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The Protection of the Lobster Fishery.

AS VIEWED BY FRANCIS H. HERRICK, P.H.D., PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, ADELBERT TOLLIVER, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

(Paper read at National Fishery Congress, Tampa, Florida, and Published in Bulletin of U. S. Fish Commission.)

In the lobster fisheries we have an example of an industry which has increased rapidly in value in a very few years. In 1869 the Canadian fishery was valued at \$15,275; in 1891, at \$2,550,000. In 22 years its value increased nearly 150 fold. The value of the products of this industry in the United States was nearly half a million dollars in 1880 (\$488,432), and in 1892 over a million dollars (\$1,062,392). In 1896 there were 14,285,157 cans of lobsters packed in Canada, having a value of \$2,400,000. The average price per pound in 1883 was 9 1/2c; in 1893 it had risen to 14.10c., and at the present time it is 18.72c.

The decline of the lobster fishery is a well-known theme. The facts pointing to its gradual but certain decay are too evident to be mistaken, such as the interminable legislation on the subject of protection, the increase in the number of traps, the decrease in the size of the lobsters themselves, and their increase in market value. Twenty-five years ago the lobster was common; now it is generally a luxury.

The cause of the depletion of the fishery is plain. The supply has been unequal to the demand. More lobsters have been annually destroyed than have been annually raised. No number of animals, however large, can stand such a drain. For 25 years the law of Canada has been called to the aid of the fishery. It has taken a vacillating course in both the Provinces and the United States, revoking one year what was enacted the year before, adopting this and that suggestion and jumping from one expedient to another. Regard to personal interests, imperfect knowledge of the habits and needs of the animal itself and perverted logic have characterized much of the legislation which governments have enacted for the preservation of animal life. There are, indeed, praiseworthy exceptions, and legislation, though it has often failed, may have been animated by the right spirit.

The problem of perpetuating an animal like the lobster, or rather of maintaining the supply, for it is not in the power of man to exterminate this species, is certainly a difficult one. In order to discuss this or any similar question profitably and intelligently, it is necessary to set aside pride and prejudice of every kind, whether personal, sectional or national, and consider in a judicial spirit the conditions in which this problem is involved. We must know the state of the fishery and the principal facts pertaining to the life and habits of the animal.

Until within a few years the life history of the lobster was very imperfectly known, and this ignorance has nowhere been more clearly reflected than in the attempts to cure existing evils by legislation. Knowing the general facts of the case, we must interpret them in accordance with the principles of science and common sense. The principal facts are these:

(1) The fishery is declining, and this decline is due to the persistence with which it has been conducted during the last 25 years. There is no evidence that the animal is being driven to the wall by any new or unusual disturbance of the forces of nature.

(2) The lobster is migratory only to the extent of moving to and from the shore, and is, therefore, practically a sedentary animal. Its movements are governed chiefly by the abundance of food and the temperature of the water.

(3) The female may be impregnated or provided with a supply of spawn for future use by the male at any time, and the sperm, which is deposited in an external pouch or sperm receptacle, has remarkable vitality. Copulations occur commonly in the spring, and the eggs are fertilized outside the body.

(4) Female lobsters become sexually mature when from 8 to 12 inches long. The majority of all lobsters 10 1/2 inches long are mature. It is rare to find a female less than 8 inches long which has spawned, or one over 12 inches in length which has never borne eggs.

(5) The spawning interval is a biennial one, two years elapsing between each period of egg-laying.

(6) The spawning period for the majority of lobsters is July and August. A few lay eggs at other seasons of the year—in the fall, winter, and probably in the spring.

(7) The period of spawning lasts about six weeks, and fluctuates slightly from year to year. The individual variation in the time of extrusion of ova is explained by the long period during which the eggs attain the limits of growth. Anything which affects the vital condition of the female during this period of two years may affect the time of spawning.

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A Win for Feildians.

The Feildians defeated the Casuals in last night's football match by a score of two goals to one.

The game was not marked by any particularly brilliant play on either side, though both teams gave a fair exhibition of combination. In the first half the Casuals defended the western goal, and after about ten minutes of exciting play Smith beat Lush and landed No. 1 for his team.

When the leather was again put in to play it was sent flying from goal to goal, and many good chances were lost by wide shooting. When the half time whistle sounded the score stood 1 to 0 in favor of the Casuals.

SECOND PERIOD.

The second half opened rather lively and Noseworthy, of the Casuals, was called upon to save several times. After about ten minutes of good play C. Rendell, of the Feildians, drew first blood for his team with the score equal, excitement ran a little higher, and after a clever bit of combination on both sides C. Rendell found the net again, landing No. 2 goal for the Feildians.

The remainder of the game was not very exciting, and when the final whistle blew sounded the score stood 2 to 1 in favour of the Feildians.

Mr. F. Brien acted as referee and the line-up was as follows:—

FEILDIAHS—Lush, goal; Strang, F. Rendell, backs; Ryall, Tat, Strone, halves; C. Rendell, Pinsent, Winter, L. Rendell, Chafe, forwards.

CASUALS—Noseworthy, goal; Bradbury, Sullivan, backs; Stevenson, Chancey, Kendrick, halves; Smith, Goudie, Sinclair, Squires, Chancey, forwards.

Fifth Steamer Off for North.

The Government steamer Minto, which sailed yesterday afternoon from Halifax, carrying aids to navigation which are to mark the channels through the Hudson Straits and that approaching Port Nelson, was the fifth departure from this port for the Hudson Bay this season, the others being, in order of their sailings, the steamers Bonaventure and Acadia, the schooner Burleigh and steamer Bellaventure.

Besides her usual crew the Minto carries north a small construction gang for the purpose of erecting a lighthouse at the entrance of the Nelson River. The ship has aboard much of the material for that building. She will proceed direct to Port Nelson and locate her aids in the river, taking up for that purpose about thirty steel buoys. When finished there she will proceed back to Port Berley on Hudson Straits, where she will meet the steamer Anramore, which will have left Halifax on the first of August with coal for the Minto. After bunkering, the Minto will take up the work of putting in aids through the straits, which work will occupy her for the rest of the season, returning to Halifax about the first of October.

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Newsboys wanted Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

JOHN J. EVANS,
Printer, Publisher & Proprietor,
July 29, 1914.

PARIS, This a.m.
Madame Caillaux, wife of ex-Premier Caillaux, was acquitted last night, after a trial lasting nine days, on the charge of murdering, on March 16th last, Gaston Calmette, Editor of the Figaro.

Bread Cake

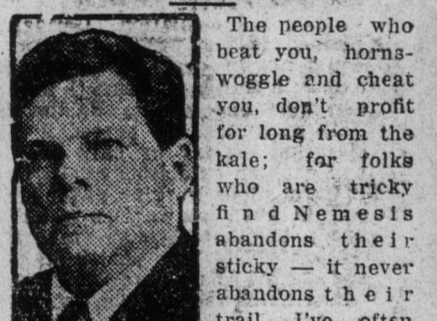
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Pastry

Mount Cashel Garden Party.

The annual Garden Party in aid of Mount Cashel, takes place at the grounds of the Institution this afternoon. An attractive programme of athletic sports, and other novel features will contribute to the enjoyment of those who attend, while the ladies in charge of the stalls will attend to the catering in their usual style. An interesting feature of the athletic programme will be the road race from Torbay to the Garden party grounds, finishing with three laps of the field. The competitors are pretty evenly matched and an exciting contest is expected. An exhibition of dancing by the Mount Cashel boys and the music of the G.C.C. and T.A. bands will be two important features of the programme. The baseball game and football games will also be attractive features for the younger sports, and for the more sedate young man a quiet game of billiards should meet the necessary requirements. With ice creams served in all the conceivable flavors, and the many other enjoyable treats offered together with a consideration for the object for which this particular event is being held, we bespeak for the affair a liberal patronage.

The Crooks.

The people who beat you, hornswoggle and cheat you, don't profit for long from the trade; for folks who are tricky and who are a bit of a scoundrel, they abandon their stickiness—it never abandons their trail. I've often been cheated; the trick's been repeated so often I cannot keep tab; but ne'er has the duffer who thus made me suffer been much better off for his grab. It pays not to swindle; dishonest rolls dwindle like snow when exposed to the sun; like feathers in Tophet is burned up the profit of cheating, the crooked man's mon. The people who sting me unknowingly bring me philosophy fresh, by the crate; I don't get excited—my wrongs will be righted, by Nemesis, Fortune or Fate. I know that the stingers—they think they are dingers, and gloat o'er the coin they don't earn—I know they'll be busted and sick and disgusted, while I still have roubles to burn. I'd rather be hollow with hunger than follow the course that the tricksters pursue; I'd rather be "eggy" than do as the breezy and conscienceless gentlemen do. Far better the shilling you've earned by the tilling of soil that is harder than bricks, than any old dollar you manage to collar by crooked and devious tricks.



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