SHAD RUNS

According to the results of recent deed that a great scarcity resulted so that fewer parent fish will large numbers in rivers or streams the catch in 1875. where conditions are unfavorable and where a very large percentage or the fry die either in the egg stage or shorlty after they hatch that in order to keep up the usual number of adults a much larger proportion of the newly born them to brackish water. When he lay far more eggs than are needed Nature is very prolific. A cod when they were left in fresh may lay as many as 30,000 eggs in water. The best temperature for a season. An average sized salmon may lay from 8000 to 10;000 eggs.

These numbers are not all needed to keep up the race. Nature makes will be asked in due time if they allowances for many of the eggs and are willing to co-operate with the young being killed. Some of them Department of Fisheries in increaskilled by cold; some of the fry may ing the shad supply. If they are, it get stranded on the shore or im- is expected an attempt will be prisoned in pools which dry up; made to no so; but there will be and many die from lack of food. A no compulsion in the matter. Fisher happen to reduce their numbers.

evenipt from , such necissitudes. fishing while the shad are in the Shad lay their eggs in fresh water. river. The season now is about a They come up from the sea during month long. Fishermen will be the latter half of May and early asked to consent to reduce this part of June. If the water poins to be very cold-50 F. under-the eggs all die. If the tem pelature rises as high as 54 F. about 10 to 12% of the eggs live. Consequently if fishermen catch a large number of the pareint fish where they are spawning it easily happens that in the course of many years not enough parent fish remain alive to keep up the race. This is what has happened to the shad since 1875 when the fish ermen of Canada caught as many as 3;200.000 pounds. In fact they caught far too many-so many

Coming back now to Mr. Leim's investigations; he discovered during the past four years a method by which the supply of shad fry up the eggs where they have been laid in fresh water and transporting must survive. As a rule most fish did this he found that four or five times as many fry hatched out as rearing the fry, he discovered to be 65 F.

The people of the Miramichi valley thousand and one accidents may men and the public must decide. Ir they are favorable, what will be ex The shad eggs and fry are not pected of them is to restrict shad hap-season by a half or even a quarter

investigations carried on by Mr. in the early years of the twentieth caught than at present. That will A.H. Leim of the Biological Board century. In 1921 only 300.000 lbs. be quite a sacrifica for river fishof Canada, shad deposit their eggs in were caught or about one tenth or ermen, but there is no other way than this of increasing the numbers excepting by prohibiting all fishing for several years as was might greatly be increased. The if the season is shortened the great out into fry. The consequence is method consists simply in gathering ly increased numbers which will result will enable the fishermen to catch in a short time quite as many fish as they do now in a longer sdason.

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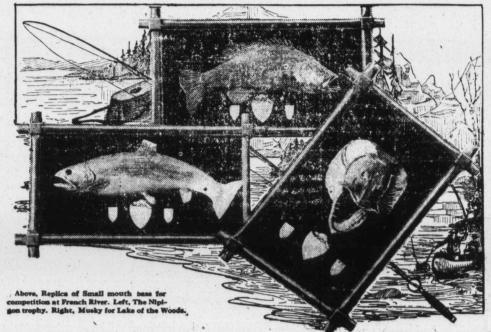
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The longest solid train of red cedar edge grain shingles ever hauled across the continent left Vancouver, B.C., recently for Chicago and the Eastern States. Several other long trains of this product will be shipped in the near future by the Huntog Merritt Lumber Company, by whom the consignment was forwarded.

A despatch recently sent from London states that Professor Carlyle, of the E. P. ranch, is sailing for Canada shortly, taking back with him a number of brood mares and other stock for the ranch. The Prince of Wales continues to evince the deepest interest in all the doings of the ranch and keeps in close touch with things there.

Approximately the same acreage as produced the West's bumper crop last year will be under cultivation this season. The outlook now is that over 14,000,000 acres of land will be ready for seed under generally favorable conditions. The estimated acreage to be seeded this year, by provinces, is as follows: Manitoba, 4.450,400; Saskatchewan, 3,354,190; Alberta, 3,472,315.

The value of boots and shoes exported by Canada during the year ended March, 1924, more than doubled the value of Canadian boots and shoes bought by other countries during the preceding year. Last year the exportations were valued at \$304,913, and for the preceding year at \$130,034. The United States was the chief buyer, taking 2,227 pairs, with Japan second, taking 1,828 pairs.

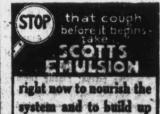
Concluding her round-the-world cruise, the palatial Canadian Pacific steamship "Empress of Canada," docks at Vancouver on May 24th. Reports indicate that this four-months' pleasure voyage under the genial care of Captain Robinson, hero of the Jananese disaster, has been a spiendid success, the passengers being loud in their declarations of satisfaction.

During the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1924, Canada imported goods to the value of \$893.335.491, an increase of \$91.000.000 compared with the previous similar twelve months, while she exported \$1,045.141.056, an increase of about \$110,000,000. The total trade increased in that twelve-month period by about \$210,000.000, compared with the corresponding period a year ago. riod a year ago.

It is expected that negotiations between the British Government and the Province of British Columbia will lead to the settlement of several shiploads of immigrants from the Hebrides in the province this summer. Each Government preposes to grant \$300, or \$600 in all, to each family and shelters will be provided them close to the sea, where they can engage profitably in their accustomed pursuit, fishing.

The itinerary of the personally conducted tour of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, en route to their annual convention to be held at Victoria, B.C., August 12th to 16th, has just been announced. Starting from Toronto, a special train for the teachers will proceed west by Canadian Pacific Railway, halts being made at Western Canada's chief points of beauty and interest. It is expected that about 150 will make the trip.

That Sweden is capable of sending 25,000 men to Canada as immigrants yearly was the statement of Otto Elander, preminent Swedish editor, when in Montreal recently. Mr. Elander is touring Canada with the object of studying conditions as they exist in Swedish settlements here and reporting upon them to his fellow-country men desirous of immigrating to this country.



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