

# New low cost

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very little submerged weight of wooden traps.

These same factors also mean the trap is far less likely to roll, being less susceptible to lifting from the bottom as its shape tends to make the water force it to hold. Because it is less likely to roll there is little danger of fouling the "bull trawl", the long line, with a buoy at each end to which the traps are attached.

Mr. Rossiter expressed the personal belief, concurred in by his deputy minister, E.M. Gorman, that this alone was the biggest development in the lobster industry in many years. He said the major project is expected to be shared in by other provinces, and said the lobster industry alone is worth \$21 million to the Maritime Provinces, with the catch totalling 45,000,000 pounds.

The new trap is planned to sell to fishermen at a cost com-

parable to those now in use when the expense to the fishermen of knitting the mesh, laths and other materials, and worth of his time are taken into consideration, as well as the much longer life expectancy of the new trap. Several traps will be given to fishermen to try out for themselves at no cost.

Walle laths was the main project discussed in Ottawa. Mr. Rossiter and Mr. Gorman also produced other ideas for consideration by deputy minister of fisheries, Dr. A.W.H. Needler, and chiefs of the various department branches—mainly in the industrial development branch.

**IRISH MOSS DRYER**  
The Island minister remarked the federal department engineers were developing a new type of Irish moss dryer, and he hoped Ottawa would participate in building it here for experimental purposes.

He said it might prove preferable to the old method of sun drying, and it was desired to test it here for two main reasons: 1. because of the belief that

'controlled' drying may give a more even quality; 2. because they wish to test the economics of the subject to determine if the idea is sound or would be too costly.

On the latter point, it was thought it might possibly prove cheaper in the long run if better quality produced also resulted in a higher price and also perhaps as it might mean ability to handle more moss.

Mr. Rossiter stated he also wanted to determine if it were practical to hold wet moss in cool rooms for later processing.

**SHARK FISHING**

Regarding the proposal about shark fishing, he said there were large numbers of sharks in the general area with most of them being taken in the triangle formed by the Magdalen Islands, the head of Cape Breton and East Point, P.E.I. He said since there was plenty of food for them in this 'outer' area they seldom were seen in nearby local waters.

All the above things, he stated, are still in the discussion stages, but he believes there is solid reason for hoping they will be implemented.

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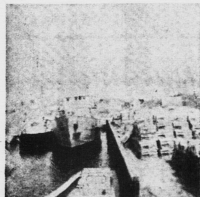
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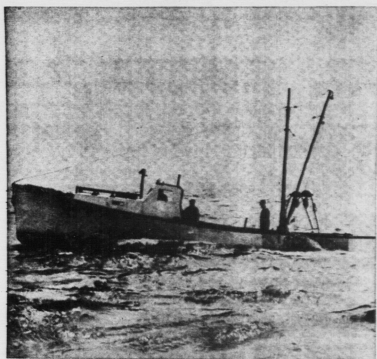
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