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A FISHERY CONFERENCE

An important conference, with salmon fishing as the theme will be held at Newcastle on Saturday afternoon and should have a large attendance. Dr. W. A. Found, deputy minister of fisheries, will be present and hear the views of drift net fishermen, anglers and net fishermen, comp proprietors and representatives of the Fish and Game protective Association.

There should be tangible results from this conference but we are somewhat skeptical about it. The great difficulty seems to be that people who live near the banks of rivers frequented by salmon have long had the idea in their heads that the fish are their property and that other people have no right to them whatever, and strange as it may seem, some politicians apparently concur in this view. The lamentable result is that the fishery laws are not administered in a way calculated to do the greatest good to the greatest number.

With regard to the Miramichi the operations carried on by a class of salmon fishermen known as "drifters" is a cause of frequent complaint.

While it is true that drifting operations are carried on well out at sea and in a broad expanse of water, we can scarcely agree with the statement of a Chatham paper that the salmon which they are trying to catch, and do catch, are not heading for the Miramichi river. As everybody knows salmon must go to fresh water to deposit their spawn. This being so it is only reasonable to assume that those entering the Miramichi Bay, if not heading for the Miramichi river, some other fresh water stream emptying into Northumberland Strait is their objective, and it is a pretty difficult task for them to dodge a plethora of nets most of which are seven hundred and fifty yards in length and have a mesh not exceeding five inches. The drifting in the bay, is of course, not carried on continuously as there is the week-end rest and inclement weather to be taken into consideration, but the fish that do get by have trap nets to contend with in the tidal waters of the river, to say nothing of the chicken wire experts who operate in non-tidal waters when the opportunity offers. Because of these obstacles it is pretty well known that what salmon reach the headwaters of the Miramichi and its branches move up in the early summer before the drifters begin to operate or in September and October after net fishermen have ceased to function.

It is only in pools well up the river that salmon are taken by fly fishermen during the months of July and August. Those who have a knowledge of conditions on the Miramichi contend that if net fishing could be so regulated that ten per cent or even five per cent of the salmon entering Miramichi Bay could make their way into the fresh water, there would be a surprising improvement in angling conditions.

The Atlantic salmon is a valuable asset of the province and yields the provincial government a revenue of close to \$100,000 a year. This sum is annually contributed by non-residents and is only a small proportion of the amount put into circulation by those who come here in quest of sport. It is to be hoped that this feature will not be overlooked by those who attend the conference at Newcastle tomorrow.

SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED

The movement on foot to erect a cairn to perpetrate the memory of Loyalist settlers recalls the fact that there has been slackness here in the past here along that line. Those who in more modern times have rendered distinguished service to the community should be shown some mark of appreciation. For instance the late E. H. Wilmot, thirty years ago denoted a public park to the city of Fredericton

and provided funds for its maintenance but there is not a cairn or tablet about the place, which supplies information as to how the city became possessed of this beautiful recreation ground. This is a matter that has been too long overlooked, and no doubt there are other cases. Perhaps some of the present generation are not aware of the fact that the man who donated Wilmot Park to the city was a half brother of Hon. L. A. Wilmot, one of the champions of responsible government in New Brunswick.

Third parties made a poor showing in the recent Nova Scotia election. A man named Wallace, who ran as a United Front candidate in a Halifax constituency, received 147 votes. Premier Harrington who contested Cape Breton South, which takes in the city of Sydney, had a Liberal and C. C. F. candidates for opponents. His majority over the liberal was 107, but the C. C. F. man lost his deposit with some 1200 votes. Naturally there is some speculation as to how the Premier would have fared with the C. C. F. sympathizers had there been a straight party fight.

Sherbrooke Record:—Perhaps the severities of life in the Portsmouth penitentiary may have a deterrent effect on crime. The priceless sobbers, who would make our jails as comfortable as an old college home, have taught the criminals that the penitentiary is a rest place for nervous prostration, and that it is a punishment, which does not deprive them of smokes or movie picture shows.

Can it be that the uplifter in his zealotry fails to properly estimate the task he assaults with such confidence. His premise seems false to begin with: That all men want to seek perfectability in their lives. It is true of a very few. Oliver Wendell Holmes said many years ago: "It is very singular that we recognize all the bodily defects that unfit a man for military service and all the intellectual ones that limit his range of thought, but always talk at him as if his moral powers were perfect."

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A great many are not unselfish enough to marry; but they never think of that.

Barney Baruch says: "You can't spend money you haven't got". Now you tell one.

An old timer is one who remembers when girls and their skirts both swept the floor.

Sons do not bore your father by doing the same silly things he did when he was young.

There is a great deal of talk about "enemies." Yet few people have any real ones.

So far, however, we haven't heard a great man attribute his success to his college training.

Grace may not be said over a modern meal, because it isn't large enough to deserve that much attention.

Acquittals aren't surprising. People who believe bond salesmen naturally believe the defendant's witnesses.

A man who hears everybody praise his deeds sometimes likes better as a companion some one who doesn't say anything about them.

That Chautauqua lecturer's opinion that imagination could cure the world's ills implies that the way to overcome hard times is not to think them hard.

ADULT SHOULD BE EXAMPLE FOR YOUNG BAPTISTS

The Maritime Baptist Convention, which began its sessions on Thursday morning continued last evening with a very successful program, which included a lecture by Rev. Alexander Gibson who spoke on "The Christian Education of Adults."

Rev. Mr. Gibson spoke first on "The Christian Education of Adults". The program of the Bible School should go right through, from children to the adults, he said. Each generation should start a little in advance of the preceding one. The adult should be in the Sunday school as an example to the young. He should be there for his own sake and the Sunday school will help him to solve his problems, the speaker declared.

Rev. E. S. Mason, D.D., superintendent of home missions, presented the home mission problem of the convention. This problem is "The Righting of the Maritimes." Evangelization lies at the basis of this problem, and a concerted movement of the churches is necessary to this righting; areas destitute of the Gospel must be supplied, he asserted.

Rev. W. A. White told of what the Gospel is doing among the colored people of our provinces.

In The Afternoon

The afternoon meeting of the convention in the Brunswick Street Church opened with adoption of the religious education board report, moved by Rev. G. C. Warren, D.D., editor of the Maritime Baptist, and seconded by I. B. Rouse. Mr. Ackland next gave his presidential address, in which he advised more careful examination of candidates for ordination to the ministry. The examination should be upon character and fitness for the ministry. Some supervision should be had over those already in the ministry and only those showing the highest instincts of honor in business and in relations to the denomination should be retained, he said. The minister also has the right to ask for the most loyal following from the church.

Dr. Spidle presented the report on educational standards for ordination, re-affirming the standard of last year.

Dr. I. B. Oakes of Wolfville reported for the board of ministerial education. Seven students were aided to the extent of \$1,225.

Unity Advocated

Rev. Waldo C. Machum, reported for the special survey commission. The commission recommended the combination of the executive of the convention and the board of promotion and finance, uniting also their functions.

Rev. J. A. Corey, of Keswick Ridge was on the fifth ballot elected president of the convention for the ensuing year.

At 4:30 p.m. Dr. McCrimmon delivered the second of the devotional addresses, speaking on the relationship of Jesus Christ in his death to the salvation of man.

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