

CREDIT TO MR. HANNA.

For the Increased Consumption of Fish,
says Prof. Prince.

Professor E. E. Prince, Dominion Fish Commissioner, speaking before the May Court Club in Ottawa recently, gave the credit to Mr. Hanna for the fact that more fish is being sold in the Dominion to-day than ever before. Even so, the consumption could be easily trebled, he said. Of the thousands of lakes in Canada those that have no fish could be numbered on the hands. The purity and coldness of the waters are responsible for the fine quality of fish, which is unsurpassed in any country in the world.

He pointed out that the annual value of the fisheries in Canada to-day approximated \$40,000,000. The total annual catch reached nearly 1,140,000,000 pounds and would afford every man, woman and child 140 pounds per year. At present from 60 to 75 per cent of our fish are being exported to the United States. There was a great opening now for Canadians to handle and market fish so that adequate supplies might be procurable. More economical methods should be adopted to stop the present waste and to make fuller use of fish by-products.

There are 100,000 different kinds of fish in the rivers and lakes of the world, said Professor Prince, and Canada has 600 varieties. Of these 50 are in use, though three times that number are excellent for food. Not more than 12 or 15 kinds are really popular. Forty fish are thrown away for one that is used. Some of the most delicious varieties are treated with contempt simply because of unfortunate prejudice, due to their names. He laid particular emphasis on the herring supply which surpasses that of Britain or Norway, yet which is not drawn upon as it should be.

The general use of frozen fish was earnestly advocated by the commissioner, who said that scientific experiments had shown that frozen fish retained its freshness and remained in good condition for six months and, sometimes, even for a year. It was just as good as fresh fish for all practical purposes and frequently better.

MORE HOGS FOR MANITOBA.

Mr. J. H. Evans, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba, has estimated that the hog production of the province this year will be increased by 250,000 animals, as a result of the campaign for increased production of swine.

SAVING IN THE HOTELS.

Much More Fish being Used as Substitute
for Meat.

Mr. F. W. Mossop, who has been visiting hotels and restaurants in Montreal in connection with the enforcement of the Food Controller's regulations, has forwarded a report on his work. Mr. Mossop says that among the better class hotels and restaurants he has found a very marked variation in saving of beef, bacon and white flour. The manager of one of the largest hotels there says that he is using about ten per cent less beef and bacon and ten to fifteen per cent more fish. He is serving special war bread, which means considerable saving in white flour. The manager of another of the larger hotels states that his use of beef and bacon has been reduced by forty per cent, while thirty per cent more fish is being served. Special graham rolls are served at all meals as substitutes for white bread. The other better class hotels and restaurants report an average saving of about twenty-five per cent in beef and bacon, with a corresponding increase in the use of fish.

All the hotels visited are using very much more poultry than formerly. The cheaper eating places in some cases were not observing the food regulations. Mr. Mossop made it plain to them that strict observance of the law would be required and that further violations would be dealt with severely.

NOW SAVING BEEFSTEAK AND HAM. One Company Reports Beef Consumption Reduced to One-third.

The Canadian Manager of Bowles Lunch, Limited, in a letter to the Food Controller covering the saving in certain food commodities in the Company's five branches in Canada says:—

"Our consumption of ham is fully one-half less than it was a year ago. We have eliminated beef stew and now serve beef only in a chopped steak sandwich with the result that we are only serving one-third as much beef as we were a year ago. We have met with a large measure of success in substituting corn muffins for wheat flour products. There has also been a noticeable increase in the sale of oatmeal."

Arrangements are being discussed whereby the co-operation of the Lumbermen's Associations throughout Canada will be secured in promoting the work of conservation and production.