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The Lobster Fishery.

The Trade Review in its report on the Salmon Market says, "Like Lobsters, this market seems to have gone to pieces"; and in its report on the Lobster trade it remarks, "Like Lobsters, this market seems to be 'canned.' There are no quotations and everything is quiet."

The similarity of these reports on our tinned products would seem to indicate that something is radically wrong with the methods used in packing, for it is well known that lobster is still the piece de resistance in all the first-class hotels and restaurants as well as in the homes of those who can afford the luxury in their bill of fare. There is further nothing to indicate that the demand for Newfoundland lobster properly packed is any less than before. In fact exporters state that they have no lack of orders, but that a condition of the sale is a guarantee as to quality. Of late it has been found impossible to give it in all cases. At one time the regulations under which licenses were granted to packers were rigidly enforced, but they have been gradually allowed to go into abeyance. Formerly there were but a few packers as compared with the number engaged in the work to-day. This fact in itself has made it more difficult to see that the regulations are enforced, and it would appear has resulted in many engaging in the work with insufficient knowledge of the business. The complaint has been made that not only is the tinning process unsatisfactory, but the scrupulous care which is necessary in the preparation of a food has not been given sufficient attention.

In the Maritime Provinces the same difficulties have been experienced, and in order to improve matters and to regain their markets, vigorous measures have been adopted. As will be seen by the following article taken from the "Canadian Fisherman," a standard of sanitation and equipment has been introduced which will be fully effective by 1926. By considering the whole pack this year as standard, next year, 75 per cent. of it, in 1925, 85 per cent., and in 1926, 100 per cent. they trust to eliminate those who do not or will not adopt up-to-date methods.

With regard to the falling off in the catch along the Canadian shore, attention is drawn to the effect of dumping overboard of, and used bait both from trawls and from lobster pots, and thereby feeding the lobster which in consequence loses interest in the morsels which are intended to tempt him into the trap.

We are informed that sales abroad would be considerably stimulated if we adopted a quarter instead of a one pound standard tin. Most housewives or chefs require but a small amount of lobster to prepare a salad or some such dish, and as the purchase of a one pound tin means considerable waste, they prefer to do without it altogether. Some packers have used a half pound tin, but even that is said to be too large. Objection

has been made to the adoption of the quarter size on the question of cost, but there is every indication that were we producing an article that could be guaranteed absolutely pure and sanitary, and packed in tins to meet the requirements of our customers, we could practically fix the price to suit ourselves.

CONSOLIDATION OF LOBSTER CANNERIES.

(Canadian Fisherman.)

A certain phase of the lobster canning industry in the Maritime Provinces strongly invites discussion just at this period. On previous occasions we have dealt in a theoretical way with the economic waste involved in having a lobster pack worth, approximately, \$5,000,000 distributed among six hundred canneries. There was then no immediate demand for consolidation because, fortunately, we have more or less of a monopoly on canned lobster production. More recent events, however, would seem to indicate that consolidation is no longer a matter of idealistic discussion but one which looms on the horizon as a practical problem demanding adjustment.

Elsewhere in this issue we print a statement of the lobster pack in the east. One paragraph is striking. It says: "It should be noted that of the 141 canneries of the above district (northern New Brunswick), 88 packed less than 100 cases each; 51 less than 75 cases; 71 less than 50 cases and 23 less than 25 cases. These small packs are common each season and not due to any unusual conditions this year. Without doubt there are entirely too many canneries operated in this district. The industry generally could be better served and economic waste prevented, by consolidation."

Under the unsanitary and generally careless conditions in which certain canneries have been permitted to operate prior to the progressive movement inaugurated under the direction of Dr. A. P. Knight, it has been quite possible, and it has, perhaps, proved profitable, to maintain these small canneries and operate them as a sideline during the lobster fishing season. The Government, however, has introduced a standard of sanitation and equipment which must be adhered to one hundred per cent. by the opening of the fishing season of 1926. This, the first year, all canneries were graded as per standard will be tolerated; in 1925, 85 per cent; but the year following all canneries must measure up to the wholesale standard in every particular or be denied a license.

Now what does this signify? It means that canneries putting up a hundred odd cases will not find it profitable to operate on the same volume of business and at the same time conform to the requirements of the set standard, which, among other things, calls for a steam cooker. Not that the Government is proving unreasonable in its exactions, because it is not, but that in many cases the individual pack is so small as to return a profit only when the crude equipment and methods are used.

What is going to happen to the canneries, included in the above classification when the season of 1926 opens? Are the owners going to automatically close up shop and apply their little capital and their energy to some other industry? That may happen, but to calculate upon such an event is to place a very low estimate upon the intelligence of owners.

The natural solution is consolidation and it would appear was advised that these small canneries, especially in northern New Brunswick, seek an understanding at once. It is impossible, without a thorough survey of the situation, to state definitely how many properly equipped plants can serve this area, but we would hazard a guess that, all things considered, six to eight would do the job quite handsomely. The argument has been advanced that lobstermen are perishable, which fact frustrates any scheme of centralization. Of course, they are perishable. The main points seem to be to locate the centralized canneries where they are readily accessible by water, so that collecting barges, if that means of transportation be found necessary, may cover the shore and land their cargo alive in wells.

The fisheries department would not go astray in encouraging consolidation and it may, by so doing, hasten more desirable conditions.

Japanese Ambassador

EXPRESSES HIS APPRECIATION.

His Excellency the Governor has received the following telegram from London:

"Japanese Ambassador desires to express sincere thanks for kind sympathy of all people in Newfoundland with Government and people of Japan, conveyed through British Foreign Office in recent appalling disaster."

Be sure you attend Dancing Class in S.U.F. Hall, Monday, October 1st.—MAX COLTON, sec'y.

Criminal Session Opens October 1st.

MANY CASES TO BE DISPOSED OF IN SUPREME COURT.

With the opening of the Fall or Criminal Session of the Supreme Court on Monday, October 1st, the bench and bar will have a busy period, judging by the numerous cases to be disposed of. Amongst those for trial is a man named Mercer, of Bell Island, who is charged with Arson. Another resident of the same place, named Haynes, now held on remand, will stand trial for Blamey. Haynes, who is an ex-coldster, went to England with a draft in 1918. While there he married an English girl. Later the wife with her infant came out to Newfoundland, but remained only a brief period, when they returned home again. The husband then went to sea, and a short time later he visited his wife in England, but she refused to live with him. Haynes then returned home, and in January last married a girl from Bell Island.

The case of Charles Tait, charged with Manslaughter, as a result of the death of the little girl Humphries, who was killed in a motor cycle accident on Cornwell Avenue, in July last, will also come before the Supreme Court.

An enquiry into the death of the little infant, preferred against a married woman named Pye of St. George's, is now being conducted at the second city. It is quite possible that the preliminary investigation into the circumstances of this case will be finished in time; and that it will be ready for the supreme court within the next few weeks.

The other case, that of Murder, against Anthony Hawco, a resident of Chapel's Cove, will wind up what is expected to be a very busy criminal session. As yet the preliminary enquiry in this case is not complete, and it may not be ready before the latter part of October.

Proclamation for Bye Election.

Yesterday's Royal Gazette contained a Proclamation ordering that bye elections take place in the Districts of Fogo, Harbor Main and St. George's, the seats of Mr. Geo. Grimes, Hons. M. E. Hawco and J. F. Downey, on Thursday, Oct. 26th. Monday, Oct. 15th, is the return day.

Obituary.

SAMUEL SNEEGROVE.

There passed away at the General Hospital this morning, a well-known figure in the person of Mr. Samuel Sneegrove, after a very short illness. Mr. Sneegrove for a number of years held the position of storekeeper with Mr. James R. Knight, Commission Merchant. When Mr. Knight retired, Mr. Sneegrove went into business on his own account, conducting a very successful Commission Agency up to about a week ago, when he was compelled, owing to illness, to give up. Deceased leaves to mourn four daughters: Mrs. R. J. Green, this city; Misses Edith and Susie, of Montreal and Boston, respectively; and Mrs. Booth, of Halifax, also one son, James, of Henry Blaine's. His wife predeceased him some seven years ago. The Telegram extends its sympathy to the bereaved.

McMurdo's Store News.

INSURE A GOOD START.

You would not rest easy if you did not carry fire and accident insurance. It will cost but a few cents more to insure against being "held up" on a cold day or night by starting trouble. Carry a can of Motor Ether in your car. It will insure a good start and save you cuss words and battery trouble, too. Motor Ether is also used for priming and starting Motor boats, farm engines, tractors, etc., in which the motor power is supplied by gasoline, kerosene, or benzol. Price 45c. and 30c.

Canada's Exports Growing.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 25.—The United States is Canada's best customer. Exports of goods from the Dominion across the international boundary reached a value of \$234,246,315 in the twelve months ended July 1, an increase of nearly \$100,000,000 over the previous year, according to a report issued by the department of trade and commerce. Canada's imports from the United States during the twelve month period, it is shown, registered an increase of \$24,215,000, or 17 per cent. over the previous year.

Personal.

The many friends of Miss Muriel LeGrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John LeGrow, 58 Spencer Street, will be glad to know that she recently graduated in the Nursing Profession at Sumner's Hospital, Philadelphia, U. S. A. Muriel will be returning home during the winter to see her parents.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR CORNS.

A Presentation of Statuary.

TO ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT.

A magnificent piece of statuary is to be seen to-day in the quiet but very pretty chapel of St. Patrick's Convent in the West End of St. John's. The shrine in its beauty does credit to the object which is surrounded by handsome floral offerings. The work is a masterpiece in technique and when one enters the door he knows he is in a place of prayer. The kindly Nuns receive him at the door, and almost as if in a vision he sees the most life-like expression of the "Man of Sorrows." The perfect likenesses of the Thora Gown and King are seen in all their beauty and majesty and a more realistic picture is not often presented to the Sight Seer. This beautiful work is a replica of the statue erected by an eminent Spanish artist and we understand was presented to the Society of the Children of Mary of St. Patrick's Convent by Mrs. Mary Gomez, the talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarthy of St. John's West. Mrs. Gomez, we hear, will soon leave St. John's for her home in Tabana but this kindly action of hers in donating this adornment to the Chapel will not soon be forgotten by the Catholic people of St. John's West. Incidentally we might say Mrs. Gomez is a vocalist who has delighted many a St. John's audience. We will not say Valle in this instance, we only say An Revolt.—Com.

A Short Synopsis of Paid Back.

STAR MOVIE TO-DAY.

Romance where romance belongs—in the tropical quiet of mid-Pacific island—is the keynote of "Paid Back" the Universal all star attraction. But it isn't soft romance—it is dramatic to the 'tenth degree.

Do you like a big story told simply and without wasting time? Then you'll like "Paid Back," a ten reel story in five reels, with some of the most famous players of the screen in the roles.

This woman thought she would have revenge on the man who had ruined her reputation by "sentencing" him to life with her, to live by her side and listen to her mockings and taunts.

"Paid Back" isn't a "triangle" picture—a story of a quadrangle of human figures. One is a lonely woman, three are men—the husband who deserted her, the man who sought only to make her life miserable until she gave in to him, and the man who loved her.

When a man finds women "easy" for him, he sometimes loses his sense of wariness. The man women couldn't ignore finds himself in the hands of a woman just a little too smart for his cleverness in the story of "Paid Back."

Posts rare about lonely islands as places for love and moonlight non-sense—but would you pick a far away island for a scene of revenge? The woman in the dramatic Universal picture, "Paid Back" did it.

A Specialist's Advice.

In matters of investment you should always seek the advice of one whose knowledge and experience qualify him to advise you. Your income from savings properly invested should be as large as is consistent with safety. I specialize in safe investments yielding from 7 per cent. to 10 per cent. If you have funds invested at lower yield, it will pay you to consult me. RICHARD C. POWER, Investment Specialist, Bishop Building, St. John's.—sept.21.

Miss Donna Lamb will re-open

Dancing Class on October 4th at 8.30 o'clock p.m. in the Supper Room C.C.C. Hall.—sept.24.

Personal.

Mr. Walter Scammell, who has for a number of years been associated with the firm of Earle, Sons & Co., Ltd., Fogo, has been transferred to the Company's office here. Mr. Scammell, in conjunction with Mr. Leonard Earle, will in future, be looking after the firm's interests in the city.

Shipping.

S.S. Canadian Saper, Capt. Blum, arrived from Montreal and Charlottetown at 1 p.m. yesterday, bringing a full general cargo and a deck load of cattle.

S.S. Watuka, with coal for the Government Railway, left Sydney at 10 p.m. Monday and is due here to-night.

S.S. Manos is expected to leave Montreal on Saturday next, for this port.

S.S. Rosalind left Halifax at 1 p.m. yesterday and is due here to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

S.S. Sabie I. leaves Halifax Friday for here via North Sydney.

TRAIN NOTES.—The incoming express with the Kyle's mails and passengers left Port aux Basques at 9 o'clock this morning. Yesterday's west bound express arrived at Bishop's Falls on time.

Magistrate's Court.

A sailor from Denmark arrested for vagrancy received his discharge. Two ordinary drunks were liberated.

A laborer resident of Mullock St. was summoned at the instance of his sister-in-law for assault. A fine of \$5 or 14 days was imposed.

Inspector General Hutchings vs. Harry Withal for a breach of the Motor Car Act, was withdrawn.

A clerk of the Higher Levels for using firearms within the city limits was ordered to pay costs.

An assault case between two residents of Pouch Cove was withdrawn.

Const. Lynch vs. A. Desart for a breach of the Prohibition Act was postponed until Friday next.

Three juvenile offenders were summoned into court for throwing stones and breaking glass in George Street Methodist Church. The Warden of the church, who gave evidence against the youths, did not wish to press the charge. They were each convicted and ordered to pay \$4.80 damages.

A threatening language case between father and son of Broad Cove was dismissed.

A resident of Logy Bay was summoned into court charged with the larceny of two rugs valued at \$50.00, the property of Mr. Richard Volney. Their was no evidence to show that the accused was responsible for the taking of the missing articles, whereupon he received his honorable discharge.

Mr. Edward Lawlor, Inspector of Foods, summoned a milk vendor of Middle Cove for exposing for sale unwholesome milk. The Government Analyst who tested a sample of the milk taken from a 2 1/2 gallon can by Inspector Lawlor on the morning of the 14th of Sept. found that it had contained solid 11.88, fat 2.54, solid not fat, 9.04, fat deficient 22 per cent. Mr. Davies upon being questioned by defendant stated his milk on previous tests was good, registering 4 per cent. fat. The accused did not know whether he separated his milk on the morning referred to or not, and was at a loss to understand how it had become adulterated. He was given to understand from the court that he must use every precaution in the future, and not get careless. It being his first offence a fine of \$1.00 and costs was imposed.

Joseph Burnsteln was summoned at the instance of Head Constable Byrne for a breach of the Prohibition Act, selling liquor to a man over his shop counter. The defendant was not ready to proceed with his case, and asked for adjournment until Friday next, which was granted.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle arrived at Lamaline 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

Croft left Nipper's Harbor 10 a.m. yesterday, outward.

Glencoe left Burgess 10 a.m. yesterday, coming east.

Home left Bourne Bay 11.50 a.m. yesterday, outward.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 7.50 a.m. to-day.

Melgie, no report since Monday.

Malakoff left Greenspond 12.10 p.m. yesterday, inward.

Suan sails for the northward at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Frogsy left Couche 1.30 a.m. to-day, coming south.

Watchful left Catalina 2.30 p.m. yesterday.

Sebastopol left Grest's Hr. 7.15 a.m. to-day, coming south.

MARRIED.

On Tuesday, Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, by the Rev. A. B. S. Sullivan, Esq., was solemnized the marriage of Miss Mary Ann to William Guest, both of St. John's.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19th inst., by Rev. Magr. MacDermott, in the Oratory of the Mercy Convent, Mary Shea to Martin Cedric West.

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Fatal Shooting Accident at Lamaline.

Lamaline was the scene of a tragic accident yesterday. It appears from a message which the Telegram has received that a man called James Brown of Grand Bank who had gone to Lamaline in his schooner to cull fish for Harris & Son, had occasion to leave his vessel for a short time. Upon his return he found his sixteen year old son lying dead on the deck with a gun shot wound in his throat. It is presumed that the unfortunate boy, who was alone on the vessel, was in the act of firing a bird when the weapon was accidentally discharged with fatal results. A message has been given to another which has been confirmed by Inspector General Hutchings, reads: "James Brown of Grand Bank accidentally shot and killed his son at Lamaline. The body being brought home to-day."

Labrador Report.

Makkovik, Holten, Smokey.

Battle Harbor, N. E. gales. Vague Island, N. E. wind, cloudy, with squalls.

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