

GOVERNMENT WILL BUY FISH

Total Catch in Ontario Will Be Under Government Control

Toronto, Jan. 11.—With the question of policy in connection with fish supplies settled, Hon. Finlay G. Macdormid is now applying himself to the problem of securing adequate cold storage accommodations for the millions of pounds of fish that will be taken over and above the current demand, while the fish are running strong.

Although nothing definite has been arranged, it is understood that the minister is endeavoring to come to an understanding with the Toronto authorities in respect to the use of the municipal abattoir, London and St. Thomas will be cold storage centres for Western Ontario. Both cities, according to Hon. Mr. Macdormid, have excellent facilities and a large percentage of the fish caught in Lake Erie will be sent there.

It is yet a little early to tell how the fishermen will regard the new clause in their licenses, but Mr. Macdormid believes that the fishermen will, after giving the matter a little thought, realize that they are benefited rather than injured. The entry of the Government in the market as a large buyer of fish will give stability to prices and protect the fishermen from exploitation at the hands of dealers in the United States. In past years, owing to the small home demand for fish, the bulk of Ontario's output has gone to the United States cities and at times when the supply was large the fishermen often received next to nothing for their catch.

"I know of scores of cases when the fishermen not only received nothing, but were informed that their fish had not met express charges and were called upon to make up the difference," said Hon. Mr. Macdormid. The Government in giving the people of Ontario fish at cost is building up for the fishermen a great home market that will put the fishing industry upon a sounder basis than in the past.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Society's Finances in Splendid Shape—The New Officers

The annual meeting of the West Elgin Agricultural Society was held at Wallaceburg yesterday. The auditors' report was very gratifying, showing a cash balance on hand of \$587.45. This will almost wipe out the liabilities incurred during previous years, when the attendance was largely diminished by the unfavorable weather which the Society had to contend with for two or three years in succession.

Receipts table with columns for item and amount. Includes Government grant, County grant, Township grant, Gate receipts, Grand stand, Concert, etc.

Expenditures table with columns for item and amount. Includes Cyrus Brown, constable, Provincial treasurer, Stewards, gatekeepers and ticket agents, etc.

The cash on hand (including balance of \$38.55 from last year) is \$687.45. The liabilities are \$657.50, and the excess of assets over liabilities \$349.95. The new officers are: Duncan Brown, president; W. A. Galbraith, first vice-president; Aroh. McKillop, second vice-president.

The transfer of one of the most desirable farm homes in Western Ontario took place last week when W. B. H. McCracken disposed of his property adjoining Glencoe to Godfrey McMurphy, of Glenside, Sask., for \$17,000. The farm consists of 188 acres, mostly in a highly improved state, and has modern house and barns and other buildings.

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SNOW PLOW WRECKED

Two Persons Killed and Several Injured at Alvinston

A dreadful accident occurred on the St. Clair branch of the M.C.R. on Tuesday afternoon when a ponderous snow plow struck three engines left the rails, with the result that two men, Fred Tavender and Edward Cunningham, sectionmen, of Waterford, were killed and several others injured, these being Geo. Stickles, sectionman, of Waterford; Eugene Poulson, brakeman, Fred Little, engineer, J. E. Johnson, division engineer, and I. C. Taylor, all of St. Thomas.

The plow was smashed into match wood and the engines were derailed and thrown over on their sides.

As the charge was being made on the drift one of the rails spread, the plow shot to one side and the engines crashed into it.

Tavender was in front of the plow operating the levers and was unable to get out. Cunningham was on the first engine, and was the only one of the crew who failed to jump. Several of those engaged in the work had miraculous escapes.

MYSTERIOUS SOUP.

Nourishing Dish Must Be Taken on Trust in Japan.

Most people are rather particular as to what they eat, which is natural, for what you have for your dinner is liable to grow right on to you and make you a half-inch taller—and if it doesn't make you a half-inch taller it helps, at least, if it is any sort of good food. And some people are so particular that it is quite painful for them to be obliged to eat in any restaurant, hotel, or public place, because they are always wondering to themselves whether the cook's hands were clean when he rolled the pie crust, or whether the ice-cream is kept in a sanitary condition, or whether the beef and chicken are cold storage, and a whole lot of other nerve-racking things that are fit to take one's appetite away. And they worry about it and worry about it, and wipe their knives and forks and spoons very carefully on their napkins before using them, just so as to be sure to escape any stray germs that might be lingering about.

And if you concentrate your mind on the subject you really can change yourself most noticeably with thinking of all the things that may have fallen into the soup while it was cooking—and I myself have found a good number of them. For, after all, soup is never so hot as when it is cooked; it cannot harm you, unless, of course, it is something that is deadly poison. And what is good, too, is more a matter of custom than anything else. The Japanese do not always agree with us as to what is the most delicious dish, and they are not quite so easily disgusted. In certain small towns they play a sort of game known as Yamijiru, which means "dark soup." This soup, incidentally, is a veritable witchy, mysterious soup, for nobody knows what is going to be in it—and yet they all have to eat it. The soup is usually made on a dark night, and cooked in an immense cauldron in the kitchen, and each boy or girl, as he comes into the kitchen, drops something of his own choosing in the soup. Perhaps it is a turnip, or an apple, or a fish, or a handful of rice, or a potato—but whatever it is, it must be done quite secretly. And when the soup is finished cooking, they all sit around eating it, and fishing for the things it contains, which are too odd to sound appetizing. But it is quite a "surprise package." Sometimes they all go out after dark and fish for what they are going to put in the soup, and whatever their first catch must go in. Imagine your surprise, then, if you are one of the guests, when you discover a frog, lizard, or baby snake in your dish of soup!

And yet I do not think it has ever been recorded that anyone ever died from eating this strange "mysterious soup"—and so you do not want to feel any more than naturally alarmed when you discover something in your food that you are not in the habit of eating. Perhaps you had a Japanese cook.

Red clover seed will be extremely high next spring and will probably retail as high as \$25 a bushel.

January Stock-Taking Sale

Our Annual January Stock-Taking Sale is now on. Big opportunity to purchase seasonal merchandise at much under value. All merchandise will be much higher in price for 1918. Our stock is very large and must be reduced.

Ladies' Coats

Women's Tweed and Cloth Coats, full length, splendid warm coats, last season's styles, were \$15 to \$20, January sale, \$5.00. Women's Black Beaver Coats, all this season's styles, sizes 36-44, regular price 25.00, January sale price \$15.00. Women's Plush Coats, Lister's make, 36 to 40, were 30.00, January sale price \$22.50. Girls' Coats, ages 12 to 16 years, One-Third Off. Children's Coats, One-Third Off.

Ladies' Suits

Women's Navy and Black Serge Suits at big reductions. \$25.00 Suits for \$18.50. 20.00 Suits for 14.50. 18.00 Suits for 12.75.

Women's Satin Petticoats

Women's Satin Petticoats, light blue, mauve and green \$1.59

Women's Dress Skirts

Women's Good Dress Skirts, in cloth and tweed, were \$6.00, January sale \$1.25 to 2.00

Bargains in Furs

Black Wolf Muffs, reg. 12.50, for 9.50. Black Wolf Stoles, reg. 12.50, for 9.50. Black Lynx Sets, reg. 55.00, for 45.00. Black Persian Lamb Sets, reg. 37.50, for 25.00. Black Coney Muffs, reg. 8.00, for 5.00. Black Astrachan Gauntlets, reg. 6.00, for 3.50. Grey Astrachan Gauntlets, reg. 6.00, for 3.50.

Women's Underwear

At Less Than Mill Prices. Women's Knit Vests, long sleeves, white or natural, Jan. sale 38c. Women's Knit Drawers, natural or white 38c. Women's Knit Vests and Drawers, Stanfield's, each 75c. Women's Natural Wool Vests and Drawers, Penman's make, each 1.75 to 2.00. Women's Combinations, Watson's, also Penman's and Turnbull's, 1.00 to 2.50. Children's Vests and Drawers, Turnbull's make, all prices.

Bargains in Millinery

All our stock of Velvet Shapes, black, brown, navy and white, the prices were from 1.50 to 4.00, all to be sold at .50c. each. Ladies' Trimmed Felt and Velvet Hats, at less than half price.

25c. Wrapperettes, 18c.

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Dress Goods

Dress Goods, Less Than the Cost of Manufacture. 5 Pieces 54-inch Tweed Dress Goods, worth 3.00, January sale, per yd. 1.50. 5 Pieces Black and White Check Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, regular 50c., January sale 25c. 5 Pieces Tartan Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, reg. 50c. for 25c.

Ibex Blankets

At Less Than Mill Prices. 11x14 Ibex Flannelette Blankets, in white or grey 2.25. 12x4 Size 2.50

Men's Suits, Much Under Value

Men's Tweed Suits, made in the latest styles, 3-button sack coats, well trimmed 10.00. Also a very special line at 12.00. Men's Blue Worsted Suits, in the latest styles, 4-button sack coats 15.00 and 18.50. Men's Worsted Suits, in browns and greys 20.00

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Boys' Two-Piece Tweed Suits, ages 6 to 10 years 3.00, 3.50. Youths' Tweed Suits, two-piece, ages up to 14 years 5.00, 7.50

Men's Underwear

Penman's, No. 95, Natural Shirt and Drawers, all sizes 34 to 44, per garment 2.00. Penman's Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, per garment 1.25. Starfield's All-Wool Shirts and Drawers, per garment 2.00

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The marriage of James McMaster, of Ekfrid, to Mrs. Mary Prudence, of Battle Creek, Mich., was quietly solemnized in London. Following the escape of George Marrello, convicted burglar, from the Midsex county jail, Tarnkey William McLeod has been suspended pending an investigation. The death occurred in Ekfrid on Jan. 7 of Mrs. Martha Munson, widow of the late Richard Munson, in her 77th year. Pte. Charles Stewart, eldest son of Alex. Stuart, K.C., of Edmonton, formerly of Glencoe, is reported missing since December 1, when he went into action with an Edmonton battalion.

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