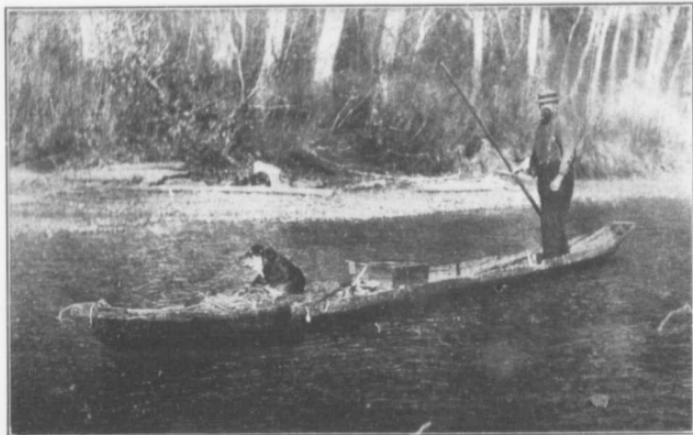


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FISHING IN CANADA:

THE salmon of the Pacific coast are supposed not to take the fly. This supposition arises from two causes—one, that most of the rivers in British Columbia are too muddy for the fish to see the lure; the other, that few anglers have really given the fly a fair trial. Colonel Andrew Haggard and others have caught a salmon on the fly in the rivers of Vancouver Island, and there is no reason to suppose that the fly will not be deadly where the water is sufficiently clear for the fish to see it. Trolling with spoon is the method usually adopted, and at such places as the mouth of the Campbell River "tyee" salmon are taken every year which will scale 70 lb. and over, and the smaller "cohoes" are more than plentiful and are more active fighters. August is the best month to visit the mouth of the Campbell, and comfortable quarters can be obtained at the Willows Inn. As the shooting season in British Columbia starts on September 1st, a couple of weeks with these big salmon may well be spent before going after big game.

A WORD as to tackle may not be out of place. For salmon the same equipment as serves in Scotland or Ireland will meet Canadian needs, with the proviso that if trolling in British Columbia waters forms part of the programme, lines and traces must be heavy, and a short, stiff rod will be found more convenient than one suited to casting. For trout fishing there is no better all-round rod than a ten-foot Hardy split cane, fitted with reel capable of holding forty yards of double-tapered line and backing. Casts must be strong—light grilse casts are none too heavy—for the fish encountered will be large, and often have to be held hard in rivers where sunken trees and snags abound. As to trout flies, the patterns that kill best in Canada are Jock Scott, Silver Doctor, Montreal Red, Brown Hackle, and Parmacheene Belle, the latter being a favourite pattern everywhere. Messrs. Hardy Bros., of Alwick, and Messrs. Cummings, of Bishop Auckland, can supply the proper flies, but if any difficulty be experienced in obtaining them, they can be bought in Canada. The size these flies are dressed makes them appear like butterflies to the man who has only fished in the British Isles; still, there is no doubt that the big fish are caught on large flies, practically the sizes used for salmon in Scotland. Dry-fly outfit, the same as is used at home, may also be bought, especially if the fishing is to be done in the East, as dry-flying pays on "dead-waters" in the early morning and evening. "Deadwaters" are long,



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