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Depletion of the Fisheries

Writing in the Science News Bulletin, a member of the United States Fishing Bureau remarks:

"We have cut down almost all of our forests, and killed almost all of the wild game they once sheltered. We are rapidly exhausting the fertility of our soil, and emptying our mines until our wells will do the same to the food resources of the sea."

Many look upon the sea as a vast untapped storehouse of food. While it is not so barren as it looks, its supplies are by no means as inexhaustible as some would have us believe. This has been quite forcibly demonstrated in the fisheries of the North Sea, Iceland, and other areas. From 1906 to 1913, the average catch of a British trawler per day's absence from port ranged between 1,837 to 2,027 pounds. As a result of the restrictions on fishing operations during the Great War, the fisheries were afforded an opportunity to recuperate. With the renewal of operations in 1919, the average daily catch increased to 3,483 pounds or 50 per cent. greater than the pre-war average. In 1921 it had declined to 2,173 pounds, and in 1922 to 1,568 pounds. Thus within a five-year period of fishing, the increment gained during a five-year closed season was wiped out and new low levels reached. The record of British trawlers operating in Iceland waters is similar. The average daily catch per day's absence for the years 1906-13 ranged within the limits of 4,883 and 7,376 pounds. In 1919, it increased to 7,638 pounds, falling to 4,872 pounds in 1922. The story of Dutch trawlers operating in the North Sea is corroborative. In 1905 the average catch per voyage day was 1,965 pounds; in 1913, 1,738 pounds; in 1918, 5,744 pounds, and in 1923, 1,725 pounds. As a result of the impoverishment of the nearby fishing banks, the present trend is to build larger fishing vessels, capable of making longer voyages. No less than thirty such vessels are being built in Hull, England. The White Sea is being drawn upon, and several expeditions have been sent to Greenland waters, even as far as Davis Strait, to ascertain the abundance of fishes. The great numbers of fishes found in these areas will undoubtedly lead to their exploitation. African fisheries are also being exploited on a much larger scale than before. This depletion of certain areas, and expansion of operations emphasizes the need of extensive studies of the life histories and habits of the important marine fishes to prevent their ultimate exhaustion. Fortunately the nations are beginning to realize the importance of such work and to expand their programme of scientific research.

Lulled into a sense of security by the oft repeated remark that the wealth of the waters around the coast of Newfoundland is inexhaustible, we have taken no precautions to perpetuate the supply, and in fact, in our prosecution of certain fisheries, we have been as improvident as were the early peoples in Canada in their slaughter of the buffalo. The lobster fishery, once a lucrative industry, is at present a dead letter; the seal fishery for years has shown a serious falling off, and although many wordy battles have been fought over the matter, nothing has been attempted to ascertain the cause. Even the cod appears to have deserted certain parts of the coast where once it was found in teeming millions. To what is this due? Has the noise caused by the exhaust of the motor boat anything to do with it, as many fishermen claim? If such is likely, why should the use of mufflers not be made compulsory? Is the trap with mesh of smaller size than the law permits responsible for the depletion; and if so why not enforce the law? It would almost appear as though

the violation was encouraged, since we actually supply a market with unmatured fish.

In a season such as this, when the catch is large, no one, we presume, will pay much attention to any comments on this question, but there is another also which the article quoted presents.

With the falling off in the fisheries in the eastern Atlantic and the building of larger vessels by the European fishermen, is there not a strong probability that they will seek to exploit the fisheries on the Newfoundland grounds? Should they undertake this, we could not prevent them, but we could circumvent them just by showing that we are equally enterprising. It would be unlike us tamely to accept defeat.

S.S. Nascopie Arrives From Hudson's Bay

The steamer Nascopie, of the Hudson's Bay Company, arrived in port yesterday afternoon, after making her annual trip to the Hudson's Bay Posts. The ship went as far north as Pond's Inlet. The ice conditions were not nearly as bad as might have been expected, although some very heavy ice had to be contended with in crossing the Davis Straits. The Nascopie made all the usual ports of call, and it was found that the health of the people was excellent, and at no place was there sickness of any kind. On the return trip the weather was very stormy, and when at Port Burwell and Cape Chidley, two feet of snow covered the ground, and had every appearance of an early winter. Strong winds and heavy seas were encountered on the Labrador Coast, and when the Nascopie called at Cartwright on Sunday, a very heavy sea was running. The Nascopie met S.S. Peveril at Port Burwell. This ship is replacing the Bay Eskimo, which was lost in Hudson Bay last spring, an account of which has already been given. The Peveril is now on her way back and is due to arrive here on Friday. Among the passengers are Messrs. Thomas Carmichael and Lance Ewing. The Nascopie brought a part cargo of skins; also four thoroughbred Eskimo dogs. The following passengers arrived:—J. W. Nicholls, William Duval, J. C. McGibbon, H. Volsey and C. Townsend. Mr. Ralph Parsons, Manager of the company at Montreal, made the round trip. He is looking exceptionally well and his many friends here will be glad to see him. As soon as the Nascopie takes on board provisions, she will leave for Ardrossen.

Seaman Meets With Accident.
 When the Nascopie was nearing this port yesterday, one of the members of the crew fell into the ship's hold, but beyond receiving a shaking up he escaped uninjured. He was doing some work on the 'tween decks at the time, when he suddenly fell below. He was attended by the ship's doctor. The Nascopie is now berthed at A. Harvey & Co.'s premises.

Drowning Fatality in Fortune Bay

FATHER, SON AND MISED MAN LOSE THEIR LIVES.

Harry Pettie, well known business man of Moose Ambrose, his son Arthur aged 20 and a hired man were drowned yesterday whilst going by motor boat from English Harbour to Moose Ambrose, according to a message received last evening by Mr. G. M. Barr. Mr. Harry Pettie was one of the most widely known business men on the West Coast. For years he sailed from this port in the foreign trade, commanding among other vessels, the Roanoke. During the past ten years he has been conducting a successful business at Moose Ambrose. Lately he has been loading the schr. C. H. Rasmussen for market. He was a brother of Mr. Jerry Pettie.

The message received by Mr. Barr reads as follows:—"Harry Pettie, and his son, Arthur, aged 20, with a hired man, were drowned while going by motor boat from English Harbour to Moose Ambrose."

Spencer Club's Sale and Dance to-night. Have your tea at 6 to 7 at Spencer College Hall, admission 10c. Dancing at 9 o'clock. Tickets 50c. each. You will be specially welcomed and a jolly evening is guaranteed.
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S.S. Hethpool Sails

S.S. Hethpool sailed for Halifax and Boston this morning, taking a part cargo and the following passengers:—Miss A. Guedé, T. Warfield, Miss Edith M. Lake, Mrs. R. Lake, M. A. Rabbits, John Mero, T. J. Fitzgerald, J. Penry, Eli Paddesfer, Mrs. S. Maloney, Miss Fetter, M. Bennett, M. Ryan, Mrs. J. Tucker, Misses Tucker, (2), Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, N. Innes, Miss B. Miss Abbott.

Ever Warm Safety Suit Demonstration

Yesterday afternoon at the King's Wharf in the presence of a large gathering, including the Acting Prime Minister, Hon. J. R. Bennett, and Capt. Winsor, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, a number of trials of the Everwarm Safety Suit, a product of the National Life Preserver Co. of Canada, were carried out. The demonstration proved highly interesting. Five local men including Mr. E. Brien of the M. & F. Department donned the suit and dived into the sea. Mr. Brien jumped from the bow-sprit of a vessel that was moored at the Marine Agencies wharf and another man jumped from one of the cross-trees of the same vessel into the water, but neither sank over their heads. The buoyancy of the suit as well as the protection from exposure which it affords the wearer were demonstrated to the satisfaction of all present.

T.A. Ladies' Arrange Season's Activities

The T.A. Ladies' Auxiliary held a meeting last night at which much business was done. It was decided to hold social functions on Tuesday next, Oct. 20th, and on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, eve of whole holiday. For next week the programme will consist of a card party, supper and dance. Prizes for the card party will be gold pieces, whilst the music for the dance will be supplied by the Gem Orchestra, which is making itself so popular with the dance lovers. Particulars of the affair on Nov. 10th will be announced in due course.

During the evening the young men of the Society and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, with their lady friends, indulged in an informal dance programme, which was much enjoyed by all present, the music for which being supplied by Mr. H. Walsh at the piano.

S.P.A. wish to gratefully acknowledge the sum of \$4.35 from a Children's Bazaar, by Jane Thomson, Madeline Veitch, Nance Ross and Ruth Ross, of Barnes Road.—oct14.11

Gaiety Hall Dance

The sixth of a series of Dances, was held at the Gaiety Hall last night, and was greatly enjoyed by the large numbers in attendance. A dance programme consisting of fourteen numbers and the music was supplied by the Prince's Orchestra. During the interval for supper, music for several extra dances was supplied by Messrs. Pittman and Cronin. The supper served by the ladies of the Presentation Convent Association, added much to the evening's pleasure.

At the Casino

"THE BAT" PROVES A SENSATION.

"The Bat," as played by the Harkins Company at the Casino, as you probably know, has proven the sensation of the present season. It is without exception one of the greatest productions ever staged in this city and no one should miss seeing it. It may be years before another play as startling and sensational as "The Bat" will be ever put on the local stage. Without a doubt the unexpected climax of "The Bat" is the most surprising finish to a play ever staged; and it is the climax that is so carefully guarded as a secret. Certain it is that not one person who has ever seen the play has been able to guess its finish in advance. It is a play that holds the audience breathless from start to finish. Many speak of "The Bat" as a play that will furnish a topic of conversation for weeks after it has come and gone. Don't miss seeing this wonderful play. Seats on sale at F. V. Cheesman's, Water Street.

The Halifax Marathon Sweep is a sporty sweep. First prize, \$2,500; 2nd prize, \$1,000, and so on, the total aggregating \$6,450. Ask for the ticket in the blue envelope, 10c. each.—oct14.11

Oporto Market Improving

The following is a paragraph taken from a report dated September 22nd, forwarded the Secretary of the Board of Trade by Messrs. Lind and Couto, fish dealers Oporto.

"The demand for the past week has been somewhat better than for the week preceding. The bulk of the sales were of the inferior qualities recently discharged. It is to be noted that there now exists a better general demand than for some weeks past, and if a good consumption is maintained, we consider that prices will harden."

The Halifax Marathon Sweep Committee is defraying the entire expenses of O'Toole, Bell, Stone and Ralph, Newfoundland's Track Team in the big road race, which is to be pulled off at Halifax on Saturday.
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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

LUNenburg BANKERS HAVE HIGHEST CATCH ON RECORD.

LUNENBURG, N.S., Oct. 14.—The Lunenburg Grand Banks fishing fleet of seventy vessels has completed its season's work with a catch of 24,375 qts, which is an average of 3,505 qts. per vessel. This is the largest catch per vessel on record, according to figures just made public. The schooner W. E. Enock was high liner with a total of 5,000 qts. The Mary Pauline came second with 4,900 qts. The schooner Bluenose, holder of the International Schooner Racing Championship, had a catch of 4,200 qts. While the greatest total catch ever taken was in 1919 with 285,000 qts, the number of schooners then engaged was 105, making the average per vessel 2,810 qts, or 625 qts. less than the 1925 average.

ELABORATE TOMB FOR FATHER OF BOLSHIEVISM.

MOSCOW, Oct. 14.—Nikolai Lenin, father of Bolshevism is to be given one of the most elaborate tombs in the world. Plans for the erection of a marble mausoleum to replace the temporary wooden structure in which the body now rests, is announced by the Soviet Government. Plans provide for a great central hall where the casket will be placed.

PROTECTION FOR WORSTED MANUFACTURERS.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Some newspapers assert to-day that the Government has granted the application of the British worsted manufacturers to inquire into the situation of the industry with a view to the imposition of protective duty under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, as recently done in the lace business.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES

Oct. 13th.—Up very betimes and abroad, the weather might cold, yet fiercer than it has been these 2 weeks. Being come to the Board of Trade, do find there Pepys, who tells me a droll tale of a watchman at 1 of the wharves, that do read my journal, and remarks that fellow must have "But Lord, there is the devil to pay when I tell this to my wife, being that she do berate me for my heartlessness in depicting our private life for the world to read of and says she, 'if the truth were told the boot would be on the other foot, being that I have never seen so shiftless and lazy an out as you Sam Pepys.' All this do I suffer quietly since once I thought I do as ways let the wretch have her say, for it harms none yet pleases her mightily. Do learn how Mr. Stadler, that is manager of the Paper Mills in Finner Brook, is in the city, being about the business of the claims against his company that are now heard in the Supreme Court, and was one day a witness for the defence. Coming home this night, am told how the cat has kittens yett are hid about the house and none know where to find them. So to search for them and at length find the brutes in my wardrobe, albeit I know not how they got there, and so send to the office for Jenks, the janitor, who comes and drowns them for me.

Government Boats

Argyle leaving Argentia this afternoon on western route.
 Clyde left Point Leamington 4.50 p.m. yesterday, outwards.
 Grenada arrived Argentia 6 a.m.
 Home left Hr. Deep early yesterday morning, going north.
 Kyle arrived Port aux Basques 5.55 a.m.
 Malakoff left Greenspond 4.35 p.m. yesterday, inwards.
 Meigle arrived Emily Hr. 6.30 p.m. yesterday, coming south.
 Fortin left St. Jacques 7.30 p.m. yesterday, going west.
 Prospero left for the northward at 6 a.m. Saturday, Cape David 6.30 p.m. Monday, going north.

Released and Caught Again

A few days ago a number of prisoners doing three months in the pen for drunkenness were released before the expiry of their terms under special warrant from His Excellency the Governor. One of the number, a laborer named Hanlon, was caught in the town again yesterday and was sentenced to a three months term with the option of a \$500 fine. Needless to say, the fine was not paid.

Prospero Sails North

S.S. Prospero, Capt. Wesley Keen, sailed on the Cook's Harbor service route at 10 o'clock this morning. She took a full outward freight and the following passengers:—Misses Certei, Bastalone, King (2), Rose, Randall, Burton, Dwyer, Vivian, Churchill, King, Mesdames Miller, Barnes, Haddock, Philpot, Field, Rose, Symms, Jennings and three children; Mesdames Jennings, Penney, Wells (2); Samson, Barnes, Vivian, McDonald, Light, Rideout (S.A.); Philpot (2); Yatch, Capt. King (S.A.); White and 18 steers.

With the Fair

BOOTHS NEARING COMPLETION.

To date great progress has been made at the Prince's rink in the erection of the booths for the Second Annual Fair, which opens up on Monday next. The work is being done by Messrs. Horwood Lumber Co. under the supervision of E. J. Salt. Spaces have been reserved for 48 booths and the Prince's rink alone, and up to last night the work was so far advanced that a number of men set to work on the booths in the morning. They are the booths in the Curlew Ring commences in real earnest to-day.

Supreme Court

(Before Hon. Mr. Justice Kerr.)
Jas. Morgan vs. Wm. Morgan.
 This is an action for trespass to land at Mannells, which occupied the Court all day yesterday and resumed this morning. Mr. R. A. Parsons and Mr. H. Gervais appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. L. R. Curtis appeared for the defendant.
 Mr. Garland was admitted to the Bar on Thursday last and this is his first appearance in the Supreme Court.

(Before Chief Justice Horwood.)
Highway Valley Farms, Ltd. vs. Nfld. Power & Paper Utilities Corporation and Nfld. Power and Paper Company, Ltd.
 Mr. H. A. Winter for defendant is heard in argument all the forenoon.

Magistrate's Court

A labourer, convicted of being drunk and breaking a pane of glass in a shop window on Duckworth St., was fined \$6.00 or in default 10 days' imprisonment.

A drunk was discharged.
 A 20 year old domestic, belonging to Trepansey arrested last night by Detective Constable Bennett, appeared before court this morning, and was charged with stealing from her employer, 1 pair ladies' shoes, 1 blouse, 1 over garment and a quantity of aprons, all to the value of \$10.00. The accused confessed her guilt. On promising His Honor that she would turn over a new leaf, he decided to suspend sentence in the case. She was ordered to be sent home to her father.

A woman, taken in for sakekeeping, was sent down for 10 days.
 A labourer, convicted of a breach of Section 24, Sub Section 3, of the Alcoholic Liquors Act, and a second charge of being drunk and disorderly in a public place, besides damaging a motor car to the extent of \$2.50, was fined \$10.00 or in default, 30 days' imprisonment. He was also ordered to make good the amount of damages to the motor car.

Fourteen delinquents were summoned by the St. John's Municipal Council for non-payment of Poll Tax, up to November 15th, 1924. Judgment was given by default in each case.

Susu Arrives in Port

S.S. Susu, Capt. Jacob Keen, returned from the Pogo mail service route at 8 a.m. The ship brought a part cargo of freight, consisting principally of fish and oil, and as passengers:—Capt. Hansen; Messrs. J. Reid, A. Prampston, A. Diner, J. Whiteway, A. Pardy, J. Spurrell; Mesdames Willis-Spurrell and child; Misses Morgan, Hyde, Howell, Hart, Collins, Steele-Marshall, Piercey, Hefferton, Colish, and eleven in steerage. The Susu ran into stormy weather on the run north, and was delayed at Seldom and Fogo in consequence. The storm was the worst felt on the coast in years, but little or no damage has been reported.

Yesterday's Fire Alarm

Yesterday afternoon the Central and East End Fire Companies were called to the Beach Hotel on Duckworth Street, where it appeared that a serious blaze was in progress. The fire which originated from a defective grate on the second floor burned its way through the partition of the adjoining premises of Foster & Shields and considerable cutting had to be done to get at the seat of the blaze. The hotel is owned by Mrs. A. Harley and is insured with the Queen for \$8,000. Most of the damage was through smoke and water.

Express Passengers

The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by S.S. Kyle at 5.55 a.m. and joined the express:—J. Willis, S. W. White, W. H. Cave, Mrs. T. Stokell, J. Burt, Mrs. J. C. Larke, Mrs. C. P. Lake, Miss M. White, Mrs. C. B. Lagimodier, G. Johnstone, Miss M. Cooke, Miss W. Osmond, H. Omond, Mrs. W. Gilliam and child, Mrs. E. Pike, H. N. Donald, H. Kay, Miss A. Grandy, Miss M. Long, G. Penney, Mrs. A. Dingwell, S. Goldman, P. Q. Wilbert, J. Smith, Miss C. Avery, Mrs. M. Bethune, A. R. Cobb, P. H. Forbes, C. LeMoine, E. S. White, J. Dick and F. N. Farquhar.

MARRIED.

On October 13th, at Gower Street Parsonage, by the Rev. Hammond Johnson: Doris Pillier to Martin Barnes, both of this city.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away this morning at 11.35, Mary L., nee "Beth" year, wife of Thomas Brown, Funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m. from the residence of Capt. Field, 94 Prescott Street.

Passed peacefully away on the 13th inst. Charlotte, beloved wife of George Dodd, aged 37 years, leaving husband and 3 children to mourn the sad loss.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adams and family desire to publicly express their most sincere thanks to all the kind friends who helped to alleviate their great sorrow during the sad time of the illness and death of their beloved daughter, Mary. For spiritual consolation, Rev. F. Murphy, Rev. Fr. Sullivan, Rev. Dr. Carter and the good sisters of Mercy and Presentation Convents; Dr. Donahue for his untiring attendance; Mr. William White and the staff of the White Clothing Co. for wreaths and flowers; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Picot for their generous help; for spiritual bouquet, Sister Thomas and the children of Mary; Mrs. M. Colton, Misses Mary and Gertrude Adams, Mrs. Sears and family, Mrs. Frank Kennedy and family, Jack who has been known for 48 hours and flow, Mrs. Clara Murphy, Mrs. R. Clark, Mrs. James Adams, Mrs. H. Chaplin, Miss Anna Kennedy, Mrs. P. Whelan, Miss Ida Simmonds, Mr. Harold Wells and all kind friends who helped in any way in their great sorrow, was toasted.

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Lunch at Golf Club
 Sir Michael Cashin entertained Mr. Stadler at luncheon at the Golf Club-house to-day, at which there were also present Mr. Paddon, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, Mayor Cook, and eight other prominent business men of the city. An enjoyable time was spent and the health of the guest of honor, Mr. Stadler, of the Humber, was toasted.

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