

The efficiency of electrical fishing gear with its present limited field "is much greater than that of any other gear used up to now," states Professor P.F. Meyer-Waarden, Director of the Institute of Coastal and Inland Fisheries, Hamburg, in "Electrical Fishing", just published by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Rome, Italy. Professor Meyer-Waarden is internationally recognized as a leading authority on electrical fishing.

In a chapter on the "Importance of the Electrical Fishing Gear" Professor Meyer-Waarden states: "For instance, only by electrical fishing is it possible to take all fish and other animal life from closed waters and definite water areas. Undrainable ponds, lakes and

pools can be fished out completely by using electrical gear. The gear can also be used for removing use less and predatory fish. Any water, particularly river areas, can be fenced against migrating fish, which enables fish culture to be carried on in selected water areas. Electrical barriers can prevent valuable commercial fish, such as eel, salmon etc., from entering turbines, pumps, etc., where they would be damaged or killed. Electrical gear can also be used to guide fish to

new river systems and fish ways, or drive them, by frightening effect, into fishing gear, such as traps, etc." **SEA FISHING** The use of electrical gear is also developing in sea fisheries, and it is now possible to concentrate shoal fish by keeping an electrode placed in the aperture of a trawl net and to paralyse the fish so that they cannot escape the trawl. "An electrode placed in front of a pelagic (midwater) trawl will

attract shoal fish even from the lower area of the electrical field and guide them into the catching area," states Professor Meyer-Waarden. "This means fish from the region beneath the net, which would otherwise not be taken, will be caught. An electrical midwater trawl also enables the otherwise 'unfishable' uneven bottom to be fished as the fish living near the ground are attracted towards the electrode."

He says that the blocking effect of electric current can also be used in sea fisheries. "Narrow areas, such as fjords, could be electrically fenced and the fish kept in them until required," writes Professor Meyer-Waarden. "It might even be possible to drive fish shoals towards a destination much as a shepherd and his dogs drive flocks of sheep. An electrical shark, barrier might also be constructed on that principle. And there is no doubt about the great importance of the improved quality of the flesh of fish which are paralysed

or killed electrically, thus preventing the accumulation of lactic acid during the death struggle and delaying the onset and disappearance of rigor mortis. "Despite these advantages, however, it should not be forgotten that the capital and energy expended for electrical fishing should be kept in reasonable relation to the practical results achieved by the gear," he concludes. **BASIC PRINCIPLES** The Study, which is No 7 of a

The publication of this Study is aimed at eliminating "confused views and ideas about electrical fishing which hamper its future development". The Study is available in English, French and Spanish from FAO sales agents and from the Distribution and Sales Section, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome, Italy, at a price of 1 or 5—its equivalent in other currency.

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WELLINGTON
Mrs. Frank MacNutt entertained the Malpeque Women's Institute at their March meeting on Wednesday evening with a good attendance.
Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Archibald Woodside whose death occurred at his home in Summerside after a lengthy illness. The funeral which was very largely attended was held on Friday afternoon, March 5, from Prince-George United Church, Malpeque. The service being conducted by Rev. L. M. Murray and Rev. M. P. Webber. Interment was in the Peoples Cemetery, Malpeque.
Mrs. G.W. Ramsay returned to her home in Malpeque on March 18th after spending the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. Arney in Kingston, Ontario.

Miss Lillian Donald, R.N. of Montreal, visited her brother, Mr. Donald, in Kingston, Ontario, during the passing and funeral of their mother, the late Mrs. James Donald.
Mrs. Ernest Pickering, Clinton, was a recent visitor to Kingston, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wigmore.

Mrs. Frank Beairisto, Charlottetown, spent the weekend at Malpeque. CV Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Major Gamble Southwest, will regret to learn that their 8 year old daughter Nancy, was the victim of a rather serious accident on March 1st. The child had gone to a neighbor's home and while playing a game of "Hide and Seek" with other children, she fell from the top of a window, which inflicted a deep gash above the eye. She was rushed to P.C. Hospital where it was found several stitches were required to close the wound. At latest report she was resting comfortably as would be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Arsene Poirier of St. Nicholas recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were married January 14, 1863 in St. John the Baptist Church, Miscouche by Rev. Martin Monaghan D.D. A wedding breakfast was served at their home attended by Rev. Kelly and members of their family.

In the evening a sumptuous supper was served at their home to a large number of relatives and friends. Revs. Poirier and MacIntyre of Egmont Bay attended. An address was read by their daughter Mrs. Edward Poirier. Mr. and Mrs. Poirier have 7 children, Martin, Felix and William at home; Emmanuel at Miscouche, Mrs. Frank Poirier (Margaret), Montreal; Mrs. Martin Gaudet (Ursule) and Mrs. Edward Poirier (Theresa) both of St. Nicholas.

Mr. Gerald Gallant, Moncton, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Gallant. BM

HOWLAN
A meeting of the Study Club was held on Monday night, March 17th, at the home of Jerry Gallant with 16 answering the opening prayer. A mite box was started, each one dropping coins in. Eusebe Arsenault kindly invited the members for the meeting on the following week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gallant, Quare were in Howlan on Sunday, March 9th.

Clifford Martin, Emerald, with a friend, were in Howlan on Saturday, March 8th, on business.

Motoring to Summerside on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Felix Arsenault and Mrs. Gerald O'Brien of Woodstock.

Skiing is now done unless we get frost and snow several wagons are now on the road.

Patricia Funnah recently visited her sister, Ruth, Mrs. Camillus Gallant in Summerside.

Paul Doiron who went to Florida last fall has now arrived in Boston, where he is a guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallant and other relatives.

Mr. P.A. Arsenault MLA has now gone to Charlottetown to attend the session in Parliament house. While he is away Mrs. Oscar Gallant is teacher in Duke School.

Mrs. A.A. Arsenault was hostess to the ladies of St. Anne's Club on Tuesday night, March 11th, for their monthly meeting. It was decided to furnish flowers for the altar for Easter. April meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jerry Gallant.

Motoring to Summerside on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault and son Clifford and Paul Gallant.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault and Mrs. Alan D. Arsenault motored to Summerside on Thursday, March 13th.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gallant visited with Henry's parents on Sunday evening, March 16.