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N. B. FISHERIES.

The importance of fisheries production in the Maritime Provinces is well known. In New Brunswick, as in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in addition to those persons for whom fishing is a business affording the primary or exclusive source of income, there are large numbers affected by the state of secondary and dependent industries, or who depend in part on returns from seasonal activities in connection with commercial fishing. Thus statistical reports on yield and values are of interest over a wide field and come close home to many.

Word from Halifax from the Eastern Fisheries Division of the Department of Fisheries gives figures for March for the three Provinces. Fish landed within the Maritime Provinces during March totalled 12,716,900 lbs., with a landed value of \$254,025 as compared with 14,386,200 lbs. worth \$284,973 during March last year.

While these are the results for the three Provinces taken together, New Brunswick showed a gain in both catch and landed value, as contrasted with the Maritime trend. New Brunswick's total was 2,796,100 lbs., valued at \$28,267. In March, 1938, 1,310,000 lbs., worth \$18,515 were landed.

Along with these results for March, may be noted New Brunswick's experience for February, the preceding month. The Department of Fisheries figures state that in New Brunswick for February, the landed value aggregate increased by \$2,200.

New Brunswick's total catch was 27,400 hundredweights, which meant an increase of roughly 4,300 hundredweights. Its landed value was \$54,950. The smelt fishery was the principal fishery in progress in the province in February but it was the sardine and herring fisheries which were responsible for the net gains in provincial production and value totals states the report. Smelt figures—catch 9,430 hundredweights and landed value \$37,450—showed almost no change from those of February of last year. The gains shown are certainly steps in the right direction, and continued progress along the same lines will be welcome not only to the fishermen but to the Province as a whole.

SPRING CLOTHES

It may be a defeatist policy, but it is not time that someone pointed out that traditional connection between Easter and new spring clothes is not particularly suitable to the Canadian climate? Even when Easter falls on a date well on in April, the chances are that the new hats will be drenched in rain. When Easter comes in March or early in April a parade of spring finery becomes grotesque. The impulse to buy new clothes and display them in church or on a board-walk is directly connected with spring. The date of Easter is also dependent on the vernal equinox in a roundabout sort of way. Hence it has been assumed that there is a necessary connection between new clothes and Easter.

The assumption does no harm in countries where spring pays some attention to the calendar, but in this part of Canada at least, we have no reason to believe that spring is here until by the calendar, it is about half over. One is often inclined to wonder whether it might not be as well to divide the Canadian year into three seasons instead of four.

Or, if we wish to continue the pleasant custom of parading new finery on a given date, why not choose the first of May, which of late has become more associated with dreary labor demonstrations than with the joyous spirit of Merrie England? Merchants, who now too often see their Easter windows disregarded while the passing crowds battle the blizzards, would at least have a fifty per cent chance of getting one or two good shoppers.

OTTAWA SPONSORS SCHOLARSHIPS and AIRCRAFT MECHANICAL TRAINING

Two new projects sponsored by the federal government to assist in the establishment of young people were announced by Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labour, on 14th April.

Financial assistance to enable deserving students to enter upon or continue a university course may be made available under the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training program. The minister has advised provincial governments that projects for student aid can be submitted under the D.P.-Y.T. program, and the provinces have been asked to signify their wishes in connection with the proposal. Proposed scholarship assistance will be based on a maximum figure of \$25.00 a month per student for eight months of a year. It is estimated that the plan would provide assistance to 300 students in the first year, 500 in the second year and 700 in the third year.

The co-operation of all provinces is being sought to establish special training courses in aircraft mechanics, with a view to fitting young men for anticipated ground work employment in Royal Canadian Air Force and civil aviation organizations. It is expected that the R. C. A. F. will take on several hundred recruits next year as riggers, fitters, machinists, mechanics, wireless operators, etc. The special classes will be conducted under the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training program.

BRITISH RAILWAY FACTS and FIGURES

In the 1939 edition of the booklet "Facts About British Railways," it is stated that although traffic in every category have fallen below those of 1937 and the net revenue for the year is only just above the figure for 1932, the service and equipment of the railways have not suffered. Both passenger and freight schedules have been accelerated and schemes of improvements affecting tracks, signalling installations, depots and stations have been carried out in different parts of the country at a cost of £20,000,000.

The safety of railways travel is indicated by the fact that the risk of deaths during last year was one in 232,000,000 passenger journeys.

Streamlined heavy oil rail-cars now daily cover 3,634 miles, and experiments are being made with new motive power units, 110 express passenger trains run at start-to-stop speeds of 60 miles an hour and over, covering distances varying from 28 to 299 miles at a time. The world's longest regular non-stop runs are made by British railway trains—the "Flying Scotsman" between King's Cross and Edinburgh, 329 3-4 miles, during the summer, and the "Royal Scot" between Carlisle and Euston, 299 miles, all the year round.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN 1937

The rise in manufacturing production which commenced during the summer of 1933 gained further momentum in 1937 with the result that the value of production rose to \$3,623,159,500, the highest point since 1929 when the total was \$3,883,446.11. In 1936 the total value was \$3,002,403,814.

All groups shared in the improvement. The greatest expansion took place in the iron and products group with a gain of \$169,134,324 in the gross value of production. Non-ferrous metals were second with an increase of \$131,275,702. The wood and paper group followed with a gain of \$99,958,212. Fourth position was occupied by vegetable products whose production was greater by \$75,073,528.

The improvement in 1937 was general throughout Canada. New Brunswick made the greatest advance in employment with an increase of 14 per cent, followed by Nova Scotia with a gain of 13.4 per cent, and Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia in the order named.

In gross value of production, the advance made by the provinces was somewhat different, Nova Scotia with an increase of 24.5 per cent was in first place, followed by New Brunswick with 23.6 per cent, Quebec 21.2 per cent and Ontario 21 per cent.

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RUSSIAN FLIER SAYS LINDY'S STATEMENT BOLD

NEW YORK, May 5 — Brig. Gen. Vladimir Kokkinaki, whose attempted non-stop flight from Moscow to New York ended in a forced landing Friday night on Miscou Island, at the northeastern tip of New Brunswick in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, gave the first detailed account of his adventure at the Soviet Consulate here.

The General was emphatic in his assurance that the flight was in no sense a "stunt" but was a deliberate effort to explore the Moscow to New York route for the possible establishment of regular commercial air travel between the two cities. His experience has demonstrated, he said, that, with the elimination of a few obstacles, the plan was entirely feasible and that he expected to see it functioning in a comparatively short time.

MADE SPEEDY TRY

He said his speeds for the nearly 4,000 miles he had flown before his forced landing averaged from 165 to 225 miles an hour and that his altitude ranged from 17,600 feet to more than 29,000 feet. It was the first high-altitude crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, he pointed out, and proved conclusively in his opinion that the future of long-distance flying is in high altitudes.

There were still 300 gallons of gasoline left in his tanks when he landed on Miscou Island at 7 p.m. last Friday night, sufficient to have carried him another 940 miles, he pointed out. New York city was only 650 miles away.

REFUTES LINDBERGH

In contradiction to reports of statements alleged to have been made by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh to the authorities in Washington that aviation research in Russia "was not an important factor," General Kokkinaki said, "on the basis of personal knowledge and not mere guess-work, aviation research work in the Soviet is on as high a plane as it is in any other country in the world. We have great admiration for the work of others and we are always glad to learn from others, but we do our own research work as well. I think that the quality of airplanes in my country is at least not lower than that of others, for our many records for speed, distance and altitude could not have been achieved without adequate research."

The General said it was he who showed Col. Lindbergh about the Soviet institutions and research laboratories upon the latter's visit to Russia last year and that he considered Lindbergh's alleged statements as "rather bold."

SECRET OF GLASS FLOWERS BURIED WITH INVENTOR

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 5.—Production of the beautiful glass flowers in Harvard University's Museum has come to an end because the only man who knew the secret of making them is dead.

He was Rudolph Blaschka, 82, who died Monday at his home in Hosterwitz, Germany, according to word received by Harvard officials. He and his father, who died in 1895, were the only ones who knew the secret of producing the amazingly-accurate

Just in Jest

Whose?

First Lawyer: "I've just made a fortune." Second Lawyer: Whose was it?"

That Stumped Him

Little Girl: "Mummie, there is very little apple in this pie."

Father: "You should be thankful to have pie at all. Why, when I was a boy mother never gave me apple pie."

Little Girl: "Gee, daddy aren't you glad you live with us now?"

More Exciting

"Mother, shall I have a little sister one day?" "Why?" "Well, it gets rather a bore always teasing the cat."

Answered

A Scottish student was asked by a professor, in the course of a viva voce examination, how he would discover a fool. "By the questions he would ask," was the reply.

System

A commercial traveller, looking at the dingy shop, asked the shopkeeper: "How in the world do you make a go of things at all?"

The tradesman pointed to the other end of the shop and said: "You see that fellow there? Well, he works for me and I can't pay him; so in two years he gets the shop. Then I work for him until I get it back."

Dwindling

Mrs. Timkin: "I suppose you've had lots of new dishes since your chef arrived?"

Mrs. Simkin: "Yes, almost a complete new dinner service."

At The Garden Gate

One night a young man, saying "Good-bye" to his fiancée, was learning on the garden gate. "I'm going to ask you a great favor," the girl said hesitatingly. "It is already granted," he answered. "A very great favor," she repeated, as if doubtful of the propriety of saying what it was. "You're sure that you won't think it presumptuous, or forward of me?" "Never!" he assured her. "Only tell me what I can do for you." "Well," she replied "would you mind not leaning on that gate? Father painted it this afternoon, and he will be awfully provoked if he has to paint it again."

Our Tennis Club

Slasher: "What's the new member like?"

Dasher: "Singularly bad in doubles and doubly bad in singles, I fear."

Spice of Life.

"No, thank you I'll stay at home!" said a man who had been invited to join a party visiting the Zoological Gardens. "My eldest daughter does the kangaroo walk, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife watches me like a hawk, my cook's as cross as a bear, and my mother-in-law says I'm an old gorilla. When I go anywhere I want a change!"

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