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CONSERVE OUR RESOURCES.

Mr. Thomas F. Allen, the veteran superintendent of the Tobique Salmon Club, in a letter to the Telegraph-Journal and reproduced in The Mail, calls attention in a forcible manner to the great destruction of salmon spawn and salmon parr caused by the merganser or shell duck, and the king fisher. As Mr. Allen points out the Federal government spends many thousands of dollars each year on the maintenance of fish hatcheries, only to have the young salmon, when deposited in our rivers, destroyed by a species of duck unfit for food and protected by the Migratory Birds Treaty. The government is empowered to issue permits for the destruction of these ducks but hesitates to issue any great number of them lest the door will be opened and more valuable and less destructive species of ducks may suffer. Mr. Allen says that on some of the streams of the province members of salmon clubs pay a bonus for the destruction of king fishers, which are not protected by law, and suggests that providing the necessary permits can be obtained a similar plan be followed in the case of shell ducks. If this is done he promises to recommend the Tobique Salmon Club to make a contribution towards a fund to be used for the purpose.

As Mr. Allen well says there is little to be accomplished by writing letters to the press on the subject as what is wanted is action. Anybody who has ever experienced the thrill of hooking a salmon on a fly will readily admit that it is the greatest outdoor sport which New Brunswick has to offer. When Mr. Allen says that the young of this matchless game and food fish are ruthlessly destroyed by the shell duck and kingfisher he says what nearly every angler in this province knows to be true. Yet in spite of the fact that a hue and cry for the conservation of our natural resources is being constantly raised, this wanton destruction of the young of the world's finest game fish is permitted to go on unchecked year after year. The Federal Government, which has control of the fisheries, has never taken any practical steps towards eliminating the shell duck, and our various provincial governments, though interested in the salmon from a revenue standpoint, have never put forth any effort to protect it from its many enemies. Under present conditions a person shooting a shell duck out of season without a permit is liable to fine or imprisonment and officials are appointed to see that the law is enforced. Instead of being penalized people should be paid for destroying these pests at all seasons of the year, and there should be no let up until the last one is driven from the rivers of the province.

The young of the salmon have another enemy equally as voracious and destructive as the shell duck, although no mention is made of it by Mr. Allen in his letter. The other enemy is the common every day eel, which frequent most of the fresh water rivers of this province emptying into the sea. Eels not only devour the spawn and parr of salmon, but trail the parent fish and if one gets caught in a net, which frequently happens, they are there to pounce upon it and devour it. Net fishermen along the St. John and Miramichi Rivers know to their cost of the destruction caused to salmon by hungry eels. A fisherman who operates a set net has to remain constantly by it, otherwise the eels would quickly finish his work for him. Now the eel in some of the large cities of the United States is highly prized as a food fish. The question of a market should be looked into and if they can be caught and disposed of at a reasonable profit to those who engage in the business it should be done. An eel pot or trap, properly set and baited, will account for an immense quantity of them in a week, and no doubt many can be caught through the ice here during the winter months.

Although Hon. Mr. Richards, the new Minister of Lands and Mines, will have difficulty in finding a precedent in the records of his important department for any action looking to the protection and conservation of the salmon, we feel sure that in due time this matter will come in for a share of his attention. No responsible minister of the crown need be told these days of the great importance of conserving

the natural resources of the country and it is unnecessary to point out that the fighting Atlantic salmon is the most valuable asset which New Brunswick possesses today in the fish or game line.

THE KAISER AND KIPLING.

A correspondent of the Boston Transcript quotes the following message of sympathy from Kaiser William of Germany forwarded to Mrs. Rudyard Kipling in 1899, when her husband was seriously ill in New York: Berlin, March 5, 1899. Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, Hotel Grenoble, New York City: Am an enthusiastic admirer of the incomparable works of your husband I await with anxiety news of his condition. God grant that he may be spared to you and to all who are thankful to him for the heart-moving manner in which he has sung the deeds of our great, common race. (Signed) William, I. R. As the correspondent says it would be interesting to know what the ex-Kaiser thinks today of our great common race and if he has duplicated his message

The late Mr. Amos S. Etter, a prominent stock breeder who died at Amherst, N. S., on Tuesday was well known in exhibition circles in this city. For years he had been an exhibitor at the Fredericton Exhibition and never failed to carry off a large number of prizes. His death will be regretted by numerous friends here.

Red Grange, disillusioned and tired, says professional football is the bunk and he is going back to college. The poor kid! There is another bump coming to him when he finds there is "no going back." And that goes even though he resumes his studies.

Maybe the man in Paris who reports the discovery of a serum that will make thin people fat almost overnight is experimenting to see how it will work on a lean bank roll.

In London's thickest fog, which fell a day or two ago, roosters of the morning, it is reported, failed to crow, but just exactly what was there ever about any fall of fog to crow over?

Why are they always semi-professionals—you never hear of semi-amateurs.

SALVATION
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FOR THE POOR

Fredericton, N. B.,
Dec. 17, 1925.

Dear Friends:— Allow us in the name of the Master we serve, to bring before you at this Christmas time the needs of the worthy poor in our midst, who through no fault of their own, but owing to sickness, death and other circumstances, find themselves unable to even secure the necessary means to meet their daily needs, much less to make any provision against the coming months of the winter. We have had many appeals for help, and as far as we have been able with our limited means have extended the helping hand but without the help of our friends we are not able to cope with the situation.

We desire to say we are at the service of the public, and should you choose to use us as a medium for this purpose, then we will gladly undertake to receive clothing, food or money with any other gifts, and distribute the same according to the need of those who appeal to us for help, without respect to person or creed, we will also investigate every case, and make every dollar go its full worth.

The pots, so familiar all over the world, making their silent appeal will be on the street corners on Saturday and the following days before Christmas, through which we hope there will be a hearty response.

We make this appeal in the Name of Him who said "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least, so ye have done it unto me."

We are,
Yours to serve.

MAJOR AND MRS. HISCOCK.

Married Here Tuesday.

The Brunswick street United Baptist Parsonage was a scene Tuesday afternoon of a charming wedding when the pastor Rev. G. C. Warren united in marriage Ralph Hughes of Barker's Point and Miss Bernice Hillman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wordan Hillman of Meductic. The bride and groom were supported by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jones of South Devon. The happy young couple left by the C. N. R. train last night for Meductic where they will reside.

PUBLIC OPINION

A NEGLECTED DISTRICT.

The Editor of The Mail.

Dear Sir—Do you know that some members of the Roads and Streets Committee of our fair City were so intensely interested in the welfare of their fellow-citizens resident on Argyle and Victoria Streets that two months after laying to use one of the City's hand rollers, to ROLL OUR OWN? In most progressive Cities it is customary for the street work to be done by Civic employees, and when clinkers are laid on City streets they are also rolled, immediately afterwards. I rolled my own, uncomplainingly, so that the youngsters could use the sidewalk in front of my premises, for it isn't really safe for them in the gutter or on the road; but my neighbors refused to use the roller, though they knew not how long they might have to wait for the much-needed work to be done by the City. All season, therefore, we had to walk on these clinkers, which got fairly well packed down towards the middle of November, but the work could have been done much sooner and much more smoothly by those regularly on the salaried staff of the City Corporation.

I hate to have to dwell on subjects like this, but as a life-long resident of the City, and the son of life-long residents, too, I feel that, with the other residents of my locality, we have been too often ignored by the Roads and Streets Committee, and that as we pay exactly the same rate of Taxes as citizens do who live nearer the front of the City we should receive exactly the same consideration. I try to be fair and desire that fair treatment be accorded my neighbors and myself.

Respectfully,
STERLING BRANNEN.
Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 16, 1925.

MORE CIVIC VERSE.

I may have grown too serious bordering on delirium
So we'll try another style, for a while, for a while.

Billy Boy, Billy boy what ails you now little Billy,
We are fighting for dear life, but the world is full of strife
We are working day and night, day and night don't be silly
We will pay our every debt, tho we fret, my dear Willy.
I am worried all the time, I am saving every dime
But the tax and other bills make me chilly.

Oh the tax, yes the tax never will relax
And the going is so rough, we know we've had enough
There are facts, some dreadful facts.

Davy boy, Davy boy, what are you doing, You so breezy
Some say you're through, we hope so too, we will feel easy
With your awful bills, and other frills we grow some breezy.

You smiling boy, you smiling boy, you've got up in a mess
With that whistle, dreadful whistle like a whistle in our flesh
That awful bawl, like a moose call I think you shall confess
Yes our temper it does rile while you smile.

You can smile, smile, all the while by the mile
No I never saw such smiles, while our temper, it just biles
With that whistle's awful blash, we just wish that we were gassed
From that helpless, useless grief, can we ever get relief

Yet your smile, smile all the while I like your style,
With that whistles' awful cost, we feel as if we're lost
Some they curse and others swear, you just scoff
While you smile with that smile that won't come off.

H. C. JEWETT.
Fredericton, Dec. 17, 1925.

In stringing out the ciphers, the inventor who has sued a number of radio corporations for \$60,000,000 seems to have been making a try for distance

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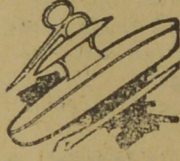
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