

GET UPPER HAND IN A LONG FIGHT

Babies' Sore Eyes the Chief Cause of Blindness in Childhood—Percentage Smaller.

New York, May 30.—The combined forces of medicine, legislation, the press, and other educational agencies are at it getting the upper hand in the age-long fight against the principal cause of blindness in childhood—babies' sore eyes, or "O. N." among doctors, Edward M. Van Cleave, managing director of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness, made public the general office of the committee in the Russell Sage Foundation Building. Discussing ophthalmia neonatorum, more commonly known as "babies' sore eyes," or "O. N." among doctors, Edward M. Van Cleave, managing director of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness, said:—

Now we turn to a study of the statistics as respects this disease, which destroys at birth the vision of thousands of babies, we find new evidence of the effectiveness of a constant educational propaganda on the subject. For more

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than fifteen years public attention has been drawn to this cause of needless blindness. Statistics gathered during the last year show a smaller percentage of these cases among newly admitted pupils in special schools for the blind throughout America than in any previous year.

Whereas two years ago 23.2 per cent. of new admissions to these special schools for the blind were cases of pupils blind from "O. N.", the 1922 report of the committee shows that in the last year this percentage dropped to 13.5 per cent., a reduction of almost fifty per cent.

EXPECT MORE FROM OVERSEAS

European Fishing Fleets for Cod Off Coasts of Canada and Newfoundland.

Halifax, May 29.—The European fishing fleets coming to take cod this season on the banks off the coast of Canada and Newfoundland will, it is reported, be larger than in any year since the war. Many of the vessels of the French Metropolitan fleet are now on their way across the Atlantic, and they will be followed within a week or two by the Portuguese fleet.

The French fleet will number more than 100 sailing craft and thirty odd steam trawlers. In the six years preceding the war France sent across the Atlantic an average of 226 vessels to the fishing, while the Island of St. Pierre outfitted a local fleet averaging forty-five sail. The number of steam trawlers from France increased during the same six years from eight to twenty-five. Since the war the number of vessels crossing from France to fish on the Grand or Lesser banks have been:

Year	Sail	Steam
1919	65	44
1920	78	31
1921	96	28

While the number of steam trawlers shows a decline the total tonnage of these craft has not been greatly decreased, as small trawlers have been replaced by larger craft. The Island of St. Pierre, which some years ago owned a big fleet of sailing vessels suitable for bank fishing, has practically abandoned the old style of fishing, and now its people use motor boats, and confine their efforts to shore fishing.

While the sailing craft of the French fleet make St. Pierre their base of operation the steam trawlers call frequently at North Sydney and Louisbourg, N. S., for fuel and supplies. The favorite fishing ground of the French trawlers is the southern part of the Grand Banks, while

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the French sail craft favor the vicinity of the Virgin Rock.

The Portuguese fishing fleet this year will probably number about sixty sail, an increase of 100 per cent. since 1919. The Portuguese work only on the Grand Bank, mostly north of the Virgin Rock. Many of the Canadian fishing vessels are now returning from Quersau, Middle Ground, Sable Island and other lesser banks, and are fitting out for the midsummer trip to the Grand Lakes, which is their principal trip.

OIL IN VENEZUELA.

Great Increase in Production in Last Three Years.

Venezuela is feeling the stimulus of the search for oil, according to an article recently printed in the Boston Transcript. This development has been going on for several years, but only recently has it gained proportions which indicate that Venezuela will take an important place in the petroleum industry of the world. Production has increased from 180,000 barrels in 1918 to 1,078,000 in 1921.

It is pointed out that since the door was opened to enterprise in 1907, a large number of companies have undertaken exploration and development. These briefly are the Calibean Petroleum Company, the North Venezuelan Petroleum Company, Ltd., the Standard Oil Company of Venezuela, Maracabo Oil Exploration Company, Venezuelan Sun, Limited, British Controlled Oilfields, Ltd., New England Oil Corporation, British Equatorial Oil Company, Ltd., the Andes Corporation and the Texas Company.

NIAGARA LANDMARK GOES UP IN SMOKE

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 30.—The Burning Springs house, an old landmark and a mecca for tourists, about a mile from Chippawa, has been burned down.

Last evening in the Waterloo street Baptist church the official closing of the B. Y. P. U. for the summer took place. Reports presented were very satisfactory. Those participating were Miss Margaret Hamilton, Frederick Coggins, Miss Cox, Rev. J. A. Swetnam, Misses Agnes Polley and F. Hubble. Rev. J. A. Swetnam, pastor of the church, gave a short address.

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