

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Fishing on the Rideau.

THE rather peculiar weather of this summer has been worrying farmers and furrowing the brows of business men. It has had an annoying effect on tourists, who have been quite peeved in Muskoka and other places because they often have been forced to spend their vacations on the hotel verandah, watching the rain fall. The summer girl is not in sweetest temper this year because the elements seem to have conspired against her new light frocks. But her disappointment is not in it with that of the amateur fisherman—the chap who hikes away to quiet pools filled with the desire for angling feats that he may startle and awe with their rehearsal friends back in town who may drop in for a talk re vacation days on the long, cool nights of autumn.

A cold, wet season is not at all favourable to Walton experiments with the finny tribe. But, of course, there is such a thing as fisherman's luck. Every fisherman in Canada this summer has not shed dewy tears into the streamlet as in vain he watched, waited and watched. Some anglers have done remarkably well. There are few signs of dejection in the camp pictured on this page.

With it the situation may have had

FISHING ON THE RIDEAU LAKES.



These Anglers, using casting rods and floating minnows, have just landed a Six Pound, Large Mouth, Black Bass.

something to do. This camp was snapped in the Rideau Lake region near Perth, one of the most promising fishing grounds in Canada. Three kinds of fish have the Rideau Lakes as their habitat—Large Mouth Black Bass, Lake Salmon and Pike. Bass fishing on the Rideau is largely done with the casting rod and minnow. The hook and line methods of the "still" fishers of Muskoka and other regions are not in much vogue in this modern fishing paradise.

Treasure Ships.

CANADIANS in the extreme east of Canada have little realization of the trade ports like Victoria do with the yellow men of Japan and China. Silk and tea comprise a considerable portion of the cargoes which come to Canada across the Pacific. Recently several ships arrived at Victoria with cargoes so rich that they reminded one forcibly of the galleons and treasure of Spain in its heyday.

For instance one of these boats, the Titan, had 3,000 bales of silk in her strongroom worth \$1,500,000. Another large boat had \$1,350,000 worth of silk on board. The Titan, in addition to consignments of silk, had stored 19,406 cases of tea for consumers of that beverage on the Pacific Coast.

Queen's County Coal.

AT the present moment considerable activity is being manifested in the Queen's County district of New Brunswick, where several coal mines are being developed. The railways are helping a lot to boom the region. The C. P. R. has contracted to take one hundred thousand tons of coal annually out of Queen's County, and the I. C. R. twenty thousand. It is estimated that the

Queen's County coal beds contain between one hundred and one hundred and fifty million tons of the black fuel.

Exterminating Rats.

WINNIPEG has just issued a printed pamphlet discussing ways and means of combatting rats. The methods suggested are highly scientific—too scientific.

Vancouver believes in dealing with rats summarily. Lately the B. C. city engaged a man called Olsen, who calls himself professor, and artist in handling rats. Olsen gets five cents for every rat's tail he hands the city hall. Some weeks he has made \$25, to earn which he decreases the rodent population of Vancouver by 5,000.

Maritime Pressmen Meet.

NEW GLASGOW was the scene of an important gathering last week, when the Maritime Press Association held its annual convention there. The chief editors of the newspapers of the Lower Provinces came and discussed affairs of the newspaper world.

At a meeting the following officers were elected to conduct the affairs of the Association: J. T. Hawke, President; Mr. Fraser, New Glasgow; J. P.

Malaney, Woodstock; R. R. Cotton, Charlottetown, Vice-Presidents; D. F. McLean, Port Hood, Secretary; Mrs. P. M. Fielding, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Stairs, New Glasgow, Auditor; and Mr. Stewart, Chatham; Mr. Coffin, Truro; J. C. Keating, Moncton; Mr. Cox, of Middleton, and Mr. Donovan, Antigonish, as Executive Committee.

A Prize Poem.

THE Halifax Canadian Club offered a prize of one hundred dollars for a poem to mark the dedication of the Memorial Tower in that city.

At the ceremonies in connection with the Tower it will be remembered the Duke of Connaught was present.

A minister won. He is Rev. A. L. Fraser, of Great Village, Nova Scotia. This is his sonnet:

Freedom doth greet this Royal throng to-day,
In these elysian haunts—largess of one
Whom time has amply proved Britannia's son;
And when by age or love or ease shall stay

In years unborn, this pillar to survey,
Its walls will tell not of war's stunning shock,
But how long since kind liberty did rock
Her cradle by this old Atlantic bay;

And if far scattered children turn their feet
To where their fathers' earliest hearth did blaze
And bathe the very stones in tears, 'tis meet
That we of British blood this pile should raise,

Where first a daughter of our ancient throne
Did sit beside a fireside of her own.

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