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A DESTRUCTIVE PEST

A lot is being heard these days about the necessity of conserving the natural resources of the province, and it is undoubtedly a matter of great importance to the people, but so far no effort has been put forth by the authorities to stop the destruction of young salmon in the rivers of the province by the merganser or shell duck. This voracious wild fowl which has a saw bill and is utterly unfit for food, frequents all the big rivers of the province and exists almost entirely on salmon either in the spawn or parr stage. The merganser duck being an expert diver and quick as lightning, apparently have no difficulty in catching even so smart a young fish as a salmon parr. It is estimated that during the summer and autumn months hundreds of these ducks make their home on the St. John, Miramichi and Nashwaak Rivers, and there is every reason to believe devour countless thousands of young salmon every week. The St. John Telegraph-Journal quotes a well known sportsman as stating that he had recently examined the stomach of a merganser duck which he had shot on one of the salmon rivers of the province, and had counted no less than twenty seven fingerling salmon which it had just swallowed. His statement is amply borne out by the experience of a Fredericton sportsman who took five young salmon from the mouth of one of these species of duck which he shot a few days ago. As these ducks and their numerous offspring spend practically five months of the year on the fresh water rivers of the province, and live almost entirely upon young salmon it is pretty hard to estimate in dollars and cents the amount of damage they are capable of doing to one of our chief commercial assets. We do not believe that it would be an exaggeration to say that on the St. John River alone in one week they destroy more salmon, so far as numbers go, than are taken by the net fishermen and anglers in several seasons.

The Mail feels sure that the new Minister of Lands and Mines, once he gets familiar with the workings of his department, will give this matter his attention, and endeavor to work out some plan in conjunction with the Dominion fisheries authorities with a view of curbing the activities of this very destructive nuisance. The salmon fisheries, always important to York County, have become more so since it has been demonstrated that this king of game fishes will rise to a fly in many pools on the St. John River between Fredericton and Woodstock and can be made a great factor in the development of tourist travel. If ever there was a time when New Brunswick should do everything within reason to conserve its natural resources that time has surely arrived.

It is rather amusing to see our esteemed contemporary the Woodstock Press urging the people of Carleton County to vote for a policy of increased protection. In the old days following the introduction of the National Policy such an appeal would have cut no ice with the sturdy voters of Carleton County as it is a matter of record that between the years 1878 and 1896 no Tory from that county was privileged to warm a seat in Parliament. Woodstock owes very little to the National Policy as most of the industries it once had were squeezed out by Upper Canadian combines. If Woodstock were not the centre of one of the finest farming districts in the Dominion, the chances are that grass today would be growing in its streets.

Some Conservative orators are going about telling the people that 2,000 factories closed their doors in Canada last year as a result of the policy of the Mackenzie King Government. Now what are the facts? According to Bradstreet's there were 2,312 failures in Canada in 1924, a decrease of 21.9 per cent from 1923, and 28.3 per cent from 1922. Bradstreet's gives the cause of the failures as follows: Incompetence, 591; Inexperience, 118; Lack of Capital, 887; Unwise Credits,

55; Failure of others, 11; Extravagance, 9; Neglect, 30, and Competition, 68.

When the Conservatives were in power Canada imported \$264,786,191 more manufactured goods than she exported. In 1924 with the Liberals in power the excess was reduced to \$47,514,339. Canada's exports of fully manufactured goods which amounted to \$303,000,000 in 1922, before the Liberals made any tariff changes, rose to \$364,000,000 in 1923 and to \$415,000,000 in 1924, an increase of approximately 37 per cent in two years.

During the election of 1911 a lot of farmers in New Brunswick united with the manufacturers in the campaign against reciprocity with the United States and succeeded in defeating that very important measure. The same tactics are being employed today by the opponents of the Mackenzie King government. There are many farmers in York-Sunbury who deeply regret the action which they took in 1911, and we doubt very much if they can be fooled a second time.

While there is naturally considerable sympathy for a government employee who gets fired after all it should not be forgotten that it is a fairly well accepted principle that to the victors belong the spoils. So far as this city is concerned the people at least now have a pretty good idea as to who is in charge of the patronage. Under the late administration the identity of the patronage distributors was considerable of a mystery.

In the old days following the adoption of the N. P. certain Liberal statesmen now deceased used to refer to protection as "legalized robbery." Later on these same statesmen and their associates were placed in control of affairs at Ottawa and gave Canada fifteen years of the best government it has ever enjoyed.

Mr. C. Robert Hawkins, the Liberal candidate in York, is a young man of energy and a sound and consistent Liberal. If he makes the tariff his chief issue in this campaign and sees to it that his active workers do likewise, he is going to poll a surprisingly large vote.

"Hachey on Shore in Gloucester County", says a newspaper headline. Hachey is the Conservative candidate and the chances are that the next we hear of him he will be on the rocks.

A policy of high protection will diminish the purchasing power of the farmer's dollar.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It will take more than one cold wave to spoil October.

Spooning is not so bad to look at when it is done by a pair of pigeons.

Overcoat weather came rather precipitately. Gosh how we hated to disturb mothballs.

Probably the next lightest thing to a tap on the wrist with a feather is a suspended sentence.

When Foss wrote the beautiful poem about wanting to live by the side of the road automobiles hadn't been invented yet.

It developed in court that Tom Davidson's canoe had not been carried away by a blizzard, but had merely gone adrift.

"Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop," says Proverbs. And when the heart stoops the backbone isn't going to remain perpendicular.

When suspenders come back it will solve the wife's problem of what to buy her husband for Christmas.

Robert Quillen says "you don't get a sheepskin in the school of experience." Bob's right—you get a rawhide.

This is deep stuff. If the woman knows the man loves her she likes to have him stammer and stumble while he is telling the story. How do we know? How does anybody know anything?

It's getting so that if anybody pays you when he said he would or think it must be a bad check.—Ohio State Journal.—O, there is more honesty in the world than that. We have the utmost confidence in the men we owe.

FROM AFAR OFF
MADE A HIT AT
OPERA HOUSE

A Splendid Performance
Put on by Local Talent Last Evening.

The members of the Governor Carleton Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire are deserving of hearty congratulations on the success of the performance put on at the Opera House last evening under their auspices. "From Afar Off," a morality play in four acts, as the bill, and it was interpreted in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The cast was a very strong one, Mr. Stephen Hurley, late manager of the Capitol Theatre, taking the leading role. He was given splendid support by Mrs. A. G. Turney, Miss Irma Scott, Dugland Tozer, Karl Bishop, Miss Lorna Fenety, George Mersereau and a number of others. Mr. Tozer and Mrs. Turney played dual parts and gave evidence of considerable versatility. The scenic embellishments were splendid and while it was not a dressy play the costumes were very appropriate.

The specialties put on between the acts were highly creditable to all concerned and delighted the large audience. Special mention should be made of "the Sunbeams and the Moonbeams," in which Betty Irvine and Patrick Sheraton were the soloists, and Binky Bebbington the dancer. In another specialty entitled, "Beneath the South Sea Moon in Kalua Land," Miss Annie Cypher took the solo part and Miss Claire Broderick, a U. N. B. student, acted as musical director.

The U. N. B. orchestra was in attendance and rendered a splendid program of music. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. H. W. Woods, Mrs. Havelock Coy, Mrs. Harry Walker, Mrs. J. B. Crocker, and Mrs. Bedford Phillips. The hundred or so of young people who took part were trained by Mr. Hurley who also directed the performance.

WILL SUPPORT
THE LIBERALS

Midland, Ont., Oct. 16—East Simcoe Progressives decided on convention at Coldwater today not to place a candidate in the field but to support Manley Chew, the Liberal nominee, on the tariff question which they endorsed as the best in the interests of the farmers and working men. They also decided to maintain their organization and elected officers

SEARCH BRITISH SHIP.

Canton, Oct. 16—A Chinese gunboat yesterday stopped the British steamer Fatshan on a trip to Canton from Hongkong, and searched all the baggage and stores aboard. The latter were consigned to Shameen. The Fatshan was allowed to proceed after the search.

"Huh!" snapped Mrs. Grouch during the argument on woman's rights, "what can a man do better than a woman?"

"Listen," growled her husband.

DIED.

ROSBOROUGH—At his home, Devon, Oct. 16th. John K. Rosborough, aged fifty years. Funeral Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Service by Rev. A. W. Wentworth. Interment in Rural Cemetery Extension.

HOWIE—At his home, 229 King St., Oct. 16th. John Howie. Funeral Sunday at 3 o'clock. Interment in Rural Cemetery.

McLEAN—At Lower St. Mary's Oct. 16th. Charlotte W. McLean, aged eighty years. Funeral service by Rev. Dr. Sutherland at 5 o'clock today. Interment in St. John.

BURNETT—At the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Burnett, Kingsclear, Hayward Austin Burnett aged 20 years. Funeral Saturday. Service at the Baptist Church, Kingsclear, at three o'clock. Interment in the Dunphy Cemetery.

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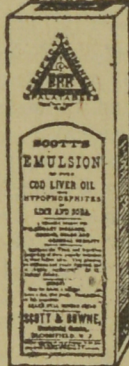
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