

OVER SEVEN HUNDRED SALMON WERE TAKEN ON THE SAINT JOHN RIVER LAST YEAR

Over 25 Grilse Were Also Take --- General Conditions Best Since 1932

In the St. John River system the change made several years ago in sport fishermen captured 755 salmon the fisheries regulations which pre- and 1,182 grilse or 67 more salmon vents the commercial capture of and 380 more grilse than were taken weighing less than five pounds. by angling in 1935. On the Miramichi Sport fishing for salmon also took the sportsmen declared, angling con- place, of course, on several other ditions had not been so good for fit-streams in the district and in them, teen years, and in any event the sea-to, the season on the whole was son's rod and line catch showed very satisfactory. On the Tobique, Salmon large increase. As a matter of fact, and Nashwaak streams the catches the catch of grilse, approximately were larger than in 1935, although 23,000 fish, was nearly five times as salmon landings on the first of these large as it had been in 1935 and an rivers were quite a bit below the 1934 increase of more than 1,000 brought figures. the number of salmon captured up to 4,758. The increase in abundance of grilse is explained by the supervisor as being due in part to favorable wa- ture seasons when the baby fish from the 1936 eggs have grown to maturity. Some difficulty in estimat- ing done in 1930, and in part to the ing spawning possibilities was creat-

FRANCIS V. SHORTIS FREED AFTER 42 YEARS IN PRISON

Accountant is Principal of Cause Celebre That Allegedly Helped to Wreck Government in 1895

OTTAWA, May 5—Francis Valen- tine Shortis is a free man after 42 years of incarceration in Portsmouth Penitentiary and at the institution at Guelph. The case was a cause celebre in Canadian criminal annals. It is per- haps the only case of the kind which, allegedly, helped to wreck a Govern- ment. Shortis, an old Country man com- ing from a fine, aristocratic family, was employed as an accountant by Montreal Cottons at Valleyfield, Que. One day, with robbery as the claim- ed intent, he run amok. He shot and killed two people who frustrated his purpose. He was arrested, tried and convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged. Up to this point the case was an ordinary one of murder but in the usual course, like all capital cases, it came to Ottawa for the Government to decide whether the law should take its course or executive clemency be extended. The Government—that was in 1895—decided against any interference. The Order-in-Council went to the then Governor General, Lord Aberdeen. Whatever happened and why, has always been one of those high secrets of State which the governments at Ottawa are wont to preserve. Nothing was said, officially but when the sentence was commuted, rumor became very rife. It was alleged that social influence had in- tervened at Rideau Hall to sway Shortis' life by commutation. It be- came a political issue. In a by-election in Valleyfield a Liberal was el- ected for about the first time with the Shortis case as a contributory is- sue. Trouble developed in the Cab- inet. The case figured for years as something of a political influence. Meanwhile Shortis has served his time and is said to have been a mod- est prisoner. In the 42 years of his in- carceration the transformations have been enormous. Four British sov- ereigns have come and gone and a new one is on the throne. There have been two wars and numerous other changes have come to pass. Shortis has left the penitentiary to face a new life in a new world.

MAKING RURAL SCHOOL FAIRS CONSTRUCTIVE

In this article I propose to discuss Rural School Fairs from an educa- tional standpoint and to suggest how they may serve the cause of rural ad- vancement in a better way. With some reluctance—for it seems like lying in the face of popular opinion—we make bold to assess their true worth as an agency affecting the quality and nature of country life. My excuse is that in these critical times with all human institutions un- der criticism, it is right and proper that the School should be examined with great care. And if weaknesses are discovered, they should be cor- rected. For all progress, ways must be mended.

In venturing to point out some of the weaknesses of Rural School Fairs as they are usually conducted, I de- sire to be understood as strongly fa- voring School Fairs of a non-competi- tive sort. I can imagine nothing more beneficial to the community life of the people of a school section than a School Fair at its own school. To see an exhibit of all the children's school work; to join with their own and their neighbors' children in hap- py play and singing; to get acquaint- ed with their children's teacher in her work shop; to experience a thrill of pride in the improvements that the trustees have worked out with the co-operation of the teacher and pupils; to picnic on their own school grounds and sense the school as a real community centre; to see the

new books that have been added to the school library and to go home with a realization that your school is doing a great work and that your teacher deserves the best of back- ing, and that your neighbors, and their children too are just about the very best to be found anywhere. Such a Fair as a pre-Thanksgiving Day en- terprise might be as great an event as the school's Christmas Concert. What I am trying to suggest is that the work and life of every Country School—or any school for that mat- ter—can be tremendously enriched by bringing all the homes into happy and vital relationship to it. A school which nobody loves cannot be of great service to a community.

With the same purpose as above, the all-township School Fair, say in June, might greatly enrich the com- munity life also, if competitions and rivalries could be eliminated. One can easily imagine that an annu- al Township Picnic, with the children of all the schools as the heart of it and every one joining in the fun without thought of out-doing one's neighbor might lead the way to larg- er and far reaching co-operative en- terprises. Perhaps there might even develop some Township sense of pride in the schools from the sight of all the school population united—not divided—in friendly neighbor- ing. A Township School Fair might be a great constructive influence.

The chief criticism to be made against School Fairs is on moral grounds. Too often they defeat the real purpose of the school. Ask any thoughtful teacher what her chief mission is, and you will likely be told that it is to 'build character.' Or, asked in another way, what is the chief business of the school, and you will be told 'to train children in and

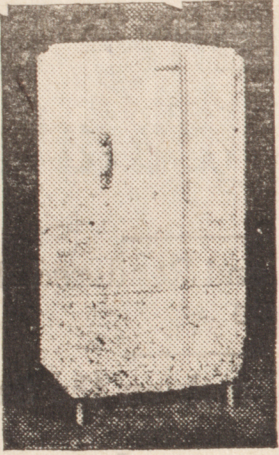
HAVE A HARP

Ted Collins, Kate Smith's manager- announcer and producer, is as busy during her Bandwagon rehearsals as any man with three jobs has to be. Ted and Kate have a rapid-fire space- cato manner of working that usually has the whole cast up on their toes, and rarin' to go. But the other day, at the Thursday afternoon rehearsal when Edward G. Robinson was the guest-star, spring was not only in the air, but in the studio. After a five-minute rest intermis- sion, the boys and gals were all clus- tered together around a harpist who was swingin' a mean rhythm. There was no time to play, however. "Come on, come on," Ted called, "break it up. Fun's fun, but we've an important guest artist." The harp music went right on. "Let's go," Ted repeated, "this is a rehearsal, not a family reunion. Where's Robinson?" Somewhat abashed, the chorus be- gan to disband, revealing to Ted's as- tonished eyes the grinning gentleman at the harp—Edward G. Robinson!

Kate Smith will feature an all-star dramatic highlight when Margalo Gil- more, Ilka Chase and Earle Larrimore together on the air for the first time, present Keith Winters "The Shining Hour" on the Bandwagon programme Thursday, May 6, at 8 p.m., EDST, over the WABC-CBS network. Miss Gilmore was starred in the original Broadway production of this tragic tale concerning a man who was loved by two sisters. for good citizenship.' It is not prim- arily to make agriculture, or any- thing else, a more profitable business and certainly it is not to 'do' your neighbor by craft!

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Joe Penner, who is a bit uncertain about his golf, was priding himself on holding his own when three friends, habitual tee-ers, asked him to make a foursome. The others seemed to feel they were in their usual good form, and Joe, at the ninth hole, was right with them. Deep in concentration, he measured carefully for a masterful long drive to the final green. Just as he raised his club for the mighty swing, a voice called, in a nasal drawl like the one with which Phil Kramer heckles the comedian on their air programmes, "Helllllll-oooooooo Joe" The comedian started forward nat- urally, muffed the drive, and saw the white pellet land horribly in the wilds of the rough. Three grinning pals waited for him to break his driver to bits. Joe wheel- ed around to face a car disappearing down a drive-way nearby. He snort- ed; took a deep breath—then came the crushing radio retort — "I'll smmmaash you!" Lanny Ross, as a tribute to Nation- al Music Week, a movement intended to further public interest in all types of melody, will sing "Summer Is I-Comen In" oldest known English lyr- ic, written in the 12th Century by an unknown poet, on his Showboat pro- gramme Thursday, May 6, at 9 p.m., EDST, over the WEAF-NBC network.



Mr. Picobac's Advice to Anglers

"I WANT you to put a piece in the paper where everybody will see it," said Mr. Picobac to his friend, Herb Smith, editor of the Essex Centre Gazette and County Advertiser (circulation guaranteed). "It'll save me a lot of time writing letters in answer to correspondents." "Sure," said Herb, feeling for the pencil behind his ear. "It's poetry," confessed Mr. Picobac, handing it over. The editor read it aloud:

"Angler's Calendar for April"

- "Give your good trout rod a coat of shellac,
- "Glue up the ferrules if any be slack;
- "Test all your tapers, silk, linen or cotton,
- "Cut off the ends of all such as be rotten;
- "Take last summer's leaders now fraggled and worn,
- "All moth-eaten trout flies, tattered and torn,
- "Make one last cast with them—throw them away,
- "Stock up with new stuff for Trout Opening Day."

"Sounds like an ad," said the editor. "What about the smokes?" "Picobac, of course," said Mr. Picobac briefly. "In handy seal-tight pouches."



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