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BRITISH PROTEST AGAINST TRAWLING.

Much instructive and convincing evidence of the depletion of the fisheries in England from trawling was brought out recently at a meeting in the Town Hall at Great Yarmouth, attended by more than a thousand persons, and convened to urge the British Government to prohibit the practice of trawling for herrings. The occasion is of interest in the Maritime Provinces on account of the strong opposition to the steam trawler and the general belief that British people were quite content with this method and its results.

One witness at the Yarmouth meeting testified that "the herring trawls allowed nothing to escape—not even spaw," and that "for seven baskets of fish put into the hold twenty-four baskets had to be thrown overboard." A Lowestoft man who had spent two months at Grimsby bore witness that he "saw brought in, not thousands, but millions of small herring, soles, plaice, dabs, skate and other fish, only sufficiently emerged from the embryonic stage for their species to be identified." This protest was not confined to the East coast of England. A delegation came from Scotland; the Irish fishermen sent assurances of support; eleven members of Parliament attended, and there were present also five members representing the Dutch fisheries. The conclusion forced on this assemblage, more by the logic of facts than by anything else, was that "the only effective action would be international." It was therefore resolved to form a National Herring Fisheries Protection Association to protect the industry in the United Kingdom, and which is more significant still, "to prepare evidence to submit to the departmental committee now investigating the subject, and to urge the Government to take prompt action to obtain an international agreement."

The outcome of this protest will be awaited in Canada and the United States with keen interest. If the British Government should take action one of the great difficulties in the way of securing protective legislation might be removed. Mr. Hazen, during his last session of Parliament, pointed out that he had reason to believe the United States would be willing to co-operate with the Dominion, but that fleets of steam trawlers from Great Britain and France were largely responsible for the loss to the Canadian fishermen, and that lack of co-operation by these countries prevented an effective remedy being applied.

The Boston Transcript, which has always taken a strong stand against the depredations of the steam trawler, refers to the meeting at Yarmouth with approval and gives an instructive review of the situation. "It became evident," says the Transcript, "during the hearings in Washington last spring that this question of the conservation of the fishing grounds is international. It was also clear that there was good hope of obtaining international action on it. Canada is far more disposed to prohibit the use of the otter trawl gear than is as yet the United States. Newfoundland, with more at stake than either country, will be still more willing than Canada to put an end to a method of fishing which threatens to put an end to her great staple, the fisheries. These things are the beginnings of international legislation over the resources which nations enjoy in common. . . . Meanwhile the British protest against trawling for herrings will require a large amount of explaining by the local advocates of the steam trawlers, who would have us believe that this question is not an issue in England."

REVIVING THE SHEEP INDUSTRY.

A revival of the sheep industry, for which many sections of this Province are well adapted, should follow the active steps which are being taken by the Department of Agriculture to provide new blood to rejuvenate the stock. Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, which have great possibilities for sheep raising, will also benefit by the practical course which is being pursued. When Mr. Burrell, the Minister of Agriculture, took office, he found the sheep industry, which has been steadily declining in Canada, had been largely neglected by the Department. Little effort had been made to improve conditions or stir up interest. There are less sheep in Canada today than twenty years ago, and this despite the fact that agriculture generally has made enormous strides. In 1881 the total number of sheep in Canada was given as 8,048,673. In 1891 it was 2,510,239, and in 1911 it had further declined nearly another half million to 2,160,000. Many reasons have been assigned for this falling off, but it is evident the industry was not given the encouragement it should have received and no effort was made to improve marketing conditions.

As a preliminary step Mr. Burrell secured the co-operation of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, and with their assistance a careful survey of the possibilities of sheep-raising was made in the Maritime Provinces and in British Columbia. It was found that in the Maritime Provinces, where the soil and climate are particularly adapted to the raising of sheep, there was a general and admitted need of new blood to rejuvenate the stock. In recognition of the demand it was decided that the introduction of high class breeding rams, together with a limited number of grade ewes, would meet the most urgent requirements of this part of the Dominion. In British Columbia there appeared a definite lack of stock material, the ewe stock of the Province not having increased in proportion to the demand for home-grown mutton and lamb. The markets of Victoria and Vancouver have developed in the farmers a faith in sheep-raising, and their desire to increase and improve their flocks became at once evident to those in charge of the work.

In order to meet the demand, both East and West, a large number of carefully selected grade ewes and pure bred rams were purchased in Ontario and shipped to the four Provinces last September. A few Cheviot rams were purchased in the United States to meet the special requirements of the hill country in this Province and in Nova Scotia. These sheep amounting practically to eighteen hundred head, were sold during the current month by public auction at the following points: British Columbia: Victoria, New Westminster and Vernon; Nova Scotia: Yarmouth, Bridgewater, Inverness, North Sydney and Truro; New Brunswick: Moncton, Sussex, St. Stephen, Fredericton and Bathurst; Prince Edward Island: Summerside, Hunter River, Mt. Stewart and Melville. The sales were well attended and proved very satisfactory.

In order to make the sales more effective, Mr. Burrell is arranging to carry on an educational campaign in the districts where the sheep have been sold and in other localities where the people manifest any definite interest

in the industry. Arrangements have already been made for this work to be undertaken through Dr. S. F. Tolmie, representative of the live stock branch in British Columbia, and through the appointment of Mr. James A. Telfer to act as an instructor in sheep breeding and management in the Maritime Provinces. The revival of the sheep industry, which should follow the Department's progressive policy, will be of immense benefit not only to the farmers but to the public generally.

THE HOCHELAGA BY-ELECTION.

It is satisfactory to note that wiser counsels are prevailing within the Liberal party in relation to a contribution by Canada towards Imperial Naval Defence. The prospect of serious opposition to Mr. Borden's proposals is growing remote. That immediate aid by the Dominion to Naval Defence will in some form be the basis of the Government's proposals is well known. Sharing in this knowledge Sir Wilfrid Laurier wrote to the Liberal executive in the riding of Hochelaga advising that the re-election of Mr. Coderre, made necessary by his entry into the Cabinet, should not be opposed by a Liberal candidate.

Sir Wilfrid's letter was as follows: "Before his departure for London and since his return to Canada, the Prime Minister has declared that, after consultation with the Admiralty, he would make known his naval policy to the people of Canada. We do not know as yet in what this policy consists, and notwithstanding the resignation of one of his colleagues we do not know more than imperfectly the real causes of this disagreement. The session will open in a few days and the Government will then have to acquaint us with the negotiations that have been had with the Imperial authorities, the programme agreed upon, and the divergence of opinion between the Minister who has resigned and his colleagues. I recognize the desire of the Liberals of Hochelaga to oppose the candidature of the new Minister and to show once more their allegiance to the Liberal cause. Our naval policy is known. It has not changed since March 29th, 1911, and would it be opportune to take up the fight before knowing what is the new policy of the Government? I have said many times since the last conference at London that I would await the explanations of the Government before discussing the naval policy.

"It is on the floor of the House, when we are in possession of all the documents, we can pronounce ourselves. To make the fight in the case of Hochelaga on the eve of the session and without other information than is furnished by the vague rumors appearing in the press for the last weeks would be, to my mind, to prejudice the question.

"It is before Parliament that the naval policy may be announced and in my opinion it is there that it must be judged on its merits and combated if there is need. Yours very truly, (Sgd.) Wilfrid Laurier."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's refusal to authorize a contest in Hochelaga in opposition to Mr. Coderre will meet with general approval. Mr. Ercement, a former Liberal member for Berthier, whose name has been mentioned as a possible candidate, is not taken seriously. Mr. Coderre's election in any event is assured.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Advocates of Woman Suffrage have reason to be well satisfied with the result of the elections last week in the United States. In Michigan, Kansas, Arizona and apparently Oregon, the people voted to give the ballot to women. They already possessed the suffrage on equal terms with men in Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Washington, Idaho and California. With four additional States captured at one sweep it is evident the cause is making headway.

Wisconsin also had the opportunity to fall into line but the cause was defeated, a majority of 75,000 being recorded against Woman Suffrage. The explanation given in dispatch from Milwaukee to the New York Sun is that the Germans and Scandinavians, who are generally opposed to "the intrusion of women in politics," and who vote so goes Wisconsin. It is estimated that the majority in favor of equal suffrage in Michigan will be in round numbers 3,000. As it is now classed as an Eastern State, and as in the East opposition is the strongest, the result in Michigan has given rise to much jubilation.

Commenting upon the verdict in Kansas, Oregon and Arizona the Sun regards the result as by no means surprising. "The further West one goes," it says, "the more woman as woman is valued and respected, while in the new communities where her numbers are relatively small she is treasured, and justly so, for her influence is humanizing and beneficent. The more worldly East is not inclined to think that it needs women in politics to improve or to save the State, although admitting the unfixedness of the men to vote intelligently. The East is therefore the battleground where men will make the last stand, and the strongholds to be conquered are the cities. Detroit returned a majority of 4,000 against Woman Suffrage, but in the country, where the men could be confronted and the appeal made direct, the women overcame opposition. As in the case of other social reforms, once attained there is no backward step."

The result is the more significant because of the progress of Woman Suffrage in the United States has been slow and uncertain. It is forty-three years since Wyoming in organizing as a Territory included women among its voters. Twenty-four years elapsed before the State of Colorado followed suit. Utah and Idaho granted the same in 1895; Washington surrendered in 1910, and early in this year California and Ten States have now been gained out of forty-eight, which is strong indication that the cause will make more rapid progress in the future. The sane and sober methods which the women of the United States pursue in advocating their cause present a practical lesson to their militant sisters in the Old Country. Violence and discreditable attacks upon public men lead only to defeat.

Current Comment

Utilizing the School Houses.
(Ottawa Free Press.)

The Western Provinces are beginning to open the school houses at night, and the people are beginning to use them almost nightly. The sooner the great questions of the day, questions of politics, of sociology, are put up to the people, and the sooner the people become accustomed to discussing them, and to feel that such discussion is their duty, the better will be both government and all such public issues on which the public discussion touches.

A War Lesson.
(Hamilton Herald.)

It used to be said that the long-range rifle had made the bayonet an obsolete weapon of war; but it may have been noticed that the most effective fighting has been done by the Bulgarians with their bayonets in the war now raging.

The Difference.
(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Hon. W. L. M. Mackenzie King says that the mission of Liberalism in Canada is to break the shackles, but its unfortunate habit of late has been to break its backers.

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THE SACKVILLE NEWS LETTER

Fire Driver Seriously Injured—
Wildcat Taken in Trap—
Pointe-dum-Bute W.M.S. Anniversary—Dam Rebuilt.

Sackville, Nov. 7.—John O'Brien, driver for the fire department, was seriously injured while driving the town horse on Lorne street on Monday. The king bolt of the wagon gave way precipitating Mr. O'Brien to the ground where one of the wheels passed over his body and he was dragged a short distance. His injuries are confined to his head and left arm. He will be laid aside from work for some time.

Edward Hicks, of Upper Sackville, was unfortunate in having his foot pierced with three tines of a fork on Monday. He suffered much for the past few days in consequence and more alarming developments were feared. His condition is now more hopeful.

A wild cat weighing thirty-three pounds was caught in a trap at Wood Point this week by a visitor at the home of Charles McKinnon.

Mrs. Hazen Smith, of Pointe-dum-Bute, has received word of the death of a brother, and with the sad news the pleasing intelligence that by his death she has become heir to upwards of \$20,000. Mrs. Smith has been ill at Highland View Hospital, Amherst, for some time but her symptoms for recovery are favorable.

A former Sackville young man, Harry Fleming Wheaton, was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Stiles recently. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. M. Sanford, a former friend of the groom in New Brunswick, at the Methodist parsonage, Seattle, of which city the young couple are residents.

The home of Mrs. Geanor Copp, Bale Verte, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, when her daughter Oressa was united in marriage to Robert Dobson of Joliette. The guests included a number of the immediate relatives and friends. Mr. J. K. Hudson performed the ceremony. The bride was becomingly gowned in a tailored suit of tan serge with hat to match.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell and the family of the Ladies' College received their friends on Tuesday afternoon and evening for the first time of the college year.

Miss Dorothy Read, of Yarmouth, N. S., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Roy Fowler.

Miss Jennie Henderson, who has held a position in the Rhodes, Curry Company's office, Amherst, the past three years has resigned to enable her to enter the book store of her brother, R. B. Henderson, which he recently purchased from M. E. Rodd, and is running in connection with his drug store.

Mrs. Christopher Wry, of Boston, formerly of Sackville, is visiting friends here after attending the wedding of her son, Arnold Wry at Sussex on Wednesday.

Mr. W. K. Ryan, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Melbourne Barnes, has returned to her home in Boston, accompanied by her niece, Miss Fanny Barnes.

Captain Mahaffey, Manager of the Electric Light Station, has returned from a vacation spent in visiting American cities.

Miss Jean Langstroth, of Sussex, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. Pickard.

The silver cup donated by Hon. H. T. Munro for the best kept farm in the county was awarded to J. W. Kaye of Sackville. The competition was under the auspices of the B. and W. Agricultural society. Close seconds were John Simpson, Major Oulton and A. F. Johnson.

Mrs. Warren Richardson and daughter left this week for Sydney to join Mr. Richardson, who holds a responsible position there. St. John, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith. She is accompanied by her sister, Miss Fanny Henderson.

Mrs. Wheelock, of Lawrencetown, is the guest of her son, Professor Wheelock, Park Street.

A meeting of C. C. Chapman, of Moncton, is spending a short time with his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Fawcett.

E. A. Dixon, son of Mrs. Anasie Dixon, Sackville, who has been accountant in the Bank of Nova Scotia at London, Ont., for some time has been transferred to Toronto to take the position of manager of the Spadina branch.

Kenneth Pickard, who is attending medical studies, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pickard.

Cecil Murray, who has been accountant in the Bank of Nova Scotia here for some time, has been transferred to Toronto and left for that city on Wednesday. Mr. Murray is a son of Daniel Murray, merchant of Springhill, N. S., and since coming to Sackville two years ago, he has made many friends. Especially among the young people he will be greatly missed. His successor is Mr. Kennedy, of Scotland, coming from the New Glasgow branch.

A meeting of Mount Allison Board of Regents was held on Wednesday with Dr. Cranwick Jost of Bridgeport, chairman of the board, presiding. The financial statements of the different institutions were submitted for approval and a number of matters pertaining to their welfare discussed. A resolution of regret at the heavy loss to the board in the recent death of Dr. J. R. Inch was passed.

The death of Mrs. David Langille, daughter of the late William Bowser, Sackville, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Carter, Evanston, Ill., recently, at the age of 77 years. Until the death of her husband, two years ago, she was a resident of River John, N. S. Beside Mrs. Carter were other daughters, survive: Mrs. George Ames, of Melrose and Miss Alma of Reading, Mass. Brothers and sisters are Joseph and Edmund Bowser, Mrs. G. W. Milton, Mrs. Ruth Fillmore and Mrs. Rebecca Fillmore, all of Sackville and Benjamin Bowser, Amherst.

A movement is on foot to have the Whyte Railway Signal of Toronto decide on Sackville as the location for the foundry and manufacturing plant which they are about to start to meet

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Several of our citizens interested in Sunday school work are attending the provincial convention in Moncton this week.

Professor Whitcombe who accompanied the remains of his mother to her old home in Bayfield for interment, returned to Ohio this week.

The W. M. S. of Pointe-dum-Bute celebrated its 25th anniversary on Thursday by a largely attended social at the Methodist parsonage. Miss Stewart of Sackville gave an inspiring address and a paper on the history of the auxiliary organized 25 years ago was read. An offering was taken in aid of the rest fund.

A. M. Bell of Halifax is the guest of Professor Desbarres.

The mill dam of Morice Brothers, which was carried away by the August storm has been rebuilt and the mill is running as usual again.

A number of men are employed laying the foundation of L. C. Carey's new laundry on the site of the one destroyed by fire.

The concrete sidewalk from Bridge street to the I. C. R. station is progressing rapidly, weather conditions being favorable.

Rev. Mr. Foster who comes from Providence, R. I. December 1st, to accept the pastorate of Christ church, Amherst, is a son of Ex-Warden Foster of Dorchester penitentiary.

NOVELTY CHANGED HANDS
The three masted schooner Novelty now at Halifax, from Philadelphia with 450 tons mending sand for the car works, has been sold to St. John's Nfld. parties, the deal having been pending for some time. The former owners have a new vessel under construction at Liverpool.

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