

"I quite agree with 'Bill' Duff of Lunenburg that hatcheries are useless, and it is a waste of money keeping them up. If the money so spent was used to control the marketing of our fish it would be spending the money in a practical way. The national debt of Canada will never be paid in any other way than by getting the money out of our natural resources. The money cannot be gotten out of our natural resources if we are going to continue to allow ourselves to be 'financially' annexed and skinned by United States capitalists."

I have further correspondence here that I received some time ago.

Re *Summer Fishing for Whitefish in Lake Winnipegosis*

I wish to acquaint you with all of the facts *re* the above. Since the year 1906 until this present year of 1921 lake Winnipegosis has been closed for summer fishing, it being illegal to take fish from the lake for commercial purposes. To suit the whim of Armstrong of Portage la Prairie this present year of 1921 it was made legal to take Whitefish from lake Winnipegosis for commercial purposes between the dates of June 1st until August 15th and Whitefish, Pickerel and Jackfish, and Mulletts, between the dates of September 1st and September 30th.

Now, it an utter impossibility to sell the Whitefish from lake Winnipegosis during the summer months. This was proven this past summer when the attempt was made to fish this lake and sell the fish. The reason why that it is impossible to make a success of the selling of summer produced Whitefish from lake Winnipegosis is that during summer lake Winnipeg can supply the markets with all the Whitefish the markets can use. In fact were all the Whitefish shipped from lake Winnipeg during summer fishing that could be shipped the markets would become flooded with those Whitefish. According to law 3,000,000 pounds of Dressed Whitefish is allowed to be taken from lake Winnipeg during summer fishing, June 1st until August 15th, and each and every summer of that 3,000,000 pounds 2,000,000 pounds has to be pan-frozen and held in storage for winter use. The markets simply cannot consume those fish as fast as the fishermen can produce them. Furthermore the quality of the Whitefish produced from lake Winnipeg is far superior to the quality of Whitefish produced from any other lake in Western Canada, and for this reason lake Winnipegosis Whitefish (unfrozen) will not sell on the markets in competition with Whitefish (unfrozen) from lake Winnipeg. During the summer months the Eastern Canadian markets obtain their Whitefish from lakes Nipegon and Nipissing, and the Western Canadian markets obtain their Whitefish from lake Winnipeg, and also does the United States markets obtain Whitefish from lake Winnipeg. The fact of the matter is that *nobody* can make a success of summer fishing lake Winnipegosis. When the attempt is made to fish the lake here the fishermen's time is wasted and also the fish are wasted.

During the month of September there is a certain demand for Pickerel for consumption by the Jewish people during their holidays pertaining to their New Year and Feast of the Tabernacle. But lake Winnipeg can supply that demand quite easily without lake Winnipegosis being Fall fished. When lake Winnipegosis is Fall fished the result is that on lake Winnipeg a large quantity of Pickerel is forced to be pan-frozen and held for winter consumption, because there is no freezing facilities here at Winnipegosis to amount to much, and the general result is that too much Pickerel is produced when the winter catch of weather frozen stock is added to the stocks of pan-frozen Pickerel in storage. The result of that is a crash in values of the frozen fish,