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The Fisheries Gain

There was a gain of more than a million dollars in Canada's fisheries output in 1935.

Marketed value of Canada's 1935 commercial fisheries production will top the 1934 total by a million dollars and more, perhaps by more than a million and a quarter.

Unrevised statistics, or, rather, statistics which have been revised in part only, indicate that the year's value figures went well over the \$35,000,000 mark, as compared with a total of \$34,022,000 roundly stated, in the year before. Gains were recorded in British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and the Yukon Territory. In Prince Edward Island, and the three Prairie Provinces, on the other hand, there were decreases. Combined decreases, however, were much less than combined gains, leaving a balance of a million and more on the right side of the ledger. The only question at the moment, when completion of revised figures for the year is still pending, is how far the gain exceeded a million. As they stand at present the records indicate a gain of over \$1,400,000 but further checking will bring in some changes, and perhaps changes which will cut off part of the increase.

Collecting and checking the annual fisheries figures is not one of those jobs which can be done without care or completed hastily. It demands care and care takes time. There are a great many fisheries and they are in every part of the country. Information as to the results of a year's operations must be gathered from numerous sources and much the greater part of it, of course, is not obtainable until some time after the year has closed. Then, when collection has been completed, comes the work of checking and revising the great number of schedules (in the case of sea fisheries alone, literally hundreds of schedules have been checked by the Dominion Department of Fisheries and such freshwater fisheries as are under federal administration) and this work and the correspondence which flows out of it, since some errors are inevitable in the original reports, require considerable time.

Work on the 1935 schedules for some areas is now practically completed but the whole job is not finished. Using present data—some revised, some unrevised—the marketed value figures for the year, by provinces, are as follows, round numbers being given in all cases:

British Columbia, \$15,786,000; Nova Scotia, \$8,130,000; New Brunswick, \$4,190,000; Ontario, \$2,852,000; Quebec, \$1,947,000; Manitoba, \$1,246,000; Prince Edward Island, \$899,000; Alberta, \$216,000; Saskatchewan, \$188,000; Yukon, \$20,000. Total, \$35,474,000.

The gains ran from \$6,100, in the case of the Yukon, to \$633,000 in the case of Ontario, with British Columbia showing the largest increase, about \$550,000, among the sea fisheries provinces. On the decrease side the figures ranged from \$29,000 in Alberta to \$359,000 in Quebec. Production from Quebec's freshwater fisheries showed some gain in value, a betterment of close to \$30,000, but dollar return from the sea fisheries of the province fell off quite sharply, mainly because of the reduced catch and prices in the cod fishery and a drop in lobster landings.

Russia's Volte-Face

The announcement that Soviet Russia is about to grant its people the right of electing their representatives to a democratic government is startling if not entirely unexpected.

At the same time, until the new policy comes into force and the methods of its working are revealed, it is impossible to predict what may be its effect on conditions in Russia and the Russian attitude toward foreign Powers.

A notable clause in the preliminary plans, however, is that enfranchising all citizens more than 18 years old, "irrespective of sex, race, social origin, religious beliefs, previous activities or amount of property owned."

From the first, the Communist Party has emphasized the assertion that its tenets abolish class distinction; but this latest innovation emphasizes the fact that it has insisted on and fostered class hatred and distinctions.

Social origin, religious beliefs, previous activities and ownership of property hitherto have been considered reasons for persecution in varying degrees of severity, and it is only as the party abandons strictly communistic ideas that such hatreds and persecutions show signs of being allowed to vanish. With great thoroughness the ideals of communism have been tried and found wanting during the years of the Russian experiment.

When, in the revolution of February, 1917, the Soviet of Workers and Soldiers formed a provisional government under Prince Lvov, immediate dissatisfaction of the workers met with the mildness with which the new regime treated citizens who were not of the proletariat. A second revolution made Kerensky dictator, and though he pandered to the Soviet demands, he failed to measure up to the extremist standards.

In October, Lenin and Trotsky were able to overthrow the dictatorship, and from that time, except for quarrels in the party itself and for counter-revolutionary intervals under Deniken, Kornilov, Kolchak and Wrangel, Communist ideals were in full force until and after the party consolidated its triumphs in 1920.

During those years there was no let-up on class hatred. It was enough that one was a descendant of an aristocrat, a religious leader, an opponent of communism or a holder of property to ensure that one would be hounded and persecuted, refused the means of earning a living, and discriminated against in every possible way. Even a peasant who happened to have acquired, by hard toil and thrift, a piece of land was likely to be "liquidated"—the cant phrase for "murdered"—as an enemy of the party.

But concessions were made from time to time. The NEP—new economic policy—for instance, in 1921, restored the wage system, abolished requisitioning of grain, returned small businesses and factories to private owners, and accomplished other "reforms" which actually were a return to pre-revolutionary methods.

Still the extent to which political freedom is granted will depend upon the extent to which elections are governed and engineered by the Communist Party, and on whether the present dictatorship is to be deprived of its supreme power.

SNAPSHOTS

The garden party has been postponed for fear of rain. The Board of Trade meeting has been postponed for fear of a storm.

There is a danger of a fatal accident when a large horse fly settles on the radiator of a truck. The danger is to the horse fly.

What is slower than the Garsons getting the bridge out of the river?

The Board of Education has started in well by adopting modern methods in letting those who graduate from the eighth grade into the ninth under certain conditions. Now if they only decide to adopt certain other modern matters they will be getting somewhere.

Now that the city has taken the dump from the West end, why don't they fix the darn place up and make it look decent?

Here's success to the Board of Trade. Long may it reign—and keep away from all political and controversial subjects not connected with the aims and objects for which it was established.

Editor of Isis, Oxford University Magazine, volunteers an opinion of undergraduates:

Modern graduates, being war babies are weak-minded, ill-mannered and irresponsible. Cambridge is worst behaved than Oxford, and the provincial universities worse than either.

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Italian Military

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we know will be repugnant to large sections of our people.

"We take it because of the present state of Europe. We honestly believe it is the wiser of two courses and the one most conducive to peace."

Eden urged along similar lines. "If we cling to a course after the object has become unobtainable we may lose the greater end for which we are working, the greater end being to keep the peace," Eden said. "If it means admitting failure, this is one instance that has got to be faced."

The House was packed, and the opposition parties were in fighting mood. Eden was constantly being interrupted. At one time his speech was halted for 10 minutes while conservative and Labor members exchanged remarks.

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during the 1935 season at Lobster Bay where the total catch with rod and line was 49 fish. Truth is, too, that even larger tuna than the 619-pounder have been taken in angling in Nova Scotia waters, the only Canadian area where these fish are caught. As a matter of fact, the biggest tuna ever captured anywhere with rod and line, so far as the records show, was landed off Liverpool, N. S., a year or two ago. All that fish weighed was half a ton, or, to keep strictly to truth, 956 pounds—956 pounds of power and speed and spirit and cunning!

The man who caught the 23 fish at Lobster Bay didn't land them all in one day, of course. He might do that in a "fish story" but not in this sober record of fact. However, several times during the period from the close of August to the middle of September, or a little later, he caught two a day, several times he caught three a day, and so on occasion his day's angling was rewarded with the capture of five, which ranged in size from 159 pounds to 450 pounds. Nor was he the only sportsman to get more than one fish in a day. At least two other anglers who fished at Lobster Bay had three-a-day to their credit. Indeed, the man who caught the 619-pounder after a struggle of an hour and a half also landed two others on the same day, one 266 pounds and the other 192 pounds. On that day, too, a 432-pound fish was taken.

Tuna, by the way, are commercial fish as well as sport fish, and it sometimes happens that one of them weighing more than a thousand pounds is taken in the fishermen's nets. Perhaps one of these days an angler will have the thrill of capturing a giant of that kind and breaking the world record which was set when the 956-pound fish was taken. Most of the commercial landings in Nova Scotia are made from St. Margaret's Bay and its vicinity but angling is done at such places as St. Ann's Bay in Cape Breton, off Sheburne and Liverpool harbours, at Lobster Bay, etc.

Board of Trade Meeting

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Board of Trade meeting called for Friday evening in the council chamber has been postponed until further notice.

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he could not entirely agree with the government's attitude, although he admitted his mind was not made up entirely.

There was a different viewpoint to sanctions which had been expressed by Premier Hertzog of South Africa. Mr. Bennett said, and so far he could find no lack of logic in it. It was that by lifting sanctions.

Ald. F. S. Mundie, is in St.
Stephen today on business.

NOTICE

CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L.

A Legion Church Service will be held by the Provincial Chaplain at Welsford, N.B., on Sunday, June 21st at 3 p.m. and will be commemorative of the founding of the Legion in this Province ten years ago.

Members of the Fredericton Branch are requested to meet at the Club Quarters at 1 p.m. where cars will be provided to take the members to Welsford.

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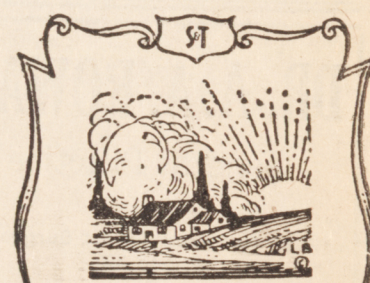
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