learned the pipe line will swing north from the Lakehead and follow the Trans-Canada highway route through Timmins and Kirkland Lake and down No. 11 highway through North Bay.

Officials of the board of transport commissioners said Friday no application for a change in Trans-Canada's route across Northern Ontario has been made by the company. They pointed out that Trans-Canada, in a board decision last July, was given the option of using either of two alternative routes above Lake Superior.

Sport Echoes

From Prince County

If the present climatic trend continues, one of the things people will be viewing among the curious of a Prince Edward Island museum will be small blocks of "natural ice" carefully refrigerated to keep it from disappearing.

Natural ice will be extinct like the dodo and dinosaur.

Artificial ice rinks seem to be the only practical homes for hockey activity now, and we would not be surprised if some of the enterprising rural centres wouldn't embark on a co-operative effort to install artificial ice plants in some of their rinks.

Of course the price of such plants come pretty high, but there are no more enthusiastic hockey fans anywhere than in rural areas, and they will not be deprived of their favorite sport without a struggle.

We read an article about last winter's world championship Olympic hockey matches and the surprising win of the Russians. The writer said the European teams are concentrating on tricky stick-handling, fast skating and smooth combination play, with little body-checking.

He characterizes this type of hockey as crowd-pleasing. More and more people are asking, have we made hockey a poorer spectacle by introducing the new rules. You certainly can't prove it by the sell-out crowds in Earl, Toronto and Montreal, but getting but on the other hand, Ottawa has gone out of business, and many other centres are feeling the pinch.

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Reviews Factors

The chief effort in recent years towards a general reduction of trading barriers between countries has been a general agreement of tariffs and trade signed in 1947 at Geneva where Canada and twenty-two other countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, our chief trade customers, committed themselves to a general downward revision of the then existing custom duty levels.

In 1949 ten additional countries entered into agreements with the United States and the United Kingdom. The negotiations were held in Tourguy, England, in the winter of 1950-1951, when six more countries became partners to the agreement.

This International Trade Agreement, commonly known as "GATT", consists of an essential part. First, it establishes a code of conduct in international trade. Second, a schedule of tariff concessions fair to all participating countries can be negotiated at trade conferences and revisions are possible at three year intervals.

The primary purpose of "GATT" is to reduce existing tariff and other barriers to trade. Already this Agreement has made a worthwhile contribution to the economic stability of those countries participating. Its continuation and development is in the best interests of all phases of each country's development. It must also recognize the fact that modernized lands are a legitimate mode of production for producers and should be the only barrier to complete free trade between member countries.

Some customs duties should be subject to reduction or elimination at any time. Quotas, and other trade restrictions of a similar nature, are contrary to the best principles of "GATT" except where governmental action to curb excessive production of any product within a country is deemed expedient or where unusual increased import quantities of any product cause serious injury to producers and could thereby create a marketing emergency.

Under "GATT" Canada reduced its tariff impost schedule on about 1,000 items including everything from cabbage to cigarettes. Under this agreement it was in the best interests of Canada to secure stability in foreign tariff levels, particularly with the United States who is our biggest trade partner.

In fact, over half of Canada's total exports find a market in the United States and nearly three-quarters of our imports come from the same country. This is not surprising because our two countries have for some years the highest price levels on goods and services of any country in the world.

The balance of trade in the favour of the United States to the extent of from five hundred million to a billion dollars per year. All those factors make the forthcoming revision of those trade agreements a matter of concern to all phases of Canadian economic life.

The potato growers have a particular interest in what is done because four years ago some efforts were made to obtain a more favourable tariff deal with the United States and since that time the potato has found itself subject to destructive sales competition from sources outside this country which, if allowed to continue, ultimately will destroy an industry which has become a very important phase of Canadian and particularly Maritime agriculture.

Original "GATT" agreements were based on rates of duty existing April 1st, 1947. At that time the Canadian tariff admitted potatoes free of duty except for six weeks in the year — June 15th to July 31st — when a duty of 24¢ per cwt. was imposed on table potatoes. This rate was bound against increase. At the same time the United States full duty rate the year amount was 76¢ per cwt. on any amount of potatoes over one and one-half million bushels of certified seed and one million bushels of tablestock. The Geneva agreements increased the seed quota at the reduced rate

See Problems For Local Industry In Seaway Area

OTTAWA, (CP) — Two high-ranking Canadian business men expressed fear Friday the St. Lawrence seaway will drive some Canadian lake of business as a result of increased foreign industrial and transport competition.

T. R. McLagan of Montreal, president of Canada Steamships Ltd., called for federal restrictions on coastal shipping, to limit such trade to Canadian operators.

Overseas shipping, with the opening of the seaway, ships from Britain with lower-paid crews will get all the business, "putting Canadian seamen on the beaches and closing Canadian shipbuilding yards."

INCREASE COMPETITION J. M. Thompson of Hamilton, vice-president of Canadian Westinghouse Co. Ltd., said opening of the seaway will increase industrial competition from European factories which had lower production costs.

"There is a wide range of Ontario industries now suffering from foreign competition," he said. "The Ontario Commerce panel discussion on the seaway. 'Cheaper transit for incoming products will only add to the present Ontario industrial troubles.'"

Views of these men were opposed by W. H. Bosley, chairman of the Toronto harbor commission, and G. G. McLeod, federal transport department economist.

Mr. Bosley said shippers from all parts of the world are anxious to settle in Ontario. The seaway and power project would make Ontario a rival of such historic industrial giants as the British Midlands, the Germa Ruhr and the Detroit-Cleveland belt in the United States.

McLeod believed Canadian shippers would have an advantage over foreign competition because most Great Lake cargoes would be carried by lake carriers which

to two and a half million bushels and also increased the tablestock quota in those years when United States production is below normal.

It is difficult to understand the reasons for such disparity in the duty on potatoes. It is true that Canada has admitted the potato duty next in the past. The basic policy has not been changed for many years. Traditionally, the United States' position has been the opposite, but in spite of the difference in tariffs, generally speaking Canadian exports of potatoes to the United States, formerly have consisted of our imports from that country until 1950. The premium obtainable on United States currency in this country helped to overcome the tariff disadvantage, now such currency sells at a discount here.

Since 1950, when price support in the United States was lifted on this potato, a downward movement has developed and, as a result, for the past three years the balance of potato trade has been in favour of the United States.

In the three years 1951-1953 inclusive total exports of Canadian potatoes to the United States amounted to 6,000 bushels. Imports from that country in the same period totalled 7,751,000 bushels.

For many years the United States was the most important market for Maritime potato growers in spite of the fact that a substantial area of southern United States had good markets for both seed and tablestock because shipment by water from Island ports was at a much lower cost than rail shipment to the same markets from northern areas in the United States. However, with the recent elimination of motor transport, has to a large extent eliminated the advantage which Maritime growers once had in those markets. Not only that, but the same type of movement has placed United States growers in much closer proximity to the important centres of Quebec and Ontario which were traditionally supplied largely from the Maritimes.

OVERALL POSITION We understand that trade negotiations have repeatedly requested the United States to remove the potato tariff from the United States whose rates certainly seem unreasonable when compared with ours. The overall trade position in fruits and vegetables between the two countries warrant such consideration. For example, in 1953 Canada exports to the United States those commodities to the value of one hundred million dollars. Our exports in the same year approximated twenty million dollars — a ratio of five to one.

During 1953 the value of vegetable trade alone between the two countries was nine to one. Another consideration is that the volume of Canadian farm produce sales to the United States is small in relation to other products and, therefore, has little influence on the market price structure of that country. However, any reductions in the United States tariff is the most part immediately reflected in higher returns to Canadian producers.

We must recognize the fact that on certain commodities — particularly potatoes — the United States price level, less the United States duty, presently far determines our price level. Therefore, it is of great importance to our Canadian producers to seek further reductions under the United States Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act through which the President has the power to make reductions of fifty per cent on the rates of duty existing in January 1st, 1945.

Potato interests can no longer stand aloof on any matter of tariff adjustment. Twenty years ago Ireland producers under the leadership of the late Mr. Boulter had to spearhead the fight to keep the United States market open for Canadian potatoes even on the unfair trading basis since existing. A similar effort must now be made to secure a fair deal for the potato growers of Canada.

Alberton Prayer Services Conclude

The closing service of the Week of Prayer in the Alberton area was held in Alberton United Church last evening. Rev. Murray Gardner was assisted in conducting the service by Rev. J. R. McMahon, Rev. Alec McDowell and Rev. A. H. Lewis. As a special selection the choir sang the hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling."

Rev. Mr. McDowell's sermon theme was "Discouragement, a word of the Soul." It was based on the story of the prophet Elijah found in First Kings 19. Men have many ills which science cannot cure but Jesus Christ can heal them all. He who broke the gates of death is all powerful and to hearts burdened with doubt, fear, anxiety and discouragement he says "My peace I give unto you."

Offerings received during the week will go to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Mother Of Dr. Sheppard Found Shot To Death

CLEVELAND (AP) — The ailing, grey-haired mother of Dr. Samuel Sheppard, convicted wife-slayer, shot herself to death Friday in a locked bedroom, police said.

Another son, Dr. Stephen Sheppard, found the body of Mrs. Sheppard, 62, in an upstairs bedroom of his home where she had been staying the last two days.

Her fully-clothed body was sprawled across the bed, a snub-nosed .38-calibre revolver by her side. One shot had been fired behind her right ear and she died just before noon.

Across the room on a card table lay a note which said: "Dear Steve: I just can't manage alone without father. Mother."

CONDITION IS CRITICAL Her husband, Dr. Richard Sheppard, is in hospital with pleurisy. His family told him of his wife's death and reported later that he is in a critical condition, in danger of pneumonia.

Dr. Sam heard the news in county jail where he is awaiting the outcome of an appeal against his conviction for second-degree murder and a sentence of life imprisonment. He was convicted Dec. 21 of bludgeoning his pregnant wife, Marilyn, to death in their home last July 4.

In a legal move Friday, defence counsel William J. Corrigan gave up a motion for a new trial for Dr. Sam on the basis of new evidence. He told Judge Edward J. Blythin, who presided at the trial, that he had been unable to find enough new evidence to support the motion.

Preparing to ask instead for a review in appeals court, Corrigan asked Judge Blythin for a definite date of execution of the life sentence.

Dr. Sheppard has maintained steadfastly that his wife was killed by a bushy-haired intruder who invaded his home and knocked him unconscious when he ran to her aid.

Her funeral was held from her late residence to the Holy Family Church, Kensington, on Friday morning, December 10th where Requiem High Mass was offered by the pastor, Rev. Louis Callaghan, assisted by Rev. Reginald MacDonald, Severe nMile Bay, as deacon. Pall bearers were grandsons and nephew of the deceased and were Messrs. Errol and Urban Laughlin, Walter Curley, Edgar MacNeill, Maurice Croken and Hubert MacDonald. Interment was in Indian River Church cemetery where Rev. Louis Callaghan performed the last rites at the grave.

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The following floral and spiritual tributes, also numerous messages of sympathy were gratefully received.

Big Blast May Move Ripple Rock

OTTAWA, (CP) — Ripple Rock — a menace to west-coast shipping — may be blasted from the face of the earth by a single explosion.

The speech from the throne, read at the opening of Parliament Friday by Governor-General Massey, said the government will ask members to vote funds this session for removal of the rock. It is located in Seymour narrows about 100 miles north of Vancouver.

The exact method to reduce the rock to a depth 35 feet below the surface of the narrows has not yet been decided. However, Maj.-Gen. H. W. Young, deputy minister of public works, said the most desirable way appears to be a single underground explosion.

The government decided to ask Parliament for funds to remove the rock on the recommendation of the National Research Council. The committee suggested that the rock be removed by blasting either from above or below water.

Gen. Young said he expects that public works engineers will make a decision in a week or 10 days on the method to be used.

U. S. Army Sec'y Declares He Is Not Resigning

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Army Secretary Robert Stevens said Friday "I have never felt better in my life and I am not resigning."

With this one-line statement, Stevens took recognition of published reports that he was leaving office.

There have been recurring rumors in the last week that Stevens' departure from the government was imminent. The New York Times said Friday he would resign "just as soon as President Eisenhower has found a successor."

Senator Charles Potter Rep-Mich told a reporter Friday he had "informed the administration" he still believed Stevens and army commander John G. Adams should resign or be fired.

Potter was a member of the Senate sub-committee which held hearings last summer on the row between Senator Joseph McCarthy Rep-Wis. and the army officials.

At the conclusion of the hearings, Potter said he felt some resignations were in order.

Adams told a reporter Friday "I have not resigned, do not expect to resign, and have not been asked to resign."

In Memoriam

MRS. N. J. MacNEILL The death of Mrs. Nell J. MacNeill, New Annan, occurred on Wednesday, December 8 at the age of 65 years. After an illness of eight and a half years, during which time she was compelled to remain in bed, being stricken with the crippling disease of arthritis. She spent the past four years in various hospitals in Charlottetown.

Mrs. MacNeill, the former Maude McDonald, daughter of the late Ronald and Mrs. MacDonald, was born at Traveller's Rest, November 11, 1878 and lived there until her marriage to Mr. MacNeill, New Annan. Five years ago many friends joined them at their home in celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. Her husband predeceased her by nineteen months.

The late Mrs. MacNeill was a devoted wife and mother, was noted for her home-making talents and did much to make a happy Christian home. The young friends of her family were always welcomed to her home where many social evenings were spent and many church and community socials were also held in behalf of the societies of which she was a member. She was also known as a good neighbor and was always on hand to render assistance in time of need.

She worked whole-heartedly in all phases of church work and for many years during the pastorate of the late Monsignor D. J. Gillis, Indian River, she and her late husband prepared for his coming to their home twice yearly during Advent and Lent, when neighbors had a special opportunity to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion during these Holy seasons. She taught classes in Christian Doctrine and was a promoter of the League of the Sacred Heart. She was an active member of the Indian River - Kensington subdivision of the Catholic Women's League.

She was a charter member of the New Annan Women's Institute whose sick committee visited her regularly during her long illness bringing treats and gifts.

During her confinement to bed, Mrs. MacNeill maintained her keen interest in everyone and in the affairs of the world until the end. Visitors received the same warm welcome and were inspired by her resignation in bearing her heavy cross. She was also visited regularly by the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church and the Last Sacraments were administered to her by Rev. Father Corcoran.

There are left to mourn two daughters, (Mame) Mrs. Edward Laughlin Sherbrooke, (Florence) Mrs. Wilfred Curley, Clermont, and one son, Allie, on the home-stead in New Annan; also one sister, Mrs. John S. MacNeill, Brooklyn, N. Y. and four brothers, Frank MacDonald, Charlottetown, Major Summerside, Fred, Rosalind, Alberta and Dr. Hubert, Dearborn, Michigan.

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Pillow — Allie and Family. Spray Ed and Mame, Wilfred and Florence. Mamee Allie and Family. 2. Wilfred and Florence Curley, 2. New Annan Women's Institute, 2. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Croken, Emerald. Sisters of Mount St. Mary's, Charlottetown. Rev. Louis Callaghan, Indian River. Miss Jean Curley, Carleton Siding. Curley Grandchildren, Clermont, Catholic Women's League, Indian River - Kensington, Indian River. Mr. Frank MacDonald, Charlottetown. Mr. and Mrs. Major MacDonald, Summerside. Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacDonald, Rosalind, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacDonald, Sherbrooke. Mas. Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett MacDonald, Traveller's Rest. Mr. and Mrs. Errol Laughlin, Sherbrooke. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Matthews, Summerside.