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WARD FISHER GIVES SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS' CONVENTION FOR IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE OF GROWING GENERATION.

During the special conference of the fishery officers of the Eastern Division, held at Truro, N.S., July 28th, Chief Inspector Fisher addressed the four hundred public school teachers in attendance at the Summer School of Service.

After referring to the importance of the fishery resources of the Atlantic Coast from an economic point of view, it was specially pointed out that not only was a very large portion of the population dependent on the industry as a means of livelihood, but that extensive portions of the coast, including many thriving settlements and incorporated towns would become almost depopulated by cessation of fishing activities. Incorporated towns, such as Canoe, Lockport, and Clark Harbor, and populous centres such as Grand Manan, in New Brunswick, Cape Sable Island in Nova Scotia, and the Magdalen Islands, would be practically wiped off the map, making it clearly apparent that while the Maritime Provinces need vastly increased population for the development of its resources, it is of prime importance that the fishery resources should be conserved and expanded in order to retain the present population of native-born daring and industrious fishermen. Endeavors to increase the population by immigration were good, but failure to retain our present population was a calamity.

Mr. Fisher stated that while gratifying progress had been made the past



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few years in investigating the fishery resources, and ascertaining the best methods for carrying on the industry, and also in educating those engaged in administering and supervising the fisheries, little or nothing had been done through the public schools to awaken an intelligent appreciation of one of the chief resources of the country. The work of the Biological Board, and the Council for Scientific Research, as well as the instructional courses for the officials specially engaged in fish cultural and administrative work was highly important, but needed expansion of the work of the Department of Fisheries must depend to a large extent on the sympathetic interest of the people generally. Ignorance of the fisheries necessarily carries with it a lack of appreciation of the needs of the industry and this lack of appreciation is the frigid zone through which it is difficult to approach "the powers that be."

Parliament Disinterested.

It is only necessary to attend the sessions of Parliament when the fishery estimates are up for discussion, to observe the retreat of the members from the non-fishing districts. Sincere interest is shown in agriculture, mines, forests and grain growing. The fisheries are left to the consideration of the few whose efforts are rarely appreciated, or treated with good-natured indifference.

The fisheries should interest the grain-growers, the miners, the farmers, the lumbermen, and economists generally. Trade is the life of a country. When trade languishes the country suffers. The export value alone of the fisheries is about \$30,000,000 annually, and this life is capable of being strengthened immeasurably. Further, in Nova Scotia the fisheries give employment to a greater number of persons than mining or lumbering, and form the only one of the chief resources that has not suffered essential loss. The forests are cut down and are not replanted. The coal is taken from the earth and cannot be replaced. The agricultural lands must needs be constantly reborn or suffer exhaustion. The fisheries are ever-bearing as an economic and food resource of the first rank.

While it is difficult to create a proper appreciation of the fisheries, so far as the present adult population was concerned, it was argued that efforts should be made through the public schools and colleges to impart information to the students that would result in intelligent interest by the coming generation of citizens, and as a consequence wiser and more generous treatment of the fishery resources.

How Schools May Help.

The following suggestions were made in this regard:—
1. The co-operation of the teachers with the officials of the department in teaching the importance of fishery resources and the conservation of fish life. As an instance of the need, it was

stated that complaints were frequent from one of the inland fishing countries that it was the common practice of the children after school hours, and during summer recess, to spend much of their spare time in visiting the streams and killing the breeding fish. The fishery officers visited the schools and through the kindness of the teachers, were permitted to give a simple talk on the conservation of fish life, pointing out that unless the breeding fish were permitted to freely ascend the spawning grounds, the rivers would become depleted of fish life, and the shore fishermen, who depend for their livelihood on salmon, shad, and other species of fish which breed on the rivers would suffer severely. The result of the talks was that the destruction of breeding fish ceased in that country. And this is a consummation devoutly to be wished on the part of a large number of the adult population.

2. The preparation of some half-dozen talks on the fisheries, to be placed in the hands of the teachers, for use in occasional or monthly talks to the scholars. Mr. Fisher would be quite willing to prepare the talks, and assist in their distribution and use. These lessons were to be designed for popular purposes and not to form part of the regular courses of instruction. While the Council for Public Instruction would have to be consulted, and co-operation or consent secured, it was probable that its endeavours would meet with success.

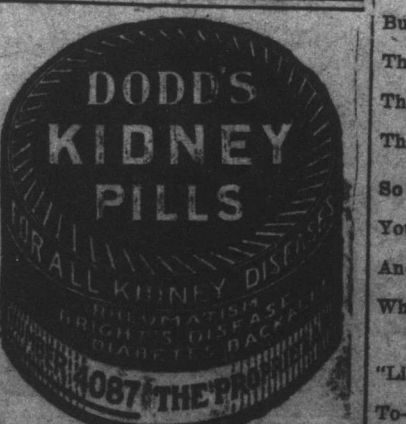
3. The proposed "talks" to be supplemented by the distribution of maps showing the coast fisheries and the various off-shore banks and also by the distribution of feasible cook books.—Canadian Fisherman.

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ITALY'S PETULANCE.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Rome to-day says that Premier Mussolini told the cabinet that if the council of the League of Nations asserts its competency to deal with the Greco-Italian controversy Italy will withdraw from the League.

GREECE'S PROPOSALS.

GENEVA, Sept. 5.—A high political drama was played at Geneva to-day when Greece appeared before a hurriedly convoked session of the council of the League of Nations and announced her new terms of settlement with Italy. The Greek proposals were as follows: The Greek Government suggests firstly, that the council should appoint one or more neutral representatives to superintend the Greek judicial inquiry, which the Greek judiciary has already begun, and the trial of those responsible for the Janina murders; also assist in the work of the committee which Greece has proposed through the Council of Ambassadors, for investigation in Albania and Greece of the circumstances which preceded and accompanied the crime; secondly, that the council should instruct a commission, composed of three high judicial authorities, Greek, Italian and Neutral, to meet as soon as possible at Geneva to adjust the amount of indemnity that it is just we should pay the families of the victims; thirdly, that the council should agree that the Greek Government should forthwith deposit in a bank in Switzerland fifty million lire as a guarantee of payment of whatever indemnity may be decided upon.

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Just Folks.
By EDGAR A. GUEST.

THE HORIZON.
The horizon where water and sky seem to meet
Fascinated the lad as he sat at my feet.
And he asked—and the question is certainly fair—
"Would you come to the sky if you ventured out there?"
Time was the horizon held me in that way.
And I wondered if I could slip out on the bay
And sail to that line in the distance, and be
For a moment in touch with the sky and the sea.
But I've learned the horizon moves back as you go,
That never the end our dreaming will know,
That beyond every goal which we covet and gain
There still shines in the distance a goal to attain.
So I said to the boy: "Could you go there to-day?
You would find that the sky had moved farther away.
And 'tis this we call vision—a word in our speech
Which stands for a goal which we never quite reach."
"Life's broad horizon keeps moving away."
To-morrow's stands there on the edge of to-day;
And always beyond what we've fought for and won,
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Chaplin Admires Fairbanks Bridge.

After studiously inspecting the huge replica of the Twelfth Century castle Douglas Fairbanks had built at the Pickford-Fairbanks Studios for his latest screen triumph, "Douglas Fairbanks in Robin Hood," a United Artists release now at the Majestic Theatre, Charlie Chaplin, who has a habit of following scholarly pursuits when not busy doing for laughs, provoked comedy stunts which have brought him fame, got an inspiration. It was the drawbridge leading to the main entrance of the castle and the feasibility of raising this cleverly constructed mechanism that gave him a big idea.

"Doug!" he called as an enthusiastic impulse overwhelmed him. "What, Charlie?" "When you're all through 'shootin' this picture of yours, may I use your drawbridge a while?" the comedian inquired.

"What use can you make of it?" the great romantic star inquired somewhat puzzled. "I can use it for a scene in one of my comedies," Charlie explained. "I will 'shoot' a close-up of myself, all prepared for bed, coming to the front entrance. I will put out the candle, wind up the old alarm clock, and put out my empty bottle for the milkman and then raise the drawbridge for the night."

Fairbanks agreed this would be a good comedy gag, and bring a hearty laugh. But, as it was to be noted, Charlie's face held not the slightest

traces of a smile, for he was serious about it. As yet it is undecided as to whether or not the drawbridge entrance will find its way into a Charlie Chaplin comedy, but it would not be surprising if Chaplin builds himself one just like the bridge.



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