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Protect Our Growing Industry.

To a certain extent the depression in the fishing industry is due to our own fault. We have not insisted upon a standard cure. We have trusted altogether to natural conditions in drying the fish, when more modern methods, tried and found to work economically on a small scale, have not been generally adopted.

We have allowed personal interests in the marketing of fish to interfere with plans, which have been agreed to and which, had they been carried out, would have benefited the exporter as well as the fisherman as a whole. We have continued to send an inferior quality of fish to markets which have long ago discovered that they could obtain elsewhere a superior article at no greater cost. In these respects at least we are to blame for the present condition of our staple industry.

There are other causes over which we have no control. The fluctuating exchange, the dullness of trade, the slow recovery of those countries which had their resources drained by the war, have mitigated against us in the foreign markets.

We are at last turning to account the wonderful asset which we possess in our forests, and, taken in conjunction with geographical advantages of the country, in the shape of numerous lakes and rapid rivers, promises to yield a return second only in importance to the fishing industry itself.

There is, however, one contingency which must be guarded against, and unless every precaution is taken and every possible means of protection is afforded, we shall find that our natural resources have disappeared, and that the promising industry is a thing of the past. The contingency is fire.

The following statement of the havoc wrought in Quebec and New Brunswick this year should make us realize that the danger is real and imminent, and that steps should be taken without delay to deal effectively with similar outbreaks.

HEAVY LOSS FROM FOREST FIRES

Quebec and New Brunswick suffer severely during prolonged period of fires over large areas.

A loss of several million dollars, spread over an area of 400,000 acres is the estimated result of the fires in Quebec made by Gustave Piche, chief forestry engineer. "The forest fires this year have spread very rapidly as compared with other seasons," stated Mr. Piche. A striking feature which shows the danger of an immense conflagration if fires start again is that fires have not been confined to any special section of the province, but have been reported everywhere nearly at the same time. Extra men had to be despatched to every region, where rendered co-operation with forest protective associations more necessary than ever.

"Last year 600,000 acres were affected by fires altogether. In a month this year two-thirds of this total area, that is, 400,000 acres, have been visited by fire.

"Complete reports show that in some regions the situation is simply terrible for settlers.

"Figures on the losses sustained show that 125 farms were burned, fifteen sawmills, twenty large lumber camps, four railway stations, and two log haulers. The villages of Whitworth, Sully and Les Etroits, in Temiscouata County, are a mass of ruins. The parishes of St. Honoré, St. Hubert, Temiscouata County, Lac au Saumon and Newport, Gaspé, have been partly destroyed, and the extent of the damage there is not known.

To-day the fires reported did not have the magnitude of any of those of last year, but the conditions are still very bad."

New Brunswick lumbermen estimate the loss from recent forest fires at not less than \$5,000,000, an area of 250 square miles having been burned over in two weeks. The fires spread with remarkable rapidity and destroyed homes, mills, barns and other buildings in their way or which were reached by the wind.

Vast tracts of our forests lands each year go down before this devastating foe, but we still content ourselves by appointing a few fire fighters here and there who, in the event of a serious outbreak, are helpless, or we trust to Providence to send down rain.

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The smaller projects in a like manner require protection. Canada has been for some time using aeroplanes for scouting purposes during the most critical periods of the year with good effect. We might with advantage adopt a similar system, and devise other means to guard against this ever present menace.

Outrageous Expenditure.

We direct attention to our column "How the Millions are Spent" in order to emphasize what a chasm exists between the economy preached by our politicians and the extravagance which they have practised in the handling of the peoples' money.

The expenditure of public funds in the manner illustrated calls for the condemnation of our citizens of all creeds and classes whatever may be their political feelings. To pose as a Patron of the Sports is a worthy object; to assume that position at the expense of the public is, to say the least, to play the part of a hypocrite, and merits the contempt of all.

A careful examination of the figures will show how, as the day of elections grew nearer, the amount expended on our cabs and pit props grew correspondingly greater, and that when that day had passed and the votes had been recorded, the amounts spent immediately grew less. Is further comment necessary?

Dinner at Government House.

The Members of the Legislative Council and the officials were entertained at dinner by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Allarday, on Saturday evening.

McMurdo's Store News.

Don't buy beauty. Use Pompadour. We have now received a new lot of the celebrated Pompadour Beauty Products.

Pompadour Beauty Powder50c.
Pompadour Bloom70c.
Pompadour Fragrance40c.
Pompadour Day Cream60c.
Pompadour Night Cream60c.

The Pompadour Beauty Trio consisting of Pompadour Day Cream, Beauty Powder and Bloom gives the magic touch that transforms mere prettiness into real beauty. Try them and you'll use no others.

Schooner Disabled.

GERMAN LINER GOES TO ASSISTANCE.

A message to Messrs. Bowring Bros., Lloyd's Agents, was received Saturday night, stating that S. S. Trevelan, a German liner, had sighted a Portuguese vessel named the Santa Luisa with her rudder disabled, in lat. 45° 40' N. and long. 50° 00' W. The liner later took her in tow for the nearest port, Sydney, N.S.

WARSHIP DUE.—The H.M.S. Constance is due to arrive in port this evening. The Constance is a light cruiser of the Canterbury class, 3,750 tons displacement, 44 knots long, and mounts 4 six inch guns.

How the People's Millions are Spent.

STASTFUL DISCLOSURES RE CAB HIRE ACCOUNT.

Our review of the extraordinary expenses incurred by the Government have awakened much interest in public affairs on the part of the public who are the taxpayers, and whose money is thus expended.

During the last fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1923, the sum of \$58,569.01 was spent by the Department of Agriculture and Mines on account of Agriculture and the Model Farm. Following are a few of the particulars:

Theo. Chafe, Horse	350.00
Theo. Chafe, Bull	200.00
John Nolan, Pig	25.00
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Farquhar & Co. Hay	1,004.74
Dodd's Garage, Motor Supplies .	276.50
A. Williams, Bull	90.00
W. Reid, Carriage	100.00
Montreal Star, Sub.	5.05
R. Lester Bull (2)	107.00
A. V. Ross, Bull	125.00
J. P. Luscombe, Auditor	25.00
J. J. Quigley, Bull	100.00
Jas. Howlett, Hay	135.12
Royal Garage, Car Supplies . . .	17.94
Patrick Breen, Hay	273.80
Patrick O'Brien, Hay	192.50
Maritime Farmer, Subs.	72.00
Silverlock and Oullen, Motor Supplies .	645.80
Nerle-Soper Hardyare Co.	278.51
K. Ruby, Ventilators	25.50
T. & P. Sundries	144.00
John Hussey, Engine	250.00
Baly Haly Golf Club, Sheep . . .	253.00
C. F. Lester, Sheep	117.00
Farmer's Advocate, Subs.	37.70
M. Hamlyn, Hay	120.00
Corbett Rendell, keeping Bull . .	150.00
Maritime Farmer, Subs.	72.00
Westernland, 4 Bulls	400.00
T. J. Watts, Sheep	369.00
Frank Parsons, Rabbits	25.00
J. J. Quigley, Bull	100.00
John Furlong, Clippers	30.00
W. J. Reid, 8 Pigs	260.80
Western Star, Adv.	30.00
G. T. Carthy, Salary Agr.	250.00
Chas. Beseler & Co., 100-Opticon and Slides	215.77
Alan Williams, Oats	410.00
John Tobin, Horse	140.00
G. J. Hayward, Seeds	2,058.85
Sutton & Sons, Seeds	854.76
Wm. Brennan, Stallion	250.00
Bowring Bros. Fertilizers	7,846.79
Mel. Mercer, Bull	100.00
Electric Fittings at Farm	1,000.00
John Nolan, Turnips	342.00
Farmer's Advocate, Subs.	37.70
Reuben Butler, Potatoes	658.55
J. F. Downey, Salary June	230.00
H. J. Brownrigg, Feeds	2,202.61
Reid Nfld. Co., Freight	378.15
Rev. J. J. Rawlins, CUP	65.80
Nfld. Horseman's Assn., CUP	50.00
Hay	3,987.74
Potatoes	2,926.95
Wages	1,163,912.91
Cab Hire (as listed in another column)	1,981.25
F. P. LeGros, Salary	2,760.00
Solomon Samson, Salary	2,760.00

A review of this amount of \$1,981.25, which cab hire will reveal some facts which, under other circumstances, would pass unnoticed, and perhaps without comment.

For the last six months of last year the total amount expended for cab driving and charged to Agriculture and Model Farm was only \$389.80.

In the month of January following the total thus recorded is \$94.70. But in the four months following when, our readers will note, the election campaign was flourishing, the following amounts for cab hire were charged up to this Department:—

February	108.40
March	283.70
April	301.70
May	301.70

In other words \$1,151.00 were spent in five months of 1923, against \$389.80 spent in six months of 1922.

On April 2nd, 1923, some 14 cabmen were engaged for various amounts up to \$15.00 each. On April 6th five cabmen were engaged, one in particular was paid \$30.00.

On April 9th 20 cabmen were hired and paid \$90.00 for their services. April 14th six others were employed and paid \$50.50 as fares.

April 16th seven others were hired and paid \$34.50, whilst on the 16th of April, 9 cabmen were paid \$64.50. And so on down the line the story is told of the great demand for cabs and automobiles during this particular period.

The amount of cab hire charged to Pit Prop Account for the same period is also worthy of more than passing notice.

In 1922 for six months the charges for cab hire amounted to only \$269.50. January 1923 shows \$197.20 and February \$111.00, whilst a sudden jump is marked up for March, which ran to \$212.00.

April, the active campaign month, reached the limit, when the cab hire bill charged to the Pit Prop Account was \$485.00.

As election day was on the 3rd of May, the amount is likewise suddenly reduced to \$124.00 for this month. The

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Their Opportunity And Ours.

BIG INDUSTRY FOR ST. BONIFACE—ENGLISH INTERESTS TO CONSTRUCT QUARTER MILLION PLANT FOR CHEMICAL WORKS.

As an indication of the confidence of British investors in Canada, and Canadian industry, and of the basic advantage to industry which cheap power offers in Winnipeg, it is announced that construction of a tar distilling and chemical manufacturing plant at St. Boniface will be commenced and completed this year by the Dominion Tar and Chemical Co., Ltd.

Lionel O. P. Walsh, vice-president and general manager of the company, announced recently. Buildings and plant estimated to cost about \$250,000 will be erected on the Norwood road, immediately opposite the terminal of the Great Winnipeg Water District. The company has obtained a site containing two acres of land from Oldfield, Kirby and Gardiner, and construction of the buildings will be commenced immediately. A contract has been signed between the company and the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company to obtain the by-products of the gasworks, which will be used for distilling and manufacturing purposes.

English capital will be invested in the construction of the new plant. The Dominion Tar and Chemical Co., Ltd., is a subsidiary of Hart, Boulton and Haywood Ltd., London, England, which has plants in the British Isles, Africa, Russia, France, Belgium, Spain, Australia and Canada. Mr. D. Harold Boulton, director of the parent company, has been in Winnipeg for several days, with Mr. Walsh selecting a site for the new western plant.

In an interview with the Manitoba Free Press, one of the directors, D. Harold Boulton, said financiers are looking toward Canada as one of the principal countries for investment. English capitalists are marshalling their forces to enter actively and aggressively, the new war—a contest for world commercial supremacy. The fight is on and the next five years will find the financiers of the Old World pouring millions into new industrial ventures.—Canadian Finance.

Personal.

Miss Allarday, the daughter of His Excellency the Governor, has been staying in Carbonear the last few days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Duff.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sharp arrived yesterday by S.S. Digby on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. W. M. Tessier. Sir E. R. Bowring, late High Commissioner at London, arrived by the Digby yesterday.

Mr. W. A. Strong, of the firm of James Strong, Ltd., Little Bay Islands, returned home yesterday by the express.

Capt. J. H. and Mrs. Campbell arrived by the Digby to spend a vacation with Mrs. J. A. Clift.

Mr. Basil Outerbridge, who has been attending college in England was a passenger on the Digby.

Mr. A. C. N. Gosling arrived from England by the Digby.

Mrs. A. C. Holmes and son arrived by the Digby to spend a holiday.

Mr. Ernest Fox, Joint Manager of the Confederation Life Association for Newfoundland, who has been out of town on a business trip for the past ten days, returned by express on Saturday.

Miss Carrie Pearcey left by the S.S. City, Saturday, on a visit to New York City and Troy, N.Y., where she will spend a few months with her great aunt, Mrs. Ernest Hurst.

Mr. Cashel Garden Party—Entries for Three Mile Road and Junior Football Relay Race must be made to C. J. Ellis, 302 Water Street, not later than 23rd; Pony Race entries will be received at Mr. Cashel.—July 16.

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TRIPLE COLLISION IN NORTH SEA.

LONDON, July 16.

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CONVOCACTION OF ORANGEMEN.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 16.

Orangemen from all parts of the British Empire and United States, including high men in public life of respective countries of the world, Grand Black Chapter of British North America, Grand Orange Lodge Association, and the meetings of various lodges which will commence to-day were Grand Black Chapter of British North America under the presidency of G. W. McCready, with hold its opening session.

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OTTAWA, July 16.

Arrangements have been made for the issue in Canada of twenty-two million, five hundred thousand dollar bonds in Canadian National Railway Company. It was announced to-day by Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance. Bonds will be guaranteed by the principal and interest by the Canadian Government, which owns all stock in the company, and these bonds are to be issued for the purchase of rolling stock.

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GOOD FISHERY AT TREPASSAY.

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