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FISHERIES

To the Editor of the MONITOR:

Dear Sir: At no time in the history of Canada has the need of the development of our natural industries been so apparent as in the present condition of our national life. Every factor that enters into the problem of how best to obtain the maximum of efficiency at the minimum of cost should be considered, or to state it in another way. That so far as legislation can be effective; to create conditions under which the natural resources of Canada can be profitably used and developed, giving due consideration to cost, the protection of the worker, a reasonable return for the capital invested and at the same time placing the Canadian producer in a position to be a successful competitor in the world's markets.

One of the greatest industries of Canada is its fisheries, having a gross value for the year 1917, of \$52,312,844, those of Nova Scotia alone having a value for the same year of \$14,468,319, which must be admitted is a splendid source of revenue to the national wealth. And further, it must be apparent to even the most superficial student of economics that any source of such great wealth is one that should and must receive the widest and most complete consideration so that it may be placed in the best possible position to be profitably developed giving due heed to its conservation for those who shall come after us.

Every part of the coast line of Canada has its own special need, its own local problems, dependent on its natural features, the kinds of fish caught, the means of taking, curing, transportation, and markets. I beg leave if you will kindly grant me space to review the existing conditions on one small part of our coast and point out as briefly as possible what is there necessary for the proper prosecution of this important industry.

From the village, of Margareville, on the shore of the Bay of Fundy, to Digby Gut is a distance of about forty-seven miles, being the total shore line of the County of Annapolis. There was caught in 1917, fish to the value of about a quarter of a million dollars, the work of making this splendid addition to the national wealth being done by a people having their homes on a strip of coast line of not over a mile in width. All or nearly all these people in addition to the fishing do a little farming in off days. The work is severe. The cold and storms of winter and the fogs of summer are equally well known to these hardy men, who, in spite of the often adverse elements, contribute so large an amount to the income of the nation.

We would naturally suppose that the powers that be would have used every means at their command to assist in the prosecution of this industry. Has this been done? What are the facts? On this piece of shore line there is no natural harbor. It is for the most part ledges of rock and reef, and there is no place where a boat can enter or depart at low tide. Should a fisherman find himself out in the Bay and a storm come on during the time of low tide he has either to attempt to reach Digby Gut, or take the dangerous chance of running his boat into the breakers, or possibly losing his life in the attempt, and very likely his boat, if not completely destroyed, will be damaged to an extent that will necessitate repairs at a large expense.

It is almost inconceivable that after all the years that has elapsed since Confederation, that no attempt has yet been made to provide a low tide harbor, or shelter for fishing craft on this section of the coast. Wharves have been built and are a great convenience but to provide a place where the fishermen could come in with his boat, irrespective as to whether the tide was high, or low, seems never to have entered into the minds of those who were in a position to procure more favorable conditions for the carrying on of this industry.

Under better conditions a larger catch could be obtained, with less danger to life, and a great saving effected now resulting from damage to boats and gear.

It may be said that the fishermen are assisted by means of a bounty on boats and otherwise, which should stimulate them to increased effort. Let us look into this for a moment?

During the year 1917 the last year for which we have a return we find that the gross amount paid the fishermen on the coast of the County of Annapolis, amounted to the sum of \$128,555. This amount was allotted to 170 boats, being less than \$7.50 each a sum almost too small to be worth considering, when we think of the hazard and the uncertainty of the industry. And further that this sum does not come from the revenue of Canada as does other subsidies.

Another phase of this question we must be careful to keep well in mind, namely, that to increase the income of the fisherman by better facilities for

the carrying on of his business, is totally different from increasing the income of the miner, mechanic factory operative or lumberman. To increase the wages of these latter is certain to added to the cost of what they produce and consequently the price of goods made by them, but to increase by better facilities the income of the fisherman, is merely increasing the quantity of his product and consequently his income, without increasing the price.

This is a matter of vital importance to the carrying on of the fisheries in this part of our Province, and the present session of Parliament should not end without some action being taken by them to make an appropriation for the purpose of providing a low tide harbor on this section of coast.

An engineer should be sent there and a survey made without delay, to find if it is practicable by means of a breakwater and dredging to make such a harbor. If the capacity of the place provided did not exceed two or three acres even, with one and a half or two fathoms of water at low tide, such a place would soon become a headquarters for the fisheries of that piece of coast.

Even if the amount voted by Parliament for such a purpose was not sufficient to make a beginning, then let that beginning be made. It is unjust to these toilers of the sea to allow the present conditions to continue and it is also unwise from the standpoint of the national interest. A large number of people employed in this industry means a larger market for the farming manufacturer, merchant and producer of others goods. Too long have the fishermen of this part of our coast been handicapped by the present state of affairs, and they now look to the present administration to give them that just measure of attention and assistance that they are entitled to.

Yours truly,

HIRAM R. MACKAY.

THE HOME PAPER.

When the evenin' shade is fallin' at the endin' o' the day,
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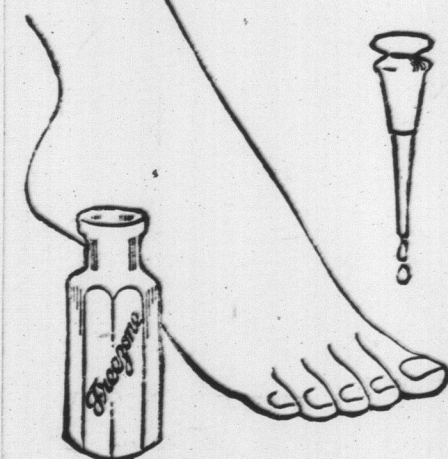
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But it straightens out his temper when a feller's feelin' mean;
It takes the wrinkles off his face an' brushes off the frown,
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'Bout who spent Sunday with his girl an' how the crops'll grow;
How it keeps a feller posted 'bout who is an' who is down,
That little country paper from his ol' home town.

Now I like to read the dailies an' the story papers, too,
And at times the yellow novels an' some other trash—don't you?
But when I want some readin' that will brush away a frown,
I want that little paper from my ol' home town.

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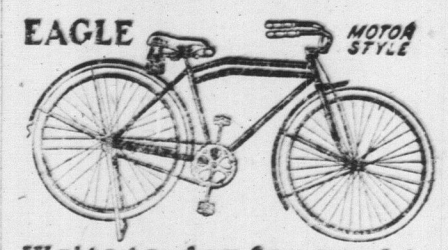
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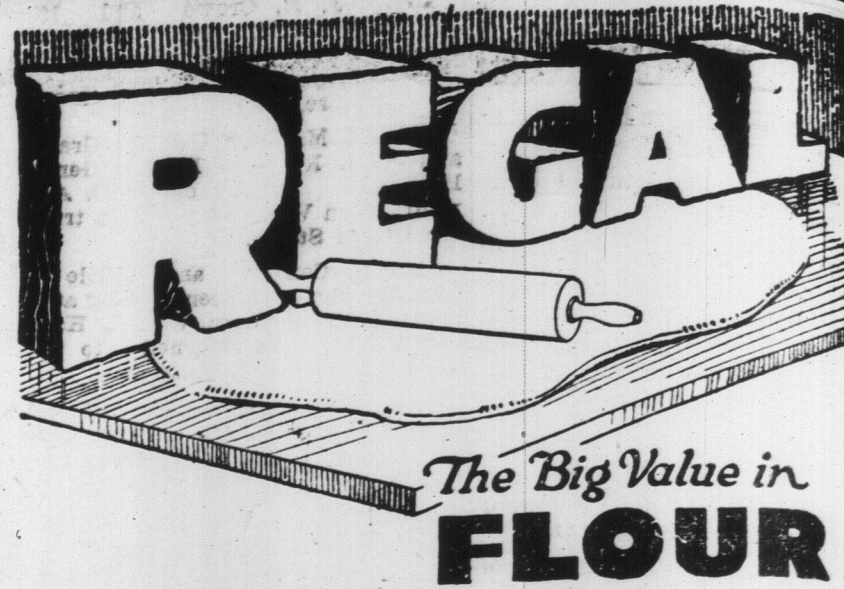
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Paradise	12.09	
Bridgetown	12.20	
Tapperville	12.29	
Round Hill	12.42	
Annapolis	12.53	
Upr. Clements	12.59	
Clementsport	1.05	
Deep Brook	1.15	
Bear River	1.18	
Imbertville	1.22	
Smiths Cove	1.27	
Digby	1.37	

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Digby	12.00	
Smiths Cove	12.13	
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Deep Brook	12.33	
Clementsport	12.43	
Upr. Clements	1.07	
Annapolis	1.14	
Round Hill	1.29	
Tapperville	1.40	
Bridgetown	1.51	
Paradise	1.53	
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