

Local Fish Dealers Object To Increase In Express Rates.

Before the Dominion Railway Commission in the City building, Moncton on Tuesday; arguments were heard in the matter of application of the Express Companies for adjustment of Express rates. Most of the evidence heard was from Provincial Shippers or representatives of shippers and tended to oppose any increase in existing rates for shipping. President Raymond Leger of the local Board of Trade and Ex-President F. E. Dennison disapproved any rate increase. As did also a deputation of North Shore Shippers of fish.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, Chairman of the Commission; presided and with him were Commissioners, C. Lawrence and Hon. Frank Oliver and R. Richardson, of Ottawa; secretary Mr. John Betts of Millerton, a shipper of fish, was emphatic in his opposition to any increase. Mr. Betts spoke of difficulties that are now encountered by North Shore shippers in sending salmon to the New York market in competition with salmon from the Pacific coast. They had also to face a two cent duty. "It will annihilate our business, if there is an increase," said Mr. Betts "We are handicapped now. We don't want to be crushed out."

Mr. R. W. Crocker, of Newcastle; was heard next in behalf of North Shore shippers of fish. "To increase the rates will simply mean that we will be put out of business," he said. "We will certainly kick against any increase. We had to meet the competition from the Pacific coast. Shippers out there get a rate of \$4.28 on carload lots. Shipments are made from the Miramichi via Montreal. The Eastern salmon is of a high grade; but the western shippers have adopted the method of dressing up their product with the result that it sells well in the New York market."

Hon. Mr. Oliver suggested considering changes in methods. The question as to price was mentioned and Mr. Betts said that from 10 to 12 cents was being paid. Mr. Carvell pointed out that transcontinental rates were below others rates in proportion to mileage. The Board had no power over international rates but it had power over Canadian rates. He didn't see that they were finding much fault with the Canadian rate. Mr. Crocker said the shippers were charged the same rate to Boston as to Bangor. Mr. Carvell asked about smelts. Mr. Crocker said there was a

large catch and the price good.

The fishermen had been paid ten cents and as high as fifteen. He contended there wasn't much in it for the buyer.

John McColm of North Esk a shipper of bass, claimed the rates were so high their business was almost crippled. "If there is an increase in express rates, we will have to consider some other means of shipment," he said.

Mr. Doggett a shipper from the Gaspe coast supported the Miramichi delegation in opposition to any increase in express rates. "The rates are high and we hope you won't increase them any more" he said. He was interested in the shipment of live lobsters. Some said the product was a luxury, it was no luxury for the fishermen who are depending on the industry.

Mr. Carvell and Mr. Phippen questioned Mr. Doggett closely regarding prices. He said lobster tins were retailing at about 50 cts. and the wholesale price was around 25 cts.

Mr. Phippen—"About a hundred per cent spread between the whole sale and retail price."

Mr. Doggett said that the shipper paying 12 for lobsters has to get about 25 cents to break even. Shippers in this country were affected by rum running on the American coast. These men, he claimed

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were in the lobster business as a camouflage for rum running.

Here and There

Over a thousand million fish eggs of various species were collected by the hatcheries branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries during 1921.

Inbound ships from the United Kingdom are averaging 4,500 tons of freight for discharge at Vancouver. Outbound they take about 4,000 tons per vessel. Last year the average outward tonnage was practically the same while the inbound was only about one tenth of what it now is.

Announcement has been made that a Government wireless station is to be erected on St. Paul's Island, which stands in the entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, off the most north-easterly point of Nova Scotia. Two Government wireless engineers have arrived there and are making arrangements for the erection of the station.

One hundred and forty thousand Canadian school boys have been banded into an army of guards to watch for and prevent forest fires in the Dominion this year, according to an announcement made by the Canadian Forestry Association. The new organization, which is known as the Young Canadians' Forest League, will, it is expected, save several million dollars' worth of timber from fire ravages.

That "prospects for increased immigration into Canada are excellent" was one of the most important statements made by E. W. Beatty, K.C., upon his return from an extended tour of England and European capitals. The president of the Canadian Pacific Railway believes Canada is progressing in the matter of immigration, but intensified efforts are essential, he considers, to offset erroneous impressions abroad that Canada does not require new settlers.

A record run between Winnipeg and Quebec was recently made by a special Canadian Pacific train when passengers from the Orient were, through delay caused by landslide, in danger of missing their connection with the P.E.S. "Empress of Scotland" at the eastern port. The train covered the 1,579 miles in a little over 36 hours, whereas the schedule time for trains between these two cities is 53 hours. The passengers had crossed the Pacific on the C.P.S.S. "Empress of Russia" and were taking advantage of the 21 day Orient-to-Europe service of the Company.

The United States has invested in Canada \$2,500,000,000, according to the Bankers' Trust Company of New York, which has just completed a survey of Canadian industry and the amount of United States capital invested. Of the total sum invested, \$1,200,000,000 is in bonds, and the remainder in farms, mortgages, small businesses, industrial enterprises, banking and private loans. It is computed that more than 200 branch factories were opened in Canada by United States concerns in 1919, and a great number in 1920 and 1921, and that late in 1922 the number of these came to 700.

A collie dog is reported to have saved the life of a London West girl, while accompanying the child to a nearby store. On the way she stopped on the C. P. R. railroad tracks in the path of a westbound flier. Realizing the child's peril, the dog threw himself against her with sufficient impact to knock her clear of danger, and was cut to pieces by the train before he could regain safety.

The girl's mother tried to discourage the dog from going when the daughter started for the store, but he went, and was the means of saving the child's life, and died heroically as a result.

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One clause of the contract is designed to keep Ruth on the straight and narrow path of good conduct. Under it the Yankees hold back the salary of every month until the end of the season, when the slugger is handed a check for \$26,000.

FOOD BETTER THAN MEDICINE

It is one thing to cure ill health and another to nourish and supply good health. The former is an artificial and temporary expedient to straighten the crooked and to right the wrong; the latter is the natural way to keep straight and to live right. It is a poor kind of religion or morals that permits one to yield himself to selfish gratifications with the expectation ultimately righting the wrong. The best way is to live a healthy life and not depend on cure. It is better to use our religion as daily food than to wait until we find ourselves in an extremity and then take it as medicine.

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Twenty of these twenty-two children are girls whose ages range from seven to fourteen years, and they are not mere bathing beauties. From their infancy they have played in and around the water at Panama, and they now give regular exhibitions of their aquatic skill. The girl on the left of the rear row is a back-stroke and crawl champion of the Panama Canal Zone and she is to take part in the Olympic Competitions. The photograph was taken after an exhibition before the passengers of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Empress of Canada, now on World Cruise.