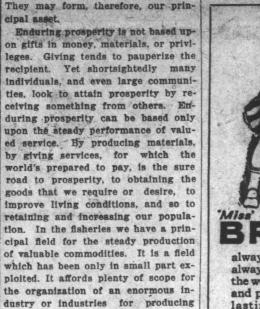


The Development of and consumption. It would be useless the Maritime Fisheries to expect the world to come unless we

Atlantic Stations, Biological Board of Canada)

The following address delivered by Dr. Huntsman before the Maritime tain, important steamship services Board of Trade, Moncton, is as applicwith the large ports of the world. able to our own case as that of the Provinces and we have therefore it tends to evaporate in the face of a Sentiment is a very strong force, but taken the privilege of republishing it continuous, though small, financial from the Canadian Fisherman. The object of this conference is to

discuss the matter of the betterment of satisfactory transportation. through growth and improvement of he industries. We have been asked to speak on the subject of the fisheries. This industry might be the greatest one for these provinces. It shows capabilities of development as great a firm foundation for future health. It as or greater than those of any other is almost invariably the case that the asset of any particular portion of the patient is far more interested in palliindustry. The chief actual or potential atives than in effecting a cure by a work, but many men's work. world lies in the more or less peculiar change in habits. He desires to continue in the old courses and be given can give to the rest of the world. The wast extent of present-day world trade symptoms of which he complains. 'good medicine' to relieve the chief commerce makes it idle to discuss Many palliatives are offered to us as future well-fring and progress of cures. We should not be deceived. provinces execut in relation to Some individuals may, for a time, chieve prosperity by getting things from the Government. Not so a subtantial portion of a country. Love 'at materiols laughs at locksmiths. And so in the and a valuable trade and the disease s cone. Transportation will be bet-



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buthe down'enment of a country. volve 1 cur and for this le is to the condition in for consumption, the me it is. We should see to it . our provinces so that the money pai by the consumer for such labour may come to the Maritimes. The difference may be very considerable. The marketed value of British Columbia fish in 1918 was \$10 per cwt., while that for Nova Scotian fish was only \$5.50. In 1922 the figures were over \$6.50 for the former and less than \$4 for the latter. We would not claim, that these figures are altogether accurate, although they are based upon the available statistics: nor would we claim that no other factors than that of degree of finish of product are involved. We believe however, that the latter is an element in causing the difference given, and that it is a most important element in lessening to the Maritimes the value of their fishery products. This involves many mil-

lions of dollars annually. The value of a resource depends in the long run on its relative inexhaustibility. Stores of oil, coal, and the various minerals are definitely limited and exhaustible. Even the crops of the soil, and the animals fed upon these, though coming afresh year afunless certain materials such as nitrates and phosphates are more or less the supplies of which even when dis- intermittent supplies will be made worth while is so. Our fishery resour- briefly, an enormous amount of work tributed over the continents by the agency of man, are regularly returned to its bosom. Even when the sea is so favored, certain things needful for life are at a premium in most parts of it. This is largely because these substances have been withdrawn from circulation by getting into somewhat useless living creatures like jelly fishes. That is all in our favor. however, for these joily fishes and similar forms finally die. south; and those that require cold water come from the north. when the tropic and Arctic waters mix, both kinds are killed; they go to pieces, fertilizing our waters, and there follows naturally a great richness, first of minute plants, and ultimately of fishes. So far as we can see, we have in the waters along our coasts a natural resource,



thing to produce and like finding bread or manna on the ground. This is very far from the truth. The fisheries are a great potential source of wealth, but until labour has been performed they are valueless. Most of them are in international waters and so free to the world, yet we are very far from seeing them fully utilized. The value of the product depends in large meatered, living conditions will improve, on it. The catching, the handling. 1 curing or treating, the holding transporting, and the selling

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