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### THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY

**United States Consul at Yarmouth Discusses Lobster Fishery of the Province.—Resolutions Passed by States Providing for Furtherance of Protection for Lobster Fisheries.**

Alfred J. Fleming, United States consul at Yarmouth, writes: "It has long been accepted here that the dogfish fed to a considerable extent upon the lobster, but an investigation made not long since by scientific men at the rendering works at Clark's Hatchery showed conclusively that such is not the case. Of the millions of dogfish put through the crusher only one showed the presence of lobster, and that was a small piece. The dogfish swarm ordinarily near the surface, and eat nothing but what they first snap in morsels; therefore it is difficult to imagine how they could do this with the lobster in full armor. Although the dogfish is a great pest and destroys thousands of dollars' worth of fish, there were no indications that they feed to any extent on lobsters. On the other hand, the investigation showed that the skate, which is only a ground fish, was very destructive of this particular kind of shellfish."

The lobster catch of Maine during the last six years follows:  
 1905.....11,187,947 81,394,356  
 1906.....15,014,147 1,640,646  
 1907.....17,397,342 1,888,468  
 1908.....17,635,980 1,658,232  
 1909.....16,954,270 1,788,837  
 1910.....19,936,542 2,145,204

The figures indicate that the Maine supply is not falling off, a misstatement that has been made from time to time. The International Fisheries company of America has the exclusive right to grow and gather lobsters along the 3,000 miles of Mexican coast on the Pacific ocean. Lobsters are being sent to the United States, the value of the shipments at each month amounting to about \$20,000. All of which are used in supplying the demand of the west. The average market price for lobsters is twenty cents per pound on the Pacific coast. The International Fisheries company gathers its lobsters from one end of the year to the other. There is no closed season. During the summer months only the male lobsters are marketed, while all the female lobsters caught are thrown into gigantic hatcheries, where they drop their spawners. During the winter months, after the spawn has been dropped, the female is sent to the market, supplying the greater part of the winter demand, as during that season of the year the lobster fishing is sometimes interrupted by occasional storms.

The catch so far has not been so large as was expected, and prices of live lobsters have stiffened in the American market.

#### Dr. George Johnson Dead

Dr. George Johnson, ex-Dominion Statistician, died Tuesday morning at Grand Pre. Mr. Johnson was born at Annapolis Royal, Oct. 29, 1836, and was therefore in his 74th year. He was educated at Sackville, took up journalistic work and has been editor of the Toronto News and the Toronto Mail, and Reporter in Canada. For some years he held the position of Dominion Statistician and was an honorary member of the Royal Statistical Society of London and of the manufacturers' Association of Canada. His public works include a Statistical Year Book of Canada, Hand Book of Canada, Pulp Wood Resources of Canada, Forest Wealth of Canada, and historical papers in magazines, etc. In the statistics he was editor of the Halifax Reporter, which he conducted with great vigor. In his earlier days he was in the drug business in Halifax.—Exchange.

### Royal Bank of Canada

INCORPORATED 1869

CAPITAL \$6,200,000 RESERVE \$6,900,000  
TOTAL ASSETS \$95,000,000.

Every kind of Banking Business Transacted

#### Savings Department

JOINT ACCOUNTS may be opened in the name of a husband and wife, mother and daughter or any two friends. In case of the illness or death of one, the other can withdraw the deposit.

H. L. BENTLEY MANAGER, Bridgetown  
F. G. PALFREY MANAGER, Lunenburg.  
E. B. McDANIEL MANAGER, Annapolis Royal.

#### Big Banks Absorbing Small Ones

More and more in Canada the small bank gives place to the large. It used to be that the private bank sold out to the chartered bank. Now the chartered bank with only a local or provincial business retires before the powerful organization with its scores or even hundreds of branches stretching from sea to sea, says the Toronto News. Going back only four years we find that at the end of 1906 no fewer than 36 chartered banks were reporting to the Government. Recently another, the Bank of Vancouver, has been launched. But of the 37 only 29 are in business today. No less than 11, or nearly one-third, have disappeared from view, at the rate of almost three a year.

The banks of 1906 which have succeeded or been absorbed by stronger institutions are the St. Stephens, the Union of Halifax, the People's of New Brunswick, the Ontario, the Sovereign, the Western of Canada, the Farmers, the United Empire of Canada, the Banque de St. Jean, and the Banque de St. Hyacinthe. The Crown and the Northern have amalgamated.

If we go back still further to 1901 we find that there were then in operation eight more small banks that have since gone out of business. These were the Halifax Banking Co., the Bank of Yarmouth, the Exchange Bank of Yarmouth, the Commercial Bank of Windsor, the Summerside, the Merchants Bank of P. E. Island, the People's Bank of Halifax, and the Bank of British Columbia. Thus in nine years 45 banks have shrunk to 23.

#### Campbell Pulp Mills Destroyed by Fire

Three Hundred Men Are Thrown Out of Employment at Weymouth.

WEYMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 23.—Fire last night completely destroyed the pulp and saw mills of the Campbell Lumber Company, and as a result three hundred men employed at the mills are today idle. The fire was the most disastrous that has ever visited this town, and the mills that were the chief industry of Weymouth are now a mass of ruins. The loss will be over \$500,000.

The fire was discovered shortly after eight o'clock last night, but as the mills are isolated, being situated about three miles up the river from Weymouth, very little assistance was available, until the fire had gained such a headway that it could not be checked.

ORIGIN OF FIRE A MYSTERY

In addition to the plant being destroyed, all the machinery with the exception of the flume turbines and the six grinders were rendered worthless, the turbines and the grinders being saved by the fact that there was water in the flumes. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The watchmen on duty discovered the blaze and while there was plenty of water available the hose could not be used.

#### THE LOSS IS HEAVY

The loss will be very heavy and will be felt by the people of the community as well as by the Company. It was only last fall that over \$15,000 worth of new machinery was installed. The total investment in the buildings and plant was \$380,000, of which \$200,000 was in the office of A. M. Jack, and \$180,000 in the office of Arundell and MacIntyre.

The plant just destroyed was capable of producing over thirty tons of pulp a day, and will likely be rebuilt at an early date. When the buildings are rebuilt the new ones will be of concrete, and will be thoroughly fireproof.

#### Device to Displace Anaesthetics

(Colchester Sun)

Dr. Mark G. McElhinney, of Ottawa, well known as a dentist, as well as an inventor of several electrical devices, has discovered an anesthetic known as the "Telectron," which puts patients to sleep by placing them under the influence of a softened effect of the wonderful Hertzian wave, that terrible electric flash that rushes messages over the ether waves all over the globe and makes wireless telegraph the wonder of the world.

The inventor confidently expects that his device will displace ether, chloroform and all other anaesthetics for hospital operations, and will also in time find a place in the bed-chamber of every victim of insomnia the world over. He has formed a company which has patented the invention in Canada, Great Britain and France, and patents are also pending in the United States, Belgium, Germany and Austria.

Some time ago Dr. McElhinney began to experiment with the Hertzian wave.

He started applying the current, softened by his invention, to many patients who complained of headaches, and always the effect was a beneficial one. Splitting pains in the head gave way before a short application of the Telectron's current. Those who were troubled with insomnia came in numbers to borrow this wonderful machine, and in no case did it fail to give them snoring into the arms of Morpheus. For one of the features of this machine's work is that it leaves absolutely no after effects. One slips the little oblong box, which is like a hockey puck or a gun metal watch, over his head, arranges the elastic ribbon to a nicely, pushes in the clasp at the right spot, and then lies back in peace. Inside of ten minutes, with some it is three, with others five, the patient who applies the sedative is unconscious. And so he remains till the machine is removed.

The story of Dr. McElhinney's invention will be read with interest by Nova Scotia friends, especially in Colchester where the family was well known and respected.

#### Program of Baptist Quarterly Meeting at Centrelex

Meeting at Centrelex  
 Feb. 13-14  
 MONDAY  
 3 p. m. Conference held by pastor MacNeill.  
 7 p. m. Service of song by the choir.  
 7.30 p. m. Sermon, Rev. S. S. Poole, Middleton.  
 TUESDAY  
 9.30 a. m. Prayer Service, Rev. J. W. South, Business outlook etc.  
 11.30 a. m. Half-hour with the Bible, Rev. H. G. Mellick, Lunenburg.  
 2 p. m. Prayer Service, Rev. C. S. McLearn, Springfield.  
 3.30 p. m. S. S. as a factor in our national life, Rev. L. F. Wallace, Paradise.  
 Enosion as an element in Church life, Rev. M. W. Brown, Lower Grandville.  
 3.30 p. m. W. M. A. Meeting.  
 7 p. m. Service of Song by choir.  
 7.30 p. m. Sermon, Rev. E. O. Steeves, Clementsville.

If intending delegates will kindly notify the undersigned that they are coming by train, teams will be provided to meet those who come from the west at Tupperville, and those who come from the east at Bridgetown.

#### Fruit Growers' Association Want Fruit Prizes Cut Out

The Provincial Exhibition Commission was in session all day Thursday. The chief matters under consideration was revision of the prize list. It is hoped that a reduction might be effected in this direction. It was suggested that the prizes in the live stock department should be reduced in value. This did not meet with the approval of the representatives of the live stock owners present. A compromise was made. The prize list will not be altered, but the entry fee for horses, cattle, sheep and swine will be doubled.

WANTED NO PRIZES IN FRUIT DEPARTMENT.

In view of the early dates for this year's show the Fruit Growers' Association asked that the fruit prize list be cut out this year, as fruit will not be far enough advanced towards maturity to make an exhibit possible. The commission decided to leave this matter in abeyance till after the meeting of the Provincial Farmers' Association, which is to be held at Windsor on the 25th of January. In the meantime fruit growers in other parts of the province, who have been in the habit of exhibiting, will be asked for an expression of opinion as the Fruit Growers' Association expresses mainly the sentiment in the Annapolis Valley.

WILL ATTEND FARMERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING.

President Longley and Commissioners Clayton and Elderkin were appointed a committee to attend the annual meeting of the Provincial Farmers' Association at Windsor on the 25th inst.

Allderman Martin was appointed to the advertising committee to take the place of J. A. Johnson, resigned. Until the appointment is made by the new City Council in May, the commission will be one member short.

The prize list will again be about \$16,000. In past years about \$10,000 has been paid out in cash prizes. The cutting out of the fruit prizes and the enactment of bigger entry fees in the live stock department is likely to help the funds out to the extent of about \$1,500. Without question the exhibition will be held this year. Legislation may be secured, however, with reference to the year.—Halifax Herald.

#### Life-Saving Stations for Victoria Beach and Parker's Cove

A St. John despatch to the Chronicle states:—Commander Henry Thompson of the Marine and Fisheries Department who is in the city tonight, said that through the energetic efforts of S. W. W. Peckay, M. P. for Annapolis County, two up-to-date Life Saving Stations will be in the near future stationed in Digby Gut.

A life-saving boat is to be immediately sent to Victoria Beach, one of the seats. The other location is to be at Parker's Island.

#### ANNAPOLIS, SS. In the Municipal Council

ANNUAL SESSION, 1911

(Continued from last issue)

Ordered that the report of the attending physicians on the County Home and County Hospital as read be received and adopted.

REPORT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIANS, COUNTY HOSPITAL AND HOME.

The following is the report:—

Number of inmates at beginning of the year	Admitted during the year	First total	Discharged	Died	Present number
49	13	62	3	8	51
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The deaths during the year have been in the aged, except in two cases, where the cause was tuberculosis. The general health at both institutions has been as good as usual, in fact it could hardly be better, when we consider the number of days of necessary confinement in stormy and wintry weather. During the summer months when all can remain out of doors, throughout the long days, they scarcely have any sickness except from chronic troubles or organic diseases.

We can again repeat, what we have been able to say in other reports, namely, that both institutions are well cared for by those in charge and every effort made to make each patient and inmate comfortable and happy.

The completion of the large Recreation Hall marks an epoch in the history of these humane institutions. The success of the undertaking is largely due to the enthusiasm and tireless efforts of Superintendent Hiltz, who has not only interested friends of the institutions in the undertaking, sufficiently to get a subscription toward its erection but has with hammer and saw, led the work on it without any remuneration seeing a desire of his heart and life brought to a successful issue.

As the particulars of it will no doubt be laid before you we need not refer to it further.

One year ago we suggested the need of night connection by telephone, with the town in case of fire, and that they might be in touch with the medical attendants, if needed. This could be accomplished without extra costs, we believe. The need of electric lighting is also more and more demanded, as a safety, and as the town system goes quite a distance in that direction it would be very easy to add this improved method of lighting.

Respectfully submitted,  
 L. G. DE BLOIS,  
 M. E. ARMSTRONG,  
 Attending Physicians.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The following is the report:—

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis County:—

Gentlemen:—I beg leave to submit the Superintendent's report of the Annapolis County Hospital for the year ending November 30th, 1910.

Residence	No. Inmates		No. Discharged		Died	
	Nov. 30, 1909	Nov. 30, 1910	Nov. 30, 1909	Nov. 30, 1910	Nov. 30, 1909	Nov. 30, 1910
Annapolis Co.	5	1	0	0	0	0
Colchester Co.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hants Co.	4	4	0	0	0	0
Yarmouth Co.	5	3	0	0	0	0
Chesler	1	0	0	0	0	0
King's Co.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Private	12	6	3	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

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