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MAY DETERMINE SALMON HABITS

FISHERY EXPERT MAKES DISCOVERIES

Professor Prince Resumes His Deep Sea Investigations--New Species of Marine Life.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Statements of a highly interesting nature to the public at large, and especially to those engaged in fishing around the shores of Vancouver Island, were made this morning by Prof. Prince, the Dominion commissioner and general inspector of fisheries, who left this afternoon on board the Kestrel to resume his deep sea investigations. He states that, as the result of his recent investigations, there is every reason to believe that in the near future he will be able to determine to a great extent the habits of the salmon which abound in these waters. What he meant by this, he explains, is that he will be able to determine when the runs may be expected with a certain amount of exactitude, and those who hunt the salmon can lay their plans accordingly. Beyond the fact that the great run of sockeyes takes place every four years, but little is known of the habits of the salmon. There are lean years and fat years, according to the fisherman's standpoint; but when either the one or the other will set in cannot be determined, except in the vaguest manner. Professor Prince has been carrying out his investigations during several weeks, and now believes that within a short time he will be able to make a pronouncement of considerable value to the fishing industry. Professor Prince left this afternoon on a research expedition which will in all probability last for about a week's time. He purposes voyaging around the island in the steamer Kestrel, commencing on the east side. He will put into various creeks and sounds, and carry out extensive deep sea investigations. Alluding to those investigations which have already been carried out, he states that a great variety of marine life has been discovered, and which was not hitherto known to exist. Many interesting specimens of shell fish have been brought to the surface, and have, as far as public knowledge is concerned, seen the light of day for the first time. Another feature connected with the present trip which Professor Prince is undertaking is the fact that he will make investigations around the coast with a view to establishing lobster beds, and thus developing an industry in this species of crustacean on Vancouver Island. The various ocean beds will be thoroughly explored, and the professor will take notes on the habits of lobsters, it is likely that extensive beds will be established in the future. Yesterday Professor Prince visited the parliament buildings and had interviews with Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir and Premier McBride. The former is highly interested in the proposed establishment of a biological station in the vicinity of the harbor, and supports the scheme. Finance Minister Tatlow was also interviewed, and subsequently the professor, accompanied by Dr. Newcomb, the well known ethnologist, paid a visit to the museum. He was delighted with the splendid work which was being carried out by the curator, Francis Kennedy, and especially admired the gelatine models, which he states were well kept. While in the museum he was shown the strange fish of the ribbon species which was recently captured in the Findlay, Durham & Brodie salmon trap at Otter Point. In this he naturally took a keen interest in view of the fact that he is the best authority on that species that there is. The professor himself twelve years ago captured the only perfect specimen of that finny tribe off the coast of Scotland. This, he states, was fifteen feet in length, whereas that in the museum is only five feet. It also showed a crown on the head which is not apparent on the one at the parliament buildings, nor on the only other known to have been captured, namely, that taken by the celebrated Norwegian, Dr. Nansen, which was fifteen feet in length. Professor Prince, alluding to the stringing of the fish, stated that it had completed part 2 of the report. It had held several executive sittings, going over a mass of applications and petitions received from various boards of trade. Within the past few days Professor Prince has received an invitation to attend the convention of the Alliance Zoologique to be held in Paris, a convention at which delegates from all over the world attend. Professor Prince had been chosen as the Canadian representative, but the duties of the commission now sitting will prevent his attendance. He points out that this is a great honor to Canada, inasmuch as it is the first time that a member has

been invited to this world convention from the Dominion.

On the return of Professor Prince from his present trip the sessions of the fishery commission will be resumed.

ENGINEER KILLED.

His Head Struck Standpipe as He Was Leaving From His Locomotive Cab.

Tacoma, Aug. 14.—Joseph Shields, a Northern Pacific freight engineer, residing at 1735 South D street, was killed yesterday near Covington. While leaning far out on the gangway of his locomotive, intently looking at a hot box as he sped along, his head struck a standpipe. The impact of the blow crushed the back of his skull, killing him almost instantly. Shields' body dropped from the cab, and when his fireman stepped the locomotive and hurried to the young engineer's side, Shields was beyond medical aid. Shields is survived by a widow; a sister, and his mother. Shields was one of the youngest engineers on the system, and was only recently married.

EMPRESS HOTEL NEARLY READY

DECORATIVE WORK IN ADVANCED STAGE

Basement and Upper Floors Are Prepared for Furnishings--Enlarging Power House

(From Thursday's Daily.) The outside grounds of the Empress Hotel, the magnificent G. P. R. hotel, which will be the pride of Victoria, as well as of the corporation that owns it, have assumed an air of completeness not before shown. The filling in of the front is complete, except for the layer of lawn which will cover it before the whole is seeded down to grass. There is a beautiful slope leading down to the causeway road, which when covered with a green sward, will rival the gardens of the parliament buildings for beauty. Inside practically everything is complete except the ground floor. The furniture is about to be placed in the rooms upstairs, while down in the basement the oak partitions dividing the grill bar, and billiard hall have been placed in position. Except for the floor and furnishings there is nothing more to be done in the basement. It is on the main floor where most of the ornamental work is being carried out. The ornamental glass and wood, the plastering are finished, and the hardwood screens between the main rotunda, palm garden, and office lobby, which is of ornamental glass and wood, is just ready to come out of the drying kiln, where it is necessary to keep it until it is thoroughly dry. The main staircase is being placed in position and all the upper stairs are complete. The tile mantels are in position. The stained glass windows on the ground floor give them a very rich effect to the general decor. The kitchen and bakery are being hurried along in order to make room for the boilers and ranges which are now stacked just inside the main entrance. There seem to be a large number of them, but the unutilized can form the idea of their extent from the present appearance. As has been generally understood, the power house and heating apparatus will be placed in the brick buildings formerly occupied by the British American Mica Limited. Additions are being made to this building to make it large enough to install the necessary machinery. Three boilers are already in position, and it is expected that the work of installation will be completed at the same time as the palatial edifice is thrown open to the tourist traffic.

A BIG MINING DEAL IN BOUNDARY

Consolidated Company Buys Additional Claims--Large Force of Men at Work.

Toronto, Aug. 14.—An important deal has just been closed by which the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada has purchased the property, mining claim and assets of the Phoenix Amalgamated Copper Mine Limited, located at Phoenix, B. C., and includes the following claims: War Eagle, Red Rock, Dandy, Dady Fraction, Pinhook, Lui, World's Fair, Missing Link and Bald Eagle. The company has also purchased the Keystone. On four of the above claims no time has been lost in commencing operations and a larger force of men is set to work on the properties.

EIGHT LIVES MAY BE LOST

DERELICT BOATS DRIFTING IN STRAITS

Four Fishing Craft With Tackle Awry Sighted Keel Upwards Near the Fraser.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Keel up and with nets and fishing tackle attached, four fishing boats from the Steveston canneries are drifting about at the mouth of the Fraser river as a result of the heavy gale which sprang up in the straits yesterday morning. No sign of the fishermen have been seen and no bodies recovered, but there is little doubt that six to eight men lost their lives when the boats capsized. When the Princess Beatrice left Vancouver yesterday morning a heavy gale was blowing, and at the mouth of the Fraser river the sea was heavy, breaking on the sides of the steamer and showering her decks with spray. A mile from the mouth of the river two boats were observed, keel up, and dragging in the spinning seas, nets and tackle similar to that used by the fishermen at Steveston. Further on another boat was observed in the same condition, testifying to the suddenness of the gale, as there was every evidence that the occupants of the tiny craft had not been able to haul in their nets and make things snug when the storm bore down upon them. No bodies were seen, although every soul on board the G. P. R. steamer kept an anxious look out. When three miles to the south of the Sand Heads light, a fourth boat was passed in a similar condition to the other three. It was being swept out into the straits before the wind. The first boat was passed shortly after 10 o'clock, when the Beatrice, which was taking four hundred excursionists to Bellingham from New Westminster, was directly opposite the river mouth. They were all fishing craft, about 30 feet in length, of the type that usually put out from Steveston, and are generally manned by two to three men. Most of the men fishing in these boats are Japanese, and it is likely that all four boats were worked in conjunction with the canneries. On arriving at Bellingham many of the excursionists, who were taking in the Royal City's municipal picnic, were suffering from sea sickness, and reported a very rough passage. During the afternoon, however, the gale moderated and the steamer had a tolerably smooth return trip.

TUG OF WAR CHAMPIONS.

Local Police Team Vanquishes Vancouver and Gain Possession of Challenge Cup.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Victoria police force tug-of-war team was again successful in the annual police sports, which were held at the Terminal city yesterday, winning from the Vancouver brethren in two straight pulls. The local stalwarts are now, therefore, the permanent owners of the cup, donated by Mayor Buscombe, which they won for the first time last year. To J. H. Gillis, of the Vancouver force, goes the cup for the highest number of points in general sports, while the silver cup for the fat man's race, comes to Victoria the property of M. Blackstock. Heather of Victoria, also distinguished himself, winning two second prizes in the running events. At the conclusion of the sports the visiting athletes were entertained by the Vancouver police to a banquet at the Hotel Vancouver. The news of the local team's victory caused a great elation among the other members of the force who remained at home.

MAY DIE FROM WOUND.

Seattle Man Shot Himself With Revolver and Is Not Expected to Live.

Seattle, Aug. 14.—After taking up his own and his sweetheart's photographs on the wall and putting a bullet through them, M. Gover turned the weapon on himself and may die from his wound. Gover, who is about 25 years old, and Millie Taylor were to have been married next June. Another man, accordingly to the reports of the tragedy received by the police, appeared and the young woman's affection for Gover waned. The shooting took place on Hemlock street near the State University shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Gover shot himself through the body just above the heart and it is believed he will die. Gover was a policeman from April 1906 to June 1st, of the current year. He lives at 1823 Seventh avenue.

YOUTH'S ESCAPADES.

Stole Autos in Order to Take His Sweetheart for Evening Drives.

Des Moines, Aug. 14.—Taking the chances of a long term in prison to the discovery by his sweetheart that he was not really a young millionaire, Robert Stevens, 19 years of age, has been stealing autos nightly to take her for drives in the country. Stevens was arrested just as he was starting out with a machine owned by H. M. Tristler. Stevens was in the habit of taking the first auto he could find without an owner, then take a forty or fifty mile drive with the girl. After his evening drive he would abandon the machine. The thefts continued regularly. The police were helpless until they discovered a bunch of sweet peas in an empty machine. In the bunch was one of a peculiar shade, which it was found was grown in only one garden in the city. Stevens was then shadowed for several days and arrested.

NO CHANGE IN STRIKE SITUATION

NOTHING TO INDICATE AN EARLY SETTLEMENT

Telegraph Companies Satisfied With Progress They Have Made--Operators Are Confident

New York, Aug. 15.—There was little change in the telegraph situation to-day in New York and other eastern cities where both the telegraph companies profess to be satisfied with the progress made. On the other hand the leaders of the strikers claim that their cause has been strengthened. No trouble has developed among the telegraphers in the brokers' offices where, according to the Telegraphers' Union, many big houses granted the demands of their men as regards wages and working hours. The news service throughout the east has been practically unimpaired. The hope of the strikers that the railroad operators would make a compromise case with the commercial telegraphers has not been realized. Strike at East St. Louis. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 14.—The twenty-three leased wire operators at the national stock yards, east St. Louis, Illinois, struck this afternoon. Twelve were employed by Armour & Company, seven by Swift & Company and four by Nelson, Morris & Company. Messenger Boys Idle. St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 14.—The St. Paul messenger boys have joined the strikers. Every boy in the local A. D. T. office, forty in all, walked out this afternoon, and to-morrow, it is said, the ten postal messengers will also quit. The boys demand a minimum salary wage of \$25 and a ten-hour day, with an hour off at noon. They now get a minimum of \$15, work twelve hours and have only half an hour for lunch. The boys met this afternoon at the headquarters of the operators and elected Eddie Ficker as secretary.

GIRL KILLED BY REJECTED LOVER

Shot by Italian Who Also Wounded Cousin and Ended His Own Life.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 15.—Deltrain, an Italian, last night shot and instantly killed Alvina Vuitma, and seriously wounded her cousin, Miss Awald, and then killed himself. Deltrain and Miss Vuitma were said to have been engaged at one time, but the girl had recently refused to marry him. The man blamed the girl's cousin for his dismissal. Miss Awald received a severe scalp wound but will recover. She probably owes her life to the fact that the bullet was deflected by a comb worn in her hair. DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER BILL. Passed Third Reading in the House of Commons After an All-Night Sitting. London, Aug. 14.—The House of Commons devoted the entire night to the deceased wife's sister bill, which passed its third reading at six o'clock this morning.

THE KING'S VISIT TO THE KAISER

HIS MAJESTY RECEIVED CORDIAL WELCOME

Both Rulers Anxious That Friendly Relations Should Continue Between Two Nations

London, Aug. 15.—The London morning papers and their German correspondents comment in enthusiastic terms upon the reception accorded King Edward at Wilhelmshoe yesterday, the friendly character and success of the meeting, declaring it marks the turning point in the policy of appeasement between Great Britain and Germany. Two years ago on the occasion of a similar journey of King Edward the relations between Great Britain and Germany were so strained that His Majesty did not halt on German territory. Two Speeches. Cassel, Prussia, Aug. 14.—Replying to a toast at a dinner to-night, King Edward expressed the English nation and that his visit was an expression of desire for a good understanding. King Edward replied that his dearest wish was to see good relations between the German and English people and he assured the Emperor that on his coming visit to England he would receive a popular welcome. French Views. Paris, Aug. 15.—French opinion generally regards the meeting between King Edward and Emperor William at Wilhelmshoe yesterday as marking another stage in the relaxation of European tension. Like the Swinemunde meeting and the approaching interview between King Edward and Emperor Francis-Joseph at Icht in the papers the visit is important in calming the sensibilities of Germany concerning the series of agreements Great Britain has been completing and that from this standpoint it will strengthen the peace of Europe. Moreover, yesterday's meeting is contrasted with the handshake between the King and the German Emperor last year at Kronberg and there is disposition to consider the Wilhelmshoe meeting as being something in the nature of a genuine reconciliation between the two sovereigns. It is stated that heretofore have been notoriously cool. So far as French interests are concerned the impression prevails that they cannot be prejudiced by what occurred at Wilhelmshoe, especially about circumstances later necessitate a broadening of the mandate which France and Spain received at Algeciras.

EMPRESS DOWAGER OF CHINA.

Report That She Intends to Hand Over Reins of Government to the Emperor.

London, Aug. 15.—Dispatches from Shanghai contain the interesting news that Tsi-Hau, the Empress Dowager of China, has announced her determination to abdicate at the next Chinese New Year. She desires to hand over the reins of government to the Emperor and it is stated a secret decree has been issued calling a meeting of the Grand Council to make the change. The Dowager Empress, who is now 72 years old, has been supremely in Chinese affairs for many years. Her career is a remarkable one. The daughter of a manchu, sold in infancy by a father who ran into financial difficulties, she became at an early age one of the secondary wives of the Emperor Hienfung. She won his admiration and affection and bore him a son. She also placed on the throne, but his career was brief; poison it has been thought, causing his death. As there was no heir to the throne the infant son of Prince Chung became Emperor under the name of Kwang Su and under the regency of Tsi-Hau, the Dowager Empress in 1889. The Emperor nominally assumed control of the government but nine years later when he issued some reform decrees the regency of the Empress Dowager was restored and she kept him since in the background. DESTROYED BY FIRE. Orange, N. J., Aug. 15.—The Krausmhor grain elevator, a five story tenement house, a livery stable and a cottage in South Orange were destroyed by fire last night. The loss is \$150,000. FRANCIS KOSSUTH ILL. Buda Pest, Aug. 15.—Francis Kossuth, the minister of commerce, and leader of the government party, is reported to be alarmingly ill.

ATTEMPT TO KILL PEER.

Lord Ashton Had Narrow Escape From Death--Bomb Shattered Wall of Room.

Clonmel, Ireland, Aug. 14.—Lord Ashton had a narrow escape from death at his residence to-day. He was in a room on the ground floor when a terrific explosion, caused by a bomb, shattered one of the walls of his apartments. The gamekeeper recently had trouble with poachers on the estate, and the outrage is attributed to the latter. He had been threatened by political agitators. MISS MCKINLEY DEAD. Cousin of Late President Passes Away--Foundered Daughters of the Revolution. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 14.—Miss Julia McKinley, a cousin of the late President McKinley and founder of the Daughters of the Revolution, died here to-day. Miss McKinley was also a prominent worker in the Daughters of the Confederacy, Colonial Dames and other organizations.

BOOMING TUPPER FOR LEADERSHIP

NOT QUITE READY TO RE-ENTER POLITICS

Will Wait Until Prospects of Conservative Party Are More Favorable.

Halifax, Aug. 14.—While R. L. Borden has selected Halifax as the place of opening his stump tour, some of his Conservative friends there are quietly trying to boom Sir Hibbert Tupper as a Conservative leader. Sir Hibbert, who deserted Nova Scotia after his parties' rout in 1896, and has prospected in British Columbia, has been spending a few days in Nova Scotia awaiting the arrival of his son from England. Two demonstrations, ostensibly in his honor, but really intended to boom the candidature of Mr. Cabell, ex-M. P., who is again seeking the Conservative nomination in Pictou, have been held in that country, from which the impression spread that Sir Hibbert was anxious to get back into politics. There are many Conservatives in Nova Scotia who believe that Sir Hibbert is the strongest man in sight for leader, and it is understood that the machine leaders in Halifax have already sounded him as to the probability of his re-entering politics. Sir Hibbert, however, is said to have given them little encouragement, as he recognizes that the party has no chance of winning the next election. It is stated that while Sir Hibbert would not be averse to re-entering parliament, he feels that his political ambitions will be better served by waiting a while. Mr. Borden's retirement from the leadership is believed to be only a question of time, and the way will then be open for Tupper to come back as leader. FINE OF FIVE MILLION. Asphalt Company Found Guilty of Having Assisted the Matos Revolutionists. Caracas, Venezuela, Aug. 12, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Aug. 14.—Another chapter in the controversy between the New York and Bermuda Asphalt Company and the government ended to-day when the court of the first instance found the company guilty of having extended assistance to the Matos revolution, directed against President Castro, and imposed a fine of \$5,000,000. This sum is the estimated cost of putting down the revolution. WAR IS EXPECTED WITHIN FOUR DAYS. Conflict in Central America May Open With Attack by Guatemala Upon Nicaragua. Mexico City, Aug. 14.—It is reported here in government circles that there will be war in Central America within four days. Guatemala is expected to lead off with an attack upon Nicaragua. Guatemala and Salvador then will be arrayed against Honduras and Nicaragua. BATHING FATALITY. Santa Anna, Aug. 14.—Abit. Goodyear, manager of the Hotel Delmar at Corona, Delmar, above Newport, Ely, was drowned to-day while bathing. Goodyear came from Milwaukee four years ago. As a result of special work done by Rev. S. Gray, of Brighton, England, \$3,000 has been raised to provide a home for poor lepers in India.

THE INQUIRY INTO POISONING CASE

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY AT REGINA

Ontario Government Receives \$24,000 in Succession Dues From Estate of J. Waldie

Regina, Aug. 14.—The jury inquiry as to the cause of the death of John Fortune, found that it was due to his having taken arsenic in oatmeal given him last Thursday at the Capital restaurant, conducted by W. J. Steele, and that the oatmeal was delivered by Mack Sing, of the E. C. restaurant. The evidence of E. Donohue, proprietor of the latter house, that the prisoner, Mack Sing, on April 22nd signed a lease of the property is in direct conflict with the proprietor's statement, and Sing's assertion that he had no interest in it, which was refuted by other witnesses. Dr. Thomson stated that the death of Cyrus Winters was due to acute arsenical poisoning. The body of Winters will be taken to St. Thomas, Ont., where his wife resides. The corpse of Mr. Fortune was sent east. Succession Dues. Toronto, Aug. 14.—The government will get \$24,000 succession dues from the estate of the late John Waldie, the lumber king. The government is disappointed as to the value of the estate. It was put in at about \$150,000, whereas it was pretty well known that Waldie was easily in the millionaire class. But he had made a large distribution of a large part of his estate to his family before death, thus escaping a large succession tax. This was done some 12 months ago. If it had been done later, the government could recover, but as 12 months have elapsed it is illegal. The Cabinet Vacancy. St. John, Aug. 14.—Plus Mischaud, M. P. of Victoria and Madawaska, N. B., said in reference to a recent conference of the New Brunswick Liberal M. P.'s with the premier on the question of filling the vacancy in the cabinet, that the M. P. came away from Ottawa believing that whether Hon. Mr. Ferguson, F. B. Campbell or O. Turgeon were appointed the portfolio of railways would remain in New Brunswick. Railway Work. Port Arthur, Aug. 14.—The first load of steel is expected to reach the new Canadian Northern dock this week. Contractor McRae has about completed his work, and the dredging work will be done by that time. Two slips twenty-two feet deep will be dredged. It is expected that the docks will be busy until the close of the season, as a large amount of steel will arrive from the East of the Canadian Northern. With the completion of the steel dock the Canadian Northern Railway Company will have concentrated all its terminals at Port Arthur. The work of cutting the right-of-way from Nepeleon north to Nepeleon Lake is being rushed ahead. James Tremblay, who is in charge of the work, is now in the city. He has a large gang of men employed and already some fifteen miles of the right-of-way has been cut.

DIES PEACEFULLY.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Well Known for Her Charitable Works, Passed Away Yesterday.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Mrs. Margaret Jackson, relict of the late Edward Henry Jackson, the late daughter of the late Hon. John Work, of the Hudson's Bay Company, passed peacefully away at her residence, 29 Stanley avenue, at half-past ten, Wednesday morning, August 14th. Although suffering for many months, Mrs. Jackson bore her illness with patience and fortitude. She was born 4 years ago at Fort Vancouver, the Hudson's Bay fort of what was then Oregon Territory, now State of Washington. For the greater part of her life Mrs. Jackson has resided in Victoria, where she was widely known for her many good works and kindliness, and those who had the pleasure of knowing her have indeed lost a friend, the little children at the orphanage, in fact any homeless one or person in distress, were always helped by her at any time to bear their burdens. With all her patience, love and consideration she was most unassuming. Her favorite words during the last days of her life, engraved on the minds of those who watched her, were, "Weep not for me, Jesus is my strength." Amongst the many left to mourn her loss are three daughters, Mrs. A. Seymour Goring, of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mrs. Albert A. Shaw, San Francisco; and Mrs. McKinlay, of Victoria. Three sons, Messrs. J. Jackson, of Victoria; Stewart Jackson and W. Colvin Jackson, of Eugene, Oregon. Three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Graham, of Victoria; Mrs. Edward Higgins, of Tacoma, Wash.; and Mrs. C. S. Jones, of London, England. Also nieces and nephews, children of the late Mrs. Wm. Fraser Tolmie, Mrs. Roderick Finlayson, Mrs. Charles W. Wallace and Mrs. E. G. Prior. As a result of special work done by Rev. S. Gray, of Brighton, England, \$3,000 has been raised to provide a home for poor lepers in India.