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Barbados Report by Islander Given High Commendation

ANTAGONISH (Special)—The results of a fisheries survey and education program set up in Barbados by the United Kingdom field representative in St. John's, the late F.X. University, the United Maritime Fisheries and St. Dunstan's University, have received the highest commendation from officials of the Canadian Caribbean Commission according to information received from the university last week.

Mr. LeBlanc went to Barbados Sept. 15 on assignment by Dr. J. B. Peters, director of the Canadian Caribbean Corporation. The results of his work have been published in a concise 21-page report which has elicited high praise from the sponsoring organization.

It contains some 20 major recommendations that cover a wide range of fishery operations on the island. In summary he recommends a systematic effort among the fishing groups on the island; better communications between fishing centres and the Barbados Marketing Corporation and he recommends a fishery representative on this body which does not exist at the present time.

Mr. LeBlanc has advised the Caribbean Corporation that the entire Barbadian catch be turned over to the United Fisheries Society and that "bunkering" should be discontinued and local sales also handled by the co-operative.

Among other recommendations he suggests a statistical service modeled on that of Canada in the project; a review and revision of price control; the expansion of staff in the ministry of fisheries and finally an educational program for fishermen and wider use of existing facilities to provide information to those engaged in the industry.

Following is part of the conclusion of Mr. LeBlanc's report regarding the island fisheries: "Although the Caribbean Sea as a whole cannot be considered an area of high productivity, it is nevertheless possible that the fisheries might be reasonably expanded. There has been little or no exploratory or research work done in the fisheries of Barbados, therefore little scientific knowledge is available regarding stocks, movements of fish, etc., pertinent information in the planning of an expansion program in fisheries.

"There should be no expansion in the inshore fleet of Barbados at this time, in fact, it might be desirable to gradually reduce the number of fishermen involved in the fishery unless the annual per capita production can be increased appreciably. The government has placed a temporary suspension of loans and this procedure should remain in force under circumstances warrant a change in policy.

Co-operatives can play an important part in developing the industry; but it is not the easy way—it is not a magic formula, yet it is probably the surest and most scientific way of doing the job. Well trained and dedicated young and older men will be required to organize, foster and supervise this development program. The calibre of the men presently in the field is indeed outstanding within its ranks and outstanding ability and promise.

More young Barbadians should be trained in this work and those already involved, with few exceptions, should receive further training as soon as possible. Outside help can be advantageous at times but if the program is to be successful, if the movement is to be founded on solid ground and to be an enduring people's enterprise.

STAFFS GATHER TO HONOR PRES.
The staff of Campbell Industries Inc. and the staff of Campbell and Burns Limited gathered at Central Bodega recently to honor Harold Campbell, president of the two firms, as a Christmas party.

Norman Reeves, acting as chairman, paid tribute to the work of the president. After reading in original verse depicting a brief history of the staff member, slides were viewed.

An address, also in original verse, was read by Agno Arsenault, and Mr. Campbell was presented with a ring.

Other presentations were made to Roy Campbell, secretary, who assisted with the program; Stanley Evans, foreman of Campbell and Burns Limited; George Campbell, manager of Campbell Industries Inc.; the office staff, Helen Rayner and Ruth Lord.

A meal prepared by ladies of the staff followed. Appreciation was extended to Edna Reeves, Alice Gallant, Bella Arsenault, Melvina Poirier and Eva Poirier for their efforts in preparing and serving.

Fish Landings, Values Up For Maritimes In November

Total fish landings in the Maritime Provinces during November totalled 56.9 million pounds valued at \$20,000,000, says a release from the department of fisheries, Halifax.

Included in these totals were 34.4 million pounds of groundfish valued at \$1,400,000, 18.4 million pounds of peale fish valued at \$230,000 and 5.1 million pounds of molluscs and crustaceans valued at \$1,100,000.

The November catch exceeded the average November landings during the years 1961-63 in volume by 18.7 million pounds and in value by \$64,000. Groundfish landings for the month exceeded the 1961-63 November average by 7.4 million pounds and \$286,000 while peale landings were 11.1 million pounds and \$1,100,000 larger than the 1961-63 November average.

Fishermen in the Maritime Provinces landed larger than normal quantities of pollock, hake, cusk, catfish, flatfishes, herring, mackerel, smelts and swordfish during November. Landings of cod, haddock, lobster and scallops were slightly below normal.

Cumulative fish landings in the Maritime Provinces for the January to November period of 1964 amount to 763.1 million pounds valued at \$50,800,000. The figures for similar period of 1963 were 667.9 million pounds valued at \$44,200,000 and during 1962, 634.2 million pounds valued at \$29,300,000.

The volume and value of fish landings in the Maritime Provinces during the first 11 months of 1964 exceed the volume and value of landings during the entire year of 1963.

Two Men Fined For Impaired

Lovell R. Parkman, Oyster Bay Bridge, and Samuel McMann, Moncton, N.B., both charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty in city police court yesterday to the lesser charge of driving while impaired and were each fined \$125 and costs by Magistrate J. A. Haslam, Q.C.

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