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IMPORTANT DATA OF THE FISHERIES

Commissioners Nearing End of Labors—Report Is Valuable Text Book on Marine Wealth of Coast

The commission appointed by the Dominion government in July, 1905, is nearing the end of its arduous labors. Its somewhat voluminous report is now in print, but not yet issued to the public. Advance copies available show that this elaborate report consists of three parts. The first part includes a review of the varied fishing resources of the province, and gives a recital of the inquiries made and the actual work accomplished by the commission during the last two years. A sketch is added of the scope, and of the results, of the several former commissions, authorized by the Governor-General in Council to investigate the fisheries of British Columbia. The second part covers the proposed amendments of the statutes, and Part III, covers the suggested new regulations. These are to be submitted to the minister of marine and fisheries. This part of the report is of supreme importance to all interested in the fishing industry of the province, but it is not yet quite complete, and is, indeed, still occupying the members of the commission who are in session in the rooms of the Board of Trade, Victoria.

Covers Wide Field. Of Part I of the report recently signed by the members of the commission present at the executive sittings, extending from the 11th ult. to the present date, it may be stated that it extends to nearly 200 pages of the usual sized 10-cent type. The book, which includes a large number of elaborate tables of statistics, specially prepared for the commission. It gives interesting descriptive and historical reviews of salmon, herring, halibut, sturgeon, true cod, black cod, red cod, oyster, abalone, whale, and other valuable fisheries. It terms, indeed, the fullest and most elaborate report on all our sea fisheries ever prepared, and will be of permanent value as a source of information on British Columbia fish and fishing.

Development at Sidney Inlet. The chairman of the commission, the greatest authority living on Pacific fish and fisheries, Professor Prince, stated at the first public sitting held in the south chamber, St. Westminister, on November 15th, 1905, that the scope of the work to be accomplished was more extensive than that of any previous commission in British Columbia.

Wharf and Aerial Tramway for Shipping Purposes Are Now Under Construction. Considerable activity is being evidenced at present at the copper claims held by the Hon. E. Dewdney at Sidney Inlet, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Construction work of an extensive character is now being carried on and there is every indication that a permanent copper industry will be established at this point.

Some time ago the Vancouver Island Copper Company bonded the six claims held by ex-Governor Dewdney at Sidney Inlet, near Clayoquot. It was known that there was some rich copper ore there, but of its extent an average guess, no one could give more than a guess. Since bonding the property the company has been spending a lot of money in development work, and the results have proved better than the most optimistic expected. Last week Mr. Dewdney visited the property and offered the new company a good sum to throw up their bond, but the offer was refused.

Some of the ores brought down have assays of high as forty to sixty per cent, and the whole body is of a very high grade and will average from five to ten per cent. The ore can be smelted very cheaply, not requiring any fluxing agent, and will in all probability be reduced at one of the smelters on the east coast, either at Ladysmith or Crofton.

Just now the company has from thirty to forty men working, chiefly on construction work. They are building a wharf, and an aerial tramway 3,600 feet in length. This latter work is being done by the Riblett Company of Nelson, who are experts at tramway building. Bunkers are also in course of construction both at the mine and at the wharf. All these works will be completed within three months and after that time regular shipments of one hundred tons or more will be made.

Several hundred thousand tons of ore are already in sight and men are still at work uncovering the main body. The mining of this ore will cost comparatively little, as the mine is simply a large quarry where the whole of the rock is ore. The opening of such a mine as this is plainly to be seen, means a good deal to Vancouver Island. A few good shipping mines inspire confidence and show what can be done when the necessary brains and capital are set to work in conjunction with each other.

The local office of the company is on Fort street, and Cross & Co. are the agents.

The breeding and selling of canary birds in Germany, which has reached such proportions that it now controls the markets of the world, is conservatively estimated at a value of \$238,000.



DOG DAYS WITH THE LEGISLATORS.

PREMIER VISITING QUEBEC. Sir Wilfrid Laurier Will Return to the Capital Next Friday.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left yesterday for Charette Mills, Que., where he will be the guest of the Shawinigan Fish and Game Club. On Wednesday next Sir Wilfrid will go to Quebec city. He will return to Ottawa next Friday. It is understood that he will go to Toronto for a few days during the exhibition.

Before leaving Sir Wilfrid attended a meeting of the government, at which a couple of hundred orders of a routine nature were put through. Judge Clements is retiring from the bench to go into private business.

DISSATISFIED WITH PLACE AT TABLE. United States Consul at Halifax Did Not Attend Dinner to Earl Grey.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 17.—It became known yesterday that the absence of Judge Gebard Wilbreich, United States consul here, from the dinner given by the mayor and city corporation at the Union club on Wednesday night in honor of Earl Grey, was due to his dissatisfaction with the place assigned him at the table. No one will discuss the matter for publication, but it is learned that the consul, finding his place was fourteen or fifteen removed from the guest of the evening, expressed his dissatisfaction to one of those present and then withdrew. It is stated for those who arranged the seating that not being a state banquet, the holder of the office of the United States consul was invited as a guest in company with the leading residents of the city.

NARROW ESCAPES. Several Children Nearly Drowned When Water Main Burst in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—With a roar that brought frightened sleepers from their beds for blocks around, a 36-inch water main burst of Chicago avenue, near Kingsbury avenue, early to-day, shooting a column of water sixty feet high into the air, imperiling several lives and damaging thousands of dollars' worth of property. The main broke through the brick pavement of the thoroughfare directly in front of the Stockholm hotel, causing a panic among the five hundred guests there. The water quickly flooded the basements for two blocks and a number of families had to be rescued from drowning by the police.

Five children of Henry Knudson, 51 Superior street, had narrow escapes, and were rescued by a policeman, who carried them out on his shoulders through water almost up to his chin. Nine horses stabled in the vicinity were drowned.

Men Quarreled Over Hair Cut. Later One of Them Was Found Dead. Blacksmith Has Been Placed Under Arrest—Coroner Will Hold an Inquest.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Aug. 16.—Edward Hynes, 34 years of age, a barber, became involved in a dispute with Thomas Ryan, a blacksmith, in the shop in the Windsor hotel over a hair cut last night. On a challenge from Ryan, the two men went outside to settle the differences. A few minutes afterward a number of men found them out and ran across Hynes's body lying in an alleyway in the rear of the hotel. The only mark on the body was a discoloration under the right eye. Coroner McClurg will open an inquest this morning. Ryan has been placed under arrest. He had been here for several months and formerly resided in the Michigan Sea.

Trouble with Manuka's Firemen. Number of Them Made Determined Efforts to Desert—Leaped From Boat.

Vancouver, Aug. 17.—When the Canadian-Australian liner Manuka was ready to sail yesterday afternoon it was found that one of her fifteen firemen had deserted. Immediately the police were sent out and he was arrested and taken on board. He was placed in irons for the voyage. Immediately the remaining fourteen all left their work, jumped over the side of the ship to the wharf as she was getting ready to leave and scattered uptown. It took the entire police force of the city two hours to locate them and take them back to the ship. In the meantime the latter had anchored in the stream. A large ship's boat was commissioned to carry them aboard, but when nearing the side of the ship to the wharf as she was getting ready to leave and scattered uptown. It took another four directions. It took another four directions. It took another four directions.

Two Fatalities. Switchman Fell Under Wheels of Car—Girl Run Down By an Engine.

Fort William, Aug. 17.—J. Heild, a switchman, was instantly killed in the local yards this morning. He was on the top of a car and was shaken off by a sudden stop going under the wheels. The car was run by the switchman, and the engine rounded a curve and struck her.

TWELVE MONTHS IMMIGRATION

MORE THAN QUARTER OF MILLION ARRIVALS

Returns Show a Gain of Thirty-Three Per Cent Over the Previous Year.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Immigration returns for the twelve months ending June last, show a total of 252,038, a gain of 22.54, or 33 per cent. over the previous twelve months.

The gain via ocean ports was 45 per cent.; from the United States there was a decrease of 71,278, or 2 per cent. In the first quarter of the present fiscal year the total immigration reached 127,371, an increase of 23,336, or 30 per cent.

More Arrivals. Quebec, Aug. 16.—Four steamers will have landed passengers at Quebec and Montreal to-day and to-morrow, and when the last of the quartette has reached port a total of 2,782 persons will have thus entered Canada by the St. Lawrence river in two days. Of this number 2,322 are steerage passengers, and will land at Quebec to receive the usual inspection here. The balance, 1,570 are first and second cabin passengers.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC EXTENSIONS

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH TAPS RICH COUNTRY. Supt. Price Inspects the Pheasant Hill Line—Will Build to Sarnia.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—A. Price, general superintendent of the central division of the Canadian Pacific railway, returned this morning from a trip of inspection over the Pheasant Hills branch. The section of the extension from Strasburg to Gauvin, a point 18 miles north, is now ready for inspection and within a short time steel will be laid to Nokomis. This line runs through one of the finest sections of Saskatchewan. From Kirk Lake to the end of the steel crops are in excellent condition and are giving great promise of a heavy harvest. The grain is heavy on the ground, and the heads are long and filling well. A most hopeful sentiment prevails wherever he had opportunity of talking with the farmers.

Sarnia, Ont., Aug. 16.—That the C. P. R. is coming to Sarnia may be set down as an assured fact by Sarnians. The line is to be extended from London first and eventually also from Stratford. This would give the C. P. R. a fast through line from central and eastern Ontario to the west. A line of boats from Sarnia to Fort William will be put on, and passengers and freight from all eastern points will be brought into Sarnia instead of being taken over the long haul by way of the North Shore, which line is kept busy with the east bound products of the Northwest.

BANK CLEARINGS. New York, Aug. 16.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending August 15th shows an aggregate of \$2,782,797,000 as against \$2,658,741,000 last week and \$2,587,018,000 in the corresponding week last year.

Canadian clearings for the week total \$81,173,000 as against \$80,715,000 last week and \$71,623,000 in the same week last year. The following is a list of the cities:

Montreal, \$28,742,000; increase, 7.8 per cent. Winnipeg, \$10,623,000; increase, 21.6 per cent. Vancouver, \$3,984,000. Quebec, \$2,903,000; increase, 35.4 per cent. John, \$1,189,000; decrease, 5 per cent. Victoria, \$1,221,000. Edmonton, \$1,026,000. Toronto, \$63,944,000; increase, 10.6 per cent. Ottawa, \$2,871,000; increase, 2.7 per cent. Halifax, \$1,807,000; increase, 8.9 per cent. Hamilton, \$1,605,000; increase, 6.5 per cent. London, \$1,487,000; increase, 25 per cent. Calgary, \$1,468,000.

The last two are not included in the total, because the comparisons are incomplete.

DESTRUCTIVE GRASSHOPPERS

RUIN BARLEY AND OATS AT PARRY SOUND

German Politician Studying Conditions in Canada—Citizen of Halifax Honor Dr. Falconer

Toronto, Aug. 17.—Andrew Elliott, who has been judging standing crops for the Toronto agricultural department, returned this morning from Sunbridge, in the Parry Sound district, where grasshoppers are destroying oats and barley. They eat the beards of barley and the leaves of oats. As a result of this oats may not average more than two bushels per acre, and barley may not reach ten. Mr. Elliott advised the Sunbridge farmers to cut their grain at once, even though green.

Distinguished Visitor. Winnipeg, Aug. 16.—Winnipeg has at present a distinguished visitor in the person of Doctor Theodore Barth, a member of the German reichstag, who has been for many years past the recognized leader of the Radical Liberals, The Nation, of which Dr. Barth was the editor for many years, was the originator of intellectual liberalism in Germany and had a world-wide reputation. Dr. Barth has been touring the North American continent for some months, and is now studying Canadian conditions. He has already visited British Columbia and the other western provinces, and is looking into Winnipeg. On Monday he proceeds eastward. Dr. Barth is a guest at the Royal Alexandra.

The Valleyfield Strike. Ottawa, Aug. 16.—F. A. Adland, secretary of the department of labor, has gone to Valleyfield to endeavor to effect a settlement of the strike in the Montreal cotton mills.

Presentation. Halifax, N. S., Aug. 17.—Citizens gathered last night to honor Dr. E. A. Falconer, the new president of Toronto University, on his departure from Halifax, and to present him with testimonials of their regard. Dr. Falconer and Mrs. Falconer were presented with a magnificent solid silver service, and Dr. Falconer himself was given a gold watch and chain.

Toronto Bank Clearings. Toronto, Aug. 16.—Toronto bank clearings for this week were \$22,944,000; last year they were \$21,640,718.

Winter Wheat. Lethbridge, Alberta, Aug. 16.—Matheson Brothers are cutting 150 acres of winter wheat this week and claim their entire crop will average 45 bushels per acre.

BUFFALO IN NORTH. Traders Are Believed to Be Killing a Number of the Animals.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Col. Fred White, governor of the unorganized territories, receives frequent requests to take steps to save a few hundred wood buffalo which roam over the country to the north of the Mackenzie, and which also are found in some portions of Canada's great low lands. Mr. Seton Thompson, the nature writer, who is in the far north at the present time, has interested himself in the subject, and a couple of reports on the matter have been received from Inspector Jarvis, of the Northwest Mounted Police. He is of the opinion that many of the buffalo are being killed by traders who conveniently lay the blame upon wolves which infest the country. The general is accepted view, however, is that wolves do kill many of the calves.

PLENTY OF COAL. Large Amount Has Been Received at Superior and Duluth.

Superior, Wis., Aug. 16.—There is no shortage of coal shortage in the territory tributary to the head of the Lakes if the roads entering here are able to handle the business the coming winter. In fact, receipts up to the present time have broken all records and there is actually on the docks at the present time about 2,000,000 tons. Meanwhile shipments are good for summer and the prospects are that before the close of navigation the docks will have sold more coal from Superior and Duluth docks than ever before during the same season. For the three months previous to August last, this year, Superior and Duluth docks shipped into the northwest more coal than ever before in the same period, and nearly double the amount sent out in the same three months of 1906. This year from May last to August last, 48,344 cars have been shipped as against 28,549 in that period a year ago. The roads are rushing in new trackage and yard facilities and the Great Northern next week will have the operator's list of new freight transfer shed here, which it is calculated will relieve that road of the congestion of general freight experienced last fall.