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THE CAVIARE INDUSTRY.

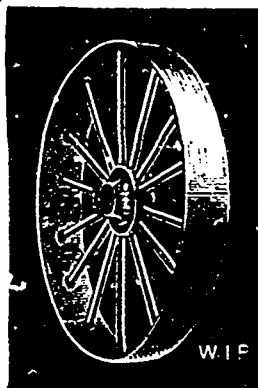
From one of our exchanges it appears that a new source of wealth is to be added to Canada's list of food products suitable for export. We quote as follows:—A number of Toronto capitalists are interested in the establishment of a caviare factory some where in Northern Ontario. Beginning at Georgian Bay and taking the inland lakes as far north as Lake of the Woods, the waters teem with fish and particularly with sturgeon, many of them of the costly caviare variety. The sturgeon, unlike other fish, have no regular time for spawning and so may be caught with advantage all the year around. At present the fishing is not carried on systematically, but is in the hands of a lot of potfishers, who work at it intermittently and send their sturgeon row to New York for preparation. They get 75 cents a pound for it and a good sturgeon sometime yields as much as 25 lbs. of roe. The New York people furnish the fishermen with a special grade of salt with which to drench the roes and they do the rest. The possibilities in sturgeon fishing may be estimated from the fact that two Niagara fishermen who go up to Georgian Bay for three months every fall—and Georgian Bay is not the best sturgeon water in Canada—clear \$500 each season. They fish in the most persistent way, with a long line strung with baited hooks, but the sturgeon are so eager that all the fishermen have to do is to take them off the hooks. Of course they are not all caviare sturgeon, but even then the meat is worth six cents a pound on the market and yields a fair profit. The caviare factory is a possibility of the early spring and the company may go in not only for making the caviare, but also for catching the sturgeon.

The Canada Nickel Co., a corporation formed to operate near Sudbury, Ont., are reported to be getting out timber for their smelter and want to be in operation by June or July next. New York and London firms will take their entire output of metal which is expected to reach at least 200 tons per day.



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