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SERIOUS STATE OF FISHERIES

Commissioner Babcock Investigates Condition of the Spawning Beds

(From Wednesday's Daily)

John B. Babcock, provincial fisheries' commissioner has returned to the city, from a prolonged tour of inspection of the upper Fraser, and the other fisheries of the mainland. Mr. Babcock does not conceal his conviction that the Fraser is failing as a producer of salmon. It is just in line with his predictions of the past four or five years.

"Two features with regard to the salmon run this year stand out prominently," he remarked when questioned with regard to the number of salmon which reached the spawning grounds "The run of sockeye salmon was very small and the run of humpbacks very large. The failure of the sockeye to run abundantly was not a surprise to many of those interested. Some of the packers prepared to handle a larger pack than that of last year, but the great majority were contented with preparations to handle less. One well known manager on the Fraser told me last April that his company would prepare to handle more fish than they did in 1906, and that he expected the run to be considerably more than in that year. When asked upon what he based his expectation, he said, 'I have just a hunch; that's all. I know that you report that there were not enough fish on the spawning beds four years ago to produce a good run, and that almost every man engaged in the salman business is preparing for a very light season this year. Nevertheless I look for a better run and we will prepare for it.'

"A prominent cannery owner and manager on Puget sound stated that he was convinced that the run this year would be better than it was in 1906. He gave as his reason for this belief that there was a big run in 1899. He was convinced from this that the salmon ran in cycles of eight years instead of four.

"I asked last month the man first quoted what he thought of his prediction in view of the returns. He admitted that he was wrong and that while a 'hunch' might be of use in some other game where the gambling element was greater, it was no use in the cannery business. Instead of filling his cans with sockeye, he had filled them with humpback.

"The failure in the run of the sockeye in the Fraser river this year is one of the hardest blows the salmon canning business has ever had. It not only means a loss this year to everyone engaged in the business, canner and fisherman alike, but it also foretells light runs and additional losses for the future.

Falling Off On Fraser

"The Fraser from having been the greatest salmon producing river of the world has fallen to third place among the salmon producing rivers of this province alone. For the first time in the history of the salmon canning business in British Columbia the pack of sockeye salmon on the Fraser this year is exceeded by that on both Rivers Inlet and the Skeena river. Not that the packs at the former points have increased this year, for several times they have been greater than in this year, but the pack on the Fraser has so decreased.

"The decrease on the Fraser has been so continuous for a number of years that it was not a surprise to close observers that the run this season was a failure. I naturally point with considerable pride to the reports of the last four years of the provincial fisheries' department.

"I should have taken more pleasure in the filing of those reports had I been able to have stated to those interested that the industry was in a healthy state— that the spawning beds and the hatcheries of the Fraser were well stocked. I would far rather be known as an optimist than to be called a pessimist, as I was four years ago, because of having stated that if the run of 1907 depended upon the seed deposited in the Fraser in 1903, the run would be small. However, I was detailed to study the salmon industry of the Fraser, and in my reports of the last four years I described the conditions as I observed them. That these conditions warranted the deductions which were made from them would appear to be confirmed by the runs of the last three years.

A Poor Outlook.

"I am just down from the spawning grounds. The number of sockeye which reached the beds this year was so small as to give no promise of a profitable run four years hence. Always providing that the run to the Fraser waters should depend upon the seed deposited there in the preceding fourth year, as appears to now be fully demonstrated.

"The Stuart Lake Indians are facing starvation because of the failure of the salmon to run in their streams. The same cry comes from the Chilcotin Indians 'Halo salmon chaso.' Only a few hundred sockeye entered Quesnel lake this season. None reached the Horsefly, the North Shuswap and Adams, and Seton and Anderson lakes were almost as poor. The Shuswap hatchery collected less than half a million sockeye eggs from the streams of that lake. The Indians in the canyon above Yale and from there up, took no sockeye this year, but for the great run of humpbacks the Indians along the Fraser would have had no fish at all. Fortunately the Indians along the Lower Fraser and the Thompson rivers do not depend upon fish for food. The sockeye run to the head waters of the Harrison-Lillooet lake section was good, though apparently very much less than that of last season. The hatchery there was filled with the eggs of sockeye, upwards of thirty millions having been taken. The Shuswap and Bon Accord hatcheries will probably be stocked with eggs shipped from there. It's too early to judge of the run to Morris creek, the source of supply of the great hatchery at Harrison lake.

Humpback Plentiful.

"At Seton lake they have twenty odd million, and are still collecting. Most of the eggs were taken from the humpbacks. The run of sockeye to Seton lake this year was many times less than that of last year. The cohoe and the spring salmon, together with a few late sockeye, are entering the weirs there, and we hope to get a million or so of their eggs. This is the first year we have propagated humpbacks, but the numbers packed this year, and the prices received for them warrants doing so.

"The humpback salmon run of this year is remarkable. It is the real surprise of the season. It is generally recognized that the humpbacks run every alternate year. That has been the case for a good many years. There was a very heavy run to the Fraser in 1905. There was a poor run in 1903. There was no run in 1904 or 1906. Now the question naturally arises, does the humpbacks mature in two or in four years? There certainly was a poor run of humpbacks to the Fraser in 1903. There was not the seed to produce such a run as that of this year cast on the spawning beds of the Fraser that season. The humpback runs to all the streams tributary to Puget sound. Great numbers run to all the coast streams. If the streams in the state of Washington and the coast were well seeded in 1903 it has not been recorded. If the humpbacks confined its spawning to the Fraser, as the sockeye does, we would be better able to answer the question. With the limited information at hand, no one can say whether the humpbacks mature in two or four years.

"Every stream tributary to the Fraser below Bridge river, and all the streams tributary to the Thompson south of Shuswap lake were crowded with spawning humpbacks this year. There was an abundant crop of their eggs sown this year, so that either two or four years hence there will be another big run. As the canners have found a market for them, they will hereafter figure more largely in the pack. The canners in the state of Washington put up many thousands of cases this year. They even came over onto the Fraser and purchased cans in order to handle the catch.

"I have come down to attend the final session of the British Columbia fisheries commission. Mr. Campbell Sweeney has returned and the entire commission will meet in this city on the 15th. A few days' sittings should wind matters up, and place the final report in the hands of the commission."

SULPHUR DEPOSITS FOUND AT SAANICH

Rich Finds Made in Vicinity of Victoria by Farmers of That District

Sulphur deposits on an extensive scale have been located by John Ableson, a resident of Saanich district. On a large hill a short distance west of the Saanich hotel he has uncovered a vein, twenty-two inches wide with sulphur outcropping.

Specimens of the sulphur taken from the surface have been shown to local chemists and they have pronounced it of good value. The deposit is said to be very extensive, being traced for a long distance over the farms in the vicinity.

The supplies of sulphur used locally are at the present time brought from Japan by sailing vessel and steamer for the most part. The raw sulphur is stated to be at eighteen dollars per ton.

ASK FOR FERRY AT ESQUIMALT

Deputation From Colwood District Waits Upon Premier McBride

(From Wednesday's Daily)

A deputation from Colwood, including Captain Gosse, G. Heatherbell and J. Shaver, accompanied by J. Jardine, M. P. P. for Esquimalt; H. D. Helmcken and Mr. Smith, manager of R. Ward & Co., waited on Premier McBride and the Hon. F. J. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works yesterday by appointment, to consider the question of a ferry for passengers and teams across Esquimalt harbor. It was pointed out that a ferry at this point would shorten the distance between Victoria and Colwaad by nearly five miles and would also open up a market for farmers' produce in the rapidly advancing district of Victoria West. Such a ferry, it is claimed, would be of great benefit to the farmers of Metchosin, Sooke and East Sooke as well as those from Otter Point and other parts of the district. Two hundred and fifty acres in the neighborhood are now being platted and will be offered in five and ten acre blocks for fruit growing. The operation of a ferry, it is claimed, will give a great impetus to fruit growing and market gardening in the district.

A petition signed by 350 people asking that the provincial government take some action in the matter was received by the provincial authorities.

The deputation was most courteously received and given a hearing by the premier and chief commissioner, who promised to look into the matter. It is probable that several members of the deputation will accompany the premier to view the scene of the proposed ferry. The only obstacle in the way of the proposal is whether such a ferry would receive a revenue sufficient to warrant its establishment.

IS SHOT IN LEG

Victoria Young Man Injured in Accidental Discharge of Shotgun

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

By the discharge of a double barrel shot gun, occasioned by the stumbling of his friend Charles Werner, a young man about twenty years of age, a resident of Victoria, was seriously injured yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock. Werner and his friend were walking over the crossing on the V. & S. railway at the corner of Quick Bros.' ranch, Royal Oak, when Werner's companion slipped on the cattle guard and the gun was discharged by the concussion of the fall.

The double charge entered Werner's left leg, the calf being badly lacerated though no bones were broken. F. J. Quick, who happened to be in the immediate neighborhood bound up the wound stopping the flow of blood while the proprietor of the Royal Oak hotel sent the injured man into the city on the noon train. Werner was taken to the Jubilee hospital where he received every attention. He is expected to be about again in a short time.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—It was decided at today's cabinet meeting that Canada's emissary to Japan will be Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster General and Minister of Labor. Mr. Lemieux will sail on the 20th.

MORE DOCKS FOR VICTORIA HARBOR

Board of Trade to Investigate Recent Increase of Fire Insurance Rates

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Increased docking facilities for Victoria harbor was one of the important subjects of discussion at yesterday's meeting of the council of the board of trade. It seemed to be the general opinion of the council that while adequate facilities might exist for the shipping now frequenting the port, that provision should be made for future traffic which is likely to steadily increase in volume. There was no disposition displayed to act hastily in such an important matter, but it was agreed to bring the question up before the quarterly meeting of the board, which will be held next Friday, when the views of the members will be ventilated.

F. A. Pauline, president of the board of trade, took the chair at the meeting of the council, and there were also present Simon Leiser, J. A. Mara, R. H. Swinerton, Richard Hall, S. J. Pitts, D. Doig, T. W. Paterson, James Forman, L. A. Genge, D. K. Ker, and C. H. Lugrin.

Heat and Power Proposed.

Among the communications read was one from the Maine Light, Heat and Power Co., which was referred to the committee on manufactures for reply.

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The tools to properly make the machine would not exceed $200, and the demand for the machine would soon result in the employment of a large number of men.

In your opinion could we induce Victoria capital to invest in such an enterprise. It is the best manufacturing proposition we know of, and, if properly handled, will yield a net profit of over 50 per cent.

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Legislative Committee.

The report from the committee on legislation was considered and referred to the forthcoming quarterly meeting of the board for action. The report follows:

Sept. 30th, 1907.

President and Members, Victoria British Columbia Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned, beg to report having considered the following matters and to recommend as follows:

Small Debt Court—That it is desirable that the attorney-general of the province be requested to consider the introduction of legislation at the next session of the house (a) to increase the amount recoverable in the small debts court from $100 to $200; (b) to provide that actions for damages to a like amount be also recoverable in the same court and (c) that discretionary powers be given to the magistrate to award costs on a sliding scale and further to give judgment by default. These alterations to the present act to apply only to cities to be named by the lieutenant governor in council.

Official Assignee—That the honorable the attorney-general of the province be requested to consider the introduction of legislation at the next session of the house providing for the appointment of official assignees (as in Manitoba) for the province, one in the city of Victoria, to whom all Vancouver island assignments shall be made; and another in the city of Vancouver to whom all mainland assignments shall be made; it being requested that such appointments be non-political and to be made by the lieutenant governor in council, from nominations made by the boards of trade in the respective cities.

Bills of Sale Act—That the honorable the attorney-general of the province be requested to consider the introduction of legislation at the next session of the house to prevent dishonest merchants from disposing of their stock-in-trade without paying their creditors and in this connection would recommend the consideration of the bulk sales law (Chap. CIX) of the state of Washington, which has been reported upon by the Jobbers association of Spokane and by the Tacoma chamber of commerce as having been satisfactory in its results and which would seem applicable to this province.

W. L. Challoner, G. A. Kirk, W. G. Cameron, H. G. Wilson, E. G. Prior.

Railway Questions

The president reported that the railway and trade committee had met F. W. Peters, general freight agent of the C. P. R., and had received satisfactory assurances regarding both the terminal question and freight rates. He referred to the inconvenience that had been caused in the past by the congested condition of the E. & N. freight yards and thought that the board was to be congratulated on having succeeded in inducing the railroad to take steps to alleviate the old conditions. Another subject for congratulation was the abolition of the differential rate on eastbound freight of 50 cents a ton. This was a grievance which the board had been endeavoring for years to have removed.

The president continued that another committee had waited upon the mayor and had urged him to extend every legitimate assistance to the E. & N. railway in their destre to get access for their cars to the proposed new freight sheds. The mayor had assured them that he was fully in accord with the wishes of the committee and understood that there were no difficulties in the way.

Fire Insurance Rates

Mr. Pauline then introduced a subject which he described as being a matter of the greatest importance both to the business community and to the property owners, namely that of the recent increase of fire insurance rates in the down town districts. Two fire insurance agents were present who explained to the council some of the reasons why this increase had been made contrary to the wishes of the local board of fire underwriters, reasons which are understood to have included alleged lack of sufficient water pressure and up-to-date fire fighting apparatus. Questions were asked as to the amount of money paid in premiums in Victoria during the last five years and also the amount paid out in losses during the same period, but no information was forthcoming on these points. Finally the whole matter was referred to a special committee with instructions to sift the question thoroughly and to report as soon as possible. The committee consists of S. J. Pitts, Simon Leiser, James Forman, T. W. Patterson and J. J. Shallcross.

Harbor Facilities

It was at this stage of the proceedings that the question of additional harbor facilities was brought up by President Pauline, who stated that it was not so much that there were lacking facilities for the present requirements of the shipping as that the needs of the future required to be considered in good time. He went on to congratulate R. P. Rithet on the enterprise which he had shown in providing the excellent accommodation for shipping now existing at the outer wharf, but in view of the rapidly developing trade and the increased size as well as the larger numbers of steamers now beginning to frequent this port, he thought it well that the board should consider whether the accommodations to be provided at this port should be left to any individaul and whether the time had not arrived to prepare a well devised and thoroughly thougtout plan to meet all the conditions likely to arise for some time to come. These requirements would not be limited to additional wharves and warehouses, but increased facilities for repairing ships would be required which would include the construction of a new and larger dry dock.

Another important improvement badly needed in this connection was a breakwater from Holland point to Brotchie's ledge, and the president directed the attention of the board to the fact that government assistance would probably be required for this. He added that when the time was considered that it usually took in such cases to move the powers that be, and if to this were added the time required for completing such a scheme, it would readily be conceded that a start should be made at once. This view commended itself to the council and it was agreed that the matter should be taken up at the next meeting of the board.

B. C. ELECTRIC PLACES CONTRACT

Order 320 Tons of Wire for Eburne Line—A Sum of $300,000 Involved

New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 8.—The British Columbia Electric railway is making every preparation to take over the new line built by the Canadian Pacific railway between Eburne and New Westminster as soon as it is completed. The poles will be placed in position before the tracklaying is fully completed, but the overhead work cannot be done until the tracks are laid. This it is expected will not be done until the end of March, when the British Columbia Electric will take over the road and operate it in the same manner as the Steveston line and in conjunction with the other lines of the electric railway.

The contract for 320 tons of copper wire, the largest order ever filed for the company, has just been awarded. The wire is sufficient to equip the Eburne to New Westminster line as well as some general work both in Vancouver and New Westminster. The contract price for the wire is 19 cents a pound, which means a total price of $121,000 for the wiring of the 12 miles between New Westminster and Eburne, and adding to the cost of the road being put down by the C. P. R. $10,000 a mile.

This order is going to be a very small one in comparison with the one which will be given when the contract for the overhead wires for the Chilliwack line is let. Between 800 and 900 tons of wire will be used on this line and will cost at the former calculation of weight over $300,000. These two contracts, which are but a slight portion of the wiring to be done by the electric railway company within the next two years, goes to show part of the increased expenditure on an electric road over a steam railway.

Another large quantity of wire will have to be purchased very shortly to convey the power from the new plant on Lake Buntzen to the coast. The company is almost doubling the number of wires between the transforming house and the power plant, a distance of 20 miles, which will have to be given half a dozen wires at least to carry the added current.

GETS SIX MONTHS.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 8.—W. H. Reid, the first man to be tried by the assize court in connection with the anti-Asiatic riots, was found guilty and sentenced by Justice Clement to six months' imprisonment. Two witnesses saw Reid throw stones and break windows. Reid is a man of about forty-five, and is the oldest of the rioters arrested. He has had a sunstroke, and appeared very nervous and excitable.

Thomas Bristow, deck-hand on the steamer Venture, fell overboard this morning, and was drowned before help could reach him. Bristow was an Englishman, between 25 and 30 years old. The body was recovered.

Chief of Police Chamberlin applied to the mayor today for twenty pairs of blankets for prisoners in the city jail. The accommodation was overcrowded and men had only the bare floor to sleep on. Mayor Bethune authorized the purchase of the necessary supplies.

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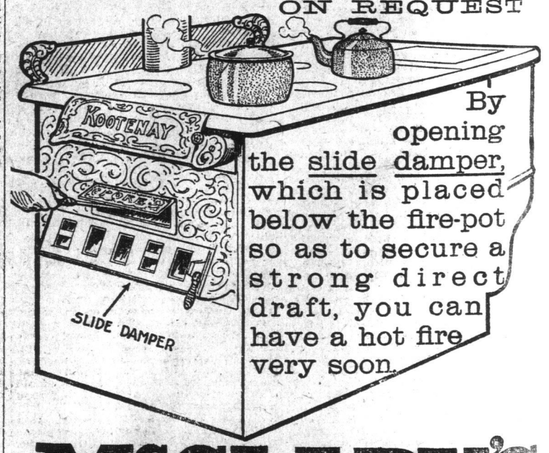

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