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OUR FISHERIES.

The report of the Committee of the Provincial Executive to which was referred the matter of arranging with the Federal Government for the carrying out of the Privy Council decision which gave to the Province, the fisheries hitherto controlled by the Dominion Government, shows that the different interests involved require judicious handling if the important fishing industry is to be properly protected. We print in this issue the full text of the Committee's report as being of interest to a large portion of our readers, and a careful perusal of this will show that the interests of both federal and Provincial governments are closely interwoven, and it appears a somewhat difficult matter to adjust if the fisheries are to be taken out of the control of the Dominion Government which since confederation has exercised exclusive control over them. In looking into the matter it would appear to us as a somewhat doubtful advantage for the Province to take over the fisheries if by so doing they are to be responsible for the care and protection of them.

It would appear from the reports of 1897 (the last year of which the reports are printed) that the revenue drawn by the government from the fisheries of the Maritime Provinces was entirely insufficient to meet the expenditure in connection with their protection. The revenue from this source for 1897 by provinces was as follows:

New Brunswick,	\$10,110.77
Nova Scotia,	5,239.35
P. E. Island,	2,032.25

Total Revenue, \$17,382.37 while the expenditure on the fisheries of the Maritime Provinces for the same year was:

For New Brunswick,	\$21,671.92
" Nova Scotia,	23,682.33
" P. E. Island,	3,744.36

Total Expenditure, \$49,098.61 To this ordinary expenditure must be added:

For Hatching,	\$15,327.46
	\$64,426.07

or a deficit of \$37,043.89. Last year the deficit of revenue to expenditure from the Maritime fisheries must have been quite as great, if not greater, for in addition to the ordinary expenditures included above there was a special expenditure in 1898 of \$5000 for the protection of the lobster fisheries.

While it does not clearly appear from the report of the Provincial Fisheries' Committee whether New Brunswick expects the Dominion Government to give up the revenue from the fisheries while it retains the control of their protection and the incident expenditure connected therewith, it

would seem that unless some such arrangement is made that the province is better off to leave the matter as it is at present. The deficit from the New Brunswick fisheries in 1897 as shown by the above figures amounts to no less than \$10,000, exclusive of the expenses connected with the fish hatchery or of the maintenance of cruisers for the protection of our coast fisheries from American poachers.

The Dominion Government is properly equipped for the protection of the coast fisheries with such cruisers which must in any case be maintained for the coastal and Light House service and has a competent staff of fishery overseers and guardians to protect the fisheries on the tidal rivers. It would therefore seem to us that an arrangement might be entered into between the Provincial and Dominion Governments by which the control and protection of these important fisheries might be left provisionally in the hands of the federal executive as hitherto with the understanding that the various Provincial Governments might be consulted in regard to the various provisions for regulating the catch, the imposition of license fees, and the measures adopted for the protection of the fisheries.

For each province to assume control of its fisheries would, it seems to us, be disastrous to the industry and would be no financial gain to the Provincial treasury. It would result in a destruction of the present uniformity in the fishing regulations as each province would have different ideas in this regard. The whole matter requires very careful thought before action is taken, and it is very satisfactory to know that the various governments interested are able to meet on a perfectly friendly footing and approach its adjustment with such an evident desire to effect a settlement which will be in the interest of the great fishing industry of the lower provinces. We in Kent will await the conclusion satisfied that no action will be taken without careful forethought and that whatever the decision arrived at it will not imperil an industry that means so much not only to this county but to New Brunswick and the Maritime Provinces in general.

NO FAVOURITISM.

The action of Surveyor General Dunn in suspending Deputy Surveyor Hanson two months from office and adding \$150.00 to the fine of \$50.00 imposed on him by the Magistrate for the shooting in close season of a bull moose in Victoria County, will be very generally commended. When it was announced in the newspapers that Mr. Hanson, who by his office is a game warden, under the law had only been fined \$50.00 for his flagrant violation of the very game law which as an officer it is his duty to enforce, there was a very general expression of disapproval. It was felt that the law had not even been carried out with the rigor which would have been exercised towards an ordinary offender, and at once there was a cry of government favouritism. The Surveyor General, who has been very zealous in the inauguration of a proper system of game preservation in this Province, was evidently no party to the leniency shown his Deputy and apparently was clear sighted enough to see that the conviction at Bathurst was a put up job between Mr. Hanson and the authorities there, to escape the full penalty for the former's violation of the law. This prompt meting out of justice by the Surveyor General to his Deputy will have a good effect in setting at rest the theory that some people are above the operation of the game law and will en-

courage the proper maintenance of this law by the sportsmen, guides, lumbermen and wardens throughout the Province.

The game law is becoming more and more popular as our people learn that it is the best preservative of our splendid sporting heritage. Our people from the past few years have learned that our wild animals are a valuable asset, which beside providing ample sport for our own people are useful in bringing a wealthy class of tourists into our Province, putting in circulation each year thousands of dollars. The government has spent money in no wiser way than in the carrying out of the regulations for protecting the valuable game of New Brunswick.

We would suggest the formation of game clubs in different parts of the Province for the purpose of assisting in the carrying out of the game law. The Chief Game Commissioner, Mr. L. B. Knight, is giving splendid service in administering the regulations, but from all reports there is still a large number of deer, caribou and moose slaughtered in the close season. We feel sure that the plan for the formation of sportsmen into game clubs to assist in rigidly enforcing the law would meet with Mr. Knight's hearty commendation and would encourage him and his wardens in their efforts for the protection of the wild animals of New Brunswick. It is only by enlisting the hearty co-operation of our sportsmen and educating our people into a recognition of the folly of indiscriminate killing of game that this valuable asset of our Province can be increased in value.

IGNORANCE OR BLUFF?

The leader of the Provincial Opposition has been since the opening of the session repeatedly called to book by the Speaker for breach of the rules of procedure and as a result is attempting to pose as a martyr to the rulings of a partisan Speaker. Speaker Geo. F. Hill is very generally known throughout the Province of New Brunswick, and wherever known is recognized as a man entirely devoid of anything approaching bitter partisanship in politics, whose mind is thoroughly judicial in its bent and whose rulings would be well considered fair and impartial. The St. John Sun rushes to Mr. Hazen's assistance and attempts to prove by precedent the incorrectness of the speaker's negative ruling in the case of the motion for the appointment of a committee, the names of the members of which are included in the motion. The precedents submitted by the "Sun" are unhappily no precedents at all, for the simple reason that the present rules of procedure of the New Brunswick Legislature were adopted years after the date of the Sun's precedents and the latter occurred under the old rules of procedure which have been abolished. The Sun is evidently a poor authority on the procedure of the New Brunswick House of Assembly.

Poor Mr. Hazen's latest attempt is to get a committee appointed to review accounts which have already been passed upon in detail by the Public Accounts Committee year by year. Whether this attempt is really made in ignorance of the rules of the House or whether it is intended as a clever bluff so that he may be able to pose before the province as an honest but injured statesman, we are unable to say. In fairness to a political opponent we would prefer to lay it to ignorance rather than to duplicity, although the evidence rather indicates the latter as his motive.

We would suggest to this modern Moses that before he can expect to lead the Opposition out

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of the wilderness of public disapproval, he must learn the rules and procedure of the legislative body of which he aspires to be the leader. The public are becoming sarcastic over these repeated exhibitions of ignorance and it would be time well spent for Mr. Hazen to take a course of sprouts at the feet of the ex-leader of the Opposition. Whatever Dr. Stockton's faults as a leader, he gave place to none in his knowledge of parliamentary procedure and he must be badly missed by the Opposition in these trying days. At present it seems to be a case of the blind leading the blind, for the Opposition are becoming the laughing stock of the electorate.

GIRL TO SHARE HIS PERILS.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 6.—Miss Belle Shinn reiterated the statement today that she intends accompanying Captain William Andrews when he starts from this port in June for his trip across the ocean in one of the smallest yachts that ever attempted the hazardous voyage. The hardy captain says he will permit the young woman to accompany him on the trip if she persists.

"It is a serious undertaking," said the captain, "and I think after she gives careful consideration to the hardships, exposure and personal risk to which she will be subjected she may change her mind."

Miss Shinn has been a resident of this city ten or twelve years. She is attractive and twenty-three years old. She is given to jesting, and her many friends are inclined to believe that she does not intend to fulfil her promise.

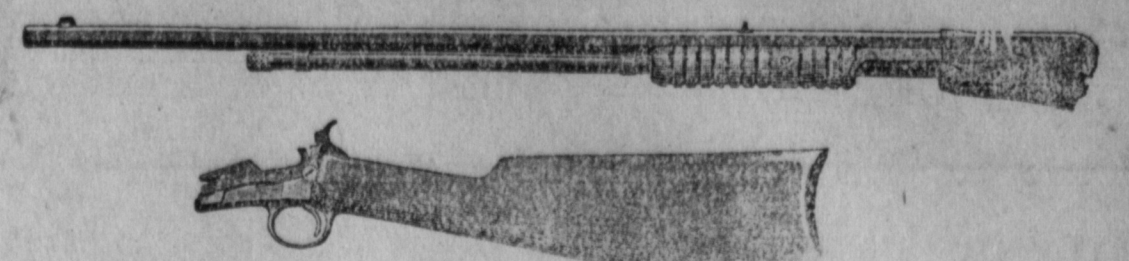
"I have always been fond of adventure," she said to-day, "and do not feel the least afraid to make the hazardous voyage. I always entertained a great desire to accomplish some feat which would make my name stand out prominent among those of my sex. I have already purchased some clothing which I intend to wear during the voyage."

It was the intention of Captain Andrews to make the craft only twelve feet long, but if Miss Shinn accompanies him he will be compelled to increase it to at least twenty feet. Captain Andrews says he has crossed the Atlantic three times in his cockleshell boats, one of which was only thirteen feet in length.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, April 7.—Mr. Bostock's bill to provide that railway companies must issue passes to members of the Commons and Senate was read a first time.

In reply to Sir Chas. Tupper, the Premier said there was no truth in the newspaper report that the modus vivendi between Britain and the United States with respect to the Alaskan boundary was under consideration. There had been nothing done since the provincial boundary was fixed two years ago between Skagway, Dyea and Lake Bennett.

Mr. Henderson, Conservative, resumed the debate on the address, and was followed by Mr. Ganong, of Charlotte, who referred to the Liberals, and especially to the Premier, as sky-rocket gymnastic political acrobats, but saw no advantage to the country from them. Mr. Ganong charged that the government had been playing fast and loose with the prohibitionists. He asserted that so strong was the feeling of the people on the question that an appeal to the country now would mean the return of a party pledged to enact prohibitory legislation. Mr. Ganong saw no use in a referendum with respect to the various provinces on prohibition. Mr. Ganong charged the government with failure to carry out its free trade promises made so freely in the Maritime Provinces, and asserted that the fishermen of the east were now paying more for their necessities under Liberal rule than they had under the Conservative regime. Referring to Sir Louis Davies's former advocacy of free trade he likened it to the baying of a hound at the moon. The hound did not want the moon, but wanted a bone. Sir Louis had not got the moon but he got a star (knighthood) and also a bone equal to \$8,000 per year.

Mr. Powell, Westmorland, attacked the Postmaster General and accused him of blundering and mismanagement in the administration of his department. Mr. Powell questioned the value of a reduction of the letter rate, because he held that there was no more equitable method of taxation than by postage. Dealing with the question of prohibition, Mr. Powell criticized the absence of Dr. Borden and Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture. He took exception to the Premier's claim that an irresponsible Senate was antagonistic to a democratic institution.

Mr. McAlister, Restigouche, assailed the government for broken pledges, and claimed the N. P. was still in force. He denounced all attempts to stir up race and creed differences, and said La Patrie, the organ of the minister of Public Works

had done much to stir up such prejudices. Mr. Paterson, Minister of Customs, moved the adjournment of the debate, and the house adjourned at 12.10, a. m.

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A BEREAVED FAMILY.

Summerside Agriculturist: On Wednesday, 29th ult., Mr. Alpin Thompson, son of the late Paul Thompson, of Grand River, Lot 14, died after a short illness of pneumonia, at the age of forty years. Shortly after his death, his mother, Mrs. Thompson, removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maclean, Lot 16, where she took ill with the same disease, and died about 11 o'clock last Wednesday night, 5th inst., at the age of seventy-eight years. Her daughter, Mrs. Maclean, was stricken with the same disease on the same day, Wednesday, and died at eight o'clock Thursday morning, 6th inst. This makes three deaths in the family within a few days, and on Thursday evening it was reported that another son and daughter were very low, and not expected to live.

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