

concern when one or two members from the Maritime Provinces called attention in the House to the serious losses which are being sustained in the Atlantic fishing industry, and the need of speedy action to prevent a threatened depletion of the fish supply.

This serious mischief is being done by a scourge of dogfish, which has now continued for five successive years. The dogfish is a species of small shark, and the deadly enemy especially of the herring and codfish. It not only drives other fish away, but it destroys the fishermen's seines, and thus works havoc in a double sense. The damage done by these voracious hordes may be seen in the decline of the herring catch of the north coast of Scotland, from 134,000 to 44,000 barrels in seven years. The Nova Scotia fishery catch last year, along the coast west of Halifax, was estimated to be from \$400,000 to \$600,000 below the average year. Almost the entire blame for this shrinkage is placed upon the dogfish.

Under Government auspices a fishery expert has been investigating the matter for the past year or so, but thus far there has been more theory than practical remedy. It has been repeatedly suggested that a bounty on dogfish be offered by the Government, but the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has finally decided on a different plan. The dogfish, it seems, is of some commercial value. On the Pacific coast it has been made the basis of a profitable industry, a number of dogfish oil factories having been established with great success. Three similar reduction works are to be built on the Atlantic coast, each to cost about \$9,000. They will be located, respectively, on the south shore of Cape Breton, the north coast of New Brunswick, and on the Magdalen Islands, and glue, as well as oil, will be manufactured from the fish and fish-offal. This plan seems to meet with the favor of the fishing industry, and it is hoped that it may prove the means of preserving the important fisheries of the Atlantic coast.

New Life at the Soo

WHEN the great allied industries at Sault Ste. Marie closed down last year, there were not wanting those who saw therein the doom of New Ontario develop-

ment. But the works are once more running, and the blue-ruin prophets have been effectually discounted.

The reorganization of the company and appointment of a new president have been followed by the announcement that its future policy will be conservative, and that only those works which can be profitably operated will be opened. Business was resumed in July, with good prospects, the old and new contracts on hand being sufficient to keep the works going for one or two years. The Helen mine is now running at full capacity, and all the company's steamers are in commission. The pulp mill and sawmills were among the first to open up, and some of the smaller shops are either running on short time or preparing for starting up later in the season. The steel mill will be put in operation as soon as sufficient material is in hand.

The new president of the Soo Company is Mr. C. D. Warren, of Toronto, and the general management has been resumed by Mr. Cornelius Shields, the former manager. It is a matter of satisfaction to every Canadian interested in the development of his country that this great enterprise has been restored to a permanent basis. The Soo has still a future.

Postal Systems Up-to-Date

IF there is one public building more than another that is expected to make a good appearance, it is the local post-office. Every town of any importance has ambitions for its Royal Mail headquarters, and the estimates every year include a number of appropriations for such purposes. The smaller Canadian cities have now fairly adequate and creditable post-offices, as the result of governmental building operations during the past ten years or so; but the larger cities are still but poorly supplied. Montreal and Toronto, for example, have both far outgrown the capacities of their post-office buildings, both of which are no longer creditable to the growing cities of to-day. Much less important buildings outdo them in appearance and equipment.

Improvement in this direction has been urged for some time past. The im-