

# Fishermen Keep Wary Eye On Ice Field's Movement

"The movement of ice on all sides of Prince Edward Island is causing concern among lobster fishermen at all points", Eugene Gorman, deputy minister of fisheries reported last night.

Due to poor flying conditions RCAF aircraft from Summerside were unable to make any training flights Monday, and consequently Mr. Gorman said that he had not received his daily report on the state and latest locations of the ice fields adjacent to the Island.

If the flying weather improves he said that he would receive a new ice report this afternoon, at about 4.30.

The last report of ice received by Mr. Gorman, indicated that Sunday and Monday, there was almost a solid stretch of ice, reaching from North Cape to slightly more than half the distance eastward along the north shore of the Island.

This field is reported to extend anywhere from 15 to 25 miles out into the gulf, and contains a large number of huge "growlers" — small icebergs. In several areas along the shore the ice is reported to be grounded, and the north and northeast winds of the past few days have prevented it from floating free.

**CLOSE WATCH**

In those locations where the lobstermen have their traps and gear set, Mr. Gorman said that they will have to maintain a constant watch as the winds and tides could bring the ice down on them without much warning.

Off Flat River and other locations in that area, there is a large stretch of open water, and there are reports that no ice is visible from shore. Mr. Gorman said that despite these observations barely out of range of visibility, there are long heavy streaks of ice moving through the Northumberland Strait. These streaks have been estimated at more than one mile wide and five miles

long and are showing up in ever increasing numbers.

Large amounts of ice are reported in the Victoria area and these patches are frequently observed from there westward. These one-by-five mile streaks of heavy ice are being fed by a heavy field situated between North Cape and the Bay of Chaleur, Mr. Gorman said.

"Unless more favorable winds hit the area, such as west or southwest, the situation for the lobster fishermen is not likely to improve very rapidly," Mr. Gorman said.

Commenting on the latest forecasts, he noted that unfavorable winds were expected to continue last night and today, coming from the northwest. These winds will tend to hold the ice along the north shore moving slowly further eastward, and the heavy streaks will continue to break off from the field at the west end of the Island and drift through the strait.

Another area which is heavily icebound is Pugwash and vicinity, in Nova Scotia and this is being closely watched, because once that ice starts to move it can also pose a threat to lobster gear in the southeast and east

end of the Island, it was stated. A report late last night from Souris, indicated that no ice was anywhere around, and the lobstermen of that port and also at North Lake, were not as concerned as those in other areas.

The biggest complaint from Souris, is with the small catches. Some fishermen hauled their traps Monday after having them down Saturday and Sunday, and several others had not lifted a trap since Friday. In all cases veteran fishermen claimed that Monday's haul was one of the smallest weekend catches they could recall.

In some cases the catches were reported to be less than an average one day's haul.

The lobster canning plant in Souris has been operating with a full shift each day, but reports indicate that after the plant has obtained its daily requirements from the fishermen, there are few if any lobsters left for table use.

## Lt.-Governor And Party Returning

Lieut. Governor F. Walter Hyndman, accompanied by Mrs. Hyndman, will return this evening from a tour of the British Isles.

His Honor accompanied a delegation of 67 businessmen from the Atlantic provinces who were seeking greater trade and improved business relations in the United Kingdom. The group represented 150 chambers of commerce in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

The two-week tour was arranged by H. Watson Jamer, agent-general in London for the four provinces. Secretary of the mission was Alfred Parkes, Moncton.

While in London, Lieut. Governor Hyndman and Mrs. Hyndman were invited to meet Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace Friday morning last.

## WESTERN BRIEFS

**IN HOSPITAL**  
Mrs. John Thompson, Margate is a patient in Prince County Hospital where she is receiving treatment.

**OUT OF HOSPITAL**  
Mrs. Brydon Smith, who has been a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital for the past three weeks, returned to her home in Alberton South on Sunday.

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The Guardian, Charlottetown, Tues., May 8, 1962.

## 'Stern' Trawlers To Be Tried Again

Provincial department of fisheries officials will watch with interest the performance of three stern trawlers, now under construction at Bathurst, N.B., to be launched May 25.

Draggers now used by Island fishermen drag trawl nets which are attached to the side of the vessel. Stern trawlers pull their nets directly behind the vessel.

Stern trawling was promoted by the department of fisheries back in 1952 when the trawler "Tigish No. One" introduced this method of fishing in Atlantic waters. The method did not appear to be popular and did not catch on with fishermen.

**INCREASED USE**  
The stern method is rapidly

coming into use by other countries of the world, and Eugene Gorman, deputy minister of fisheries, predicts that it will see increased use in Maritime waters.

"We will keep a close watch on the new trawlers," said Mr. Gorman, "and we think this new type of vessel will have quite a bearing on the future design of fishing ships in the Maritimes."

**New Dems Open Prince Co. Office**  
SUMMERSIDE — The New Democratic party yesterday was preparing to open a Prince

**WEATHER**

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	30	46
Vancouver	38	57
Victoria	39	60
Edmonton	31	48
Calgary	30	43
Regina	34	38
Winnipeg	38	40
Toronto	39	54
Montreal	38	50
Quebec	36	44
Fredericton	41	50
Saint John	38	50

**HALIFAX (CP)**—The weather office says it will be sunny with cloudy periods today as a high pressure area moves towards the Maritimes from Ontario.

Regional forecasts: Annapolis Valley, northern and eastern shore, Prince Edward Island and eastern N.B. counties: Variable cloudiness; little change in temperature; winds northwest 25 with gusts to 40. Low-high at Kentville 32 and 53, New Glasgow and Charlottetown 30 and 42, Moncton 30 and 50, Goshen 32 and 42.

Cape Breton: Cloudy; little change in temperature; northwest winds 20 with gusts to 30, and in afternoon to northwest 30 with gusts to 40. Low-high at Sydney 32 and 40.

St. John River Valley, Bay of Chaleur: Sunny with cloudy periods; a few snowflurries in hilly areas; little change in temperature; northwest winds

at Fredericton and Saint John 30 and 50, Edmundston and Campbellton 30 and 47.

Bay of Fundy: Winds northwest 30 diminishing by evening to northwest 20; mostly cloudy; a few showers; visibility 10 miles lowering in showers to three miles; cool.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:00 a.m. and 1:34 p.m. At Rustico at 8:17 a.m. and 11:14 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 4:53 and sets at 7:01.

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