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HON. W. F. TODD

Hosts of friends in this city will learn with sincere regret of the death of Hon. W. F. Todd, former Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick which took place suddenly at St. Stephen on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Todd was well known in Fredericton where he spent several sessions of the Legislature both as a member of the House for Charlotte County and when he was a Lieutenant Governor of the Province.

Hon. Mr. Todd who came of a good old Charlotte County family, was one of the most popular Lieutenant Governors, whom this province has ever had. During their short terms of residence here both Mr. and Mrs. Todd by their kindly dignified manner endeared themselves to the citizens of this Capital City. They carried out their official duties much along the same line as does our present popular Lieutenant Governor and sustained the dignity of the office in a manner which was appreciated by all.

In his own home town of St. Stephen Mr. Todd was very popular with every one and was a type of citizen, whose passing will be a distinct loss to the community.

To Mrs. Todd and members of the bereaved family The Daily Mail extends sincere sympathy.

BAD RADIO SERVICE

If people buy radios and have to pay a license for using the same they should be entitled to a reasonable amount of service. There are times when the service may be naturally defective owing to air conditions, but there would seem to be absolutely no excuse for the unsatisfactory condition that has existed in this city in recent weeks.

The Daily Mail has had several letters recently dealing with this subject but we we have hesitated to use them hoping as was promised that conditions would be bettered. They are getting worse instead of better. Yesterday people in different sections of the city were unable to get connection with any station except CFNB and this could be got at two of three places on the dial. Different people who were interested on Saturday night and all day yesterday in getting special music and other features from outside stations were unable to get anything but CFNB and the Canadian broadcasting system. This is certainly not as it should be. It is up to the radio officials at Saint John or whoever we have to look to, to see that the hundreds of radio fans, in this city, and vicinity get some kind of a run for their money. In another couple of weeks radio license fees will be payable. The department will have an unlimited amount of nerve trying to collect them unless the people get better protection than they are receiving at present.

The Daily Mail does not object to publishing the letters which we have received from our correspondents. We are simply holding these over and suggest that the writers also first take the matter up with H. H. Brannen, Marine Department of Canada, Saint John.

Some persons who tuned in between 3 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, could not get satisfaction. This could not be blamed on the CFNB as that station was not on the air during these hours.

In speaking of the matter to The Daily Mail the management of CFNB state that if any local radio owners are having trouble with getting service and will notify their station that they will be pleased to send an expert radio man to "service up" the radio and to try and tell them where the trouble is. This service will be given by CFNB free of charge. If the fault is in their station they will be pleased to know and will do what they can to remedy the matter.

What seems to be needed in this city and in Central New Brunswick is a radio car service furnished by the radio branch of the Marine Depart-

ment, in the same way as Saint John is being served.

This service could cover all of the central part of the province and should eliminate some of the dissatisfaction in regard to radio service, which prevails at present.

It must be remembered too that the present season of equinoxial gales, which will prevail just now and our trees may have much to do with the very poor radio reception which we are receiving at the present time. However, it is time that the whole matter be taken up by those who are paid to look into it.

SNAPSHOTS

We hope that the exhibition directors will remember the old home town this year.

That girl who phoned to the "prominent citizen's" wife and said "I left my compact in your husband's pocket" certainly had lots of nerve.

A noted scientist has just made another contribution to humanity. He gives figures to show that flies do not like pink barns. So don't paint your barns pink.

We have several letters from radio owners complaining about the service. Yesterday the local station and the hook-ups seem to have been the only thing that most people could get.

Our Home Merchants are here to serve your wants. They are the men who are trying to keep our town going.

There must be strong booze in Boston a Fredericton man took a couple of "snorts" up there recently, and sat down on a door step. When he woke up a new overcoat which he had bought from Tommy Boyd, and a new pair of boots were gone.

Give us back our old I. C. R. but throw in the branch roads also. We have earned them. We have paid our share and thousands besides in extra freight rates.

By branch roads we do not mean those side roads where cars park on a dark night in summer.

The farmer has courage, anyway. He always faces ruin.

Personally we don't care for an eating apple that can't be heard as well as seen.

The final proof of faith in your husband is to take in a feminine boarder.

Specialist: A doctor who got tired of being waked up in the middle of the night.

Civil Service: A merit system that gives the job to the best man who belongs to the right party.

The world is so civilized that people would have nothing to fear if it wasn't for one another.

If you wonder why they are called "finishing schools", take a look at old dad's pocketbook.

We needn't worry about paying the national debt. Posterity is just around the corner, too.

Another nice thing about being rich is that nobody minds lending you things for your party.

A woman is a person who spends a two weeks' vacation wondering whether she locked all the windows.

The Byrd party returns with a statement that it is \$50,000 in debt. Evidently when that mail, the first in two years, was delivered to them, it contained a bill. I had wondered what they meant when they said that mail gave them their first real estate of civilization.

SERVICE AT JAIL

A Sunday afternoon service was held at the jail yesterday, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. The speaker was Rev. G. W. Guion. Special music was rendered by several members of the Brunswick St. church choir. This monthly service is very much enjoyed by the inmates at the jail.

OUR MAIL BAG

IMPROVEMENT OF SALMON ANGLING

Editor, The Daily Mail,
Sid:—

As Editor of The Fish and Game Bulletin my opinion has been asked concerning the offer of Mr. H. G. Chestnut to contribute toward efforts for improvement in Salmon angling in the Saint John River, and the possible value of the methods suggested by him.

As to Mr. Chestnut's offer of financial assistance, it is certainly most generous and will be generally appreciated. But as your Daily Mail editorial says, neither Mr. Chestnut or any other private citizen should spend their own money for this work if it is reasonably sure of bringing success. The Department of Fisheries should give a fair trial to all reasonable suggestions and especially coming from men of the experience of Mr. Chestnut. The theory advanced seems plausible, but only a practical demonstration could prove its real value.

But while commending this generous offer and believing a trial should be made, there are a few factors which seems to have been overlooked and which might interfere with the success hoped for. These I shall briefly state.

Our Atlantic salmon are all of one species and any apparent variation in habit can be largely accounted for by environment. All salmon love clear, cold, sparkling and lively water. In dead water, especially above a certain temperature, salmon in any stream will act in much the same way and be difficult to raise with a fly. This explains some things about our local salmon.

For example, while it is perfectly true that there is a time when the freshest falls and the water gets warm, fly fishing is generally poor. Nevertheless, I believe it is an established fact that there is fairly good fishing in the warmest weather at pools where cold streams enter the main river. In this cold water the spirits of the fish are revived and they take the fly readily. A good example of this effect is at the Hartland pool where the Becaguinec joins the Saint John with its clear, cold stream. One of the branches of this river is called "Cold Stream". Here I have seen good fishing in stages of low water when practically no fishing was being had in other places.

This also explains why our salmon or all "runs" yield better results in the Tobique than in the main river, though it is about two hundred miles from the sea. The water of this river is entirely different from that of the Saint John, being clear and cool. This is particularly true of the Serpentine branch to which reference has been made. The same is true of the Restigouche, the waters of which are similar to the Tobique, but in larger volume. So, the question arises, would not Restigouche salmon, if placed in our river, act very much as our salmon now do? They would rise to the fly where the proper conditions existed and probably not otherwise. Nevertheless the experiment is worth a trial.

Another factor which seems to be frequently overlooked is that all salmon, of whatever stream they belong, spawn in the late fall, generally early or mid-November. This fact has a bearing on the Nashwaak and other similar streams. And, believe it or not, a salmon knows by instinct the streams which are safe to ascend in the early spring and summer and those which must only be entered late in the season. The early and the late runs do not necessarily indicate any radical difference in strain, but rather a necessity which nature imposes. The Tobique salmon know they can safely ascend that stream in the spring and summer since there is at all times a fair supply of water, pure and cool. They can live comfortably in the large pools till the fall spawning season arrives.

But, the Nashwaak salmon, just as surely know that it would be sheer suicide for it to ascend its home stream before the cool fall weather and rains set in. As the only object in going up the river is to spawn in November, they are wise enough to keep out of this type of river until conditions exist in many of the smaller rivers of the province. They have a full run, and it is my opinion that

Ex-Governor Todd Dies at St. Stephen

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Union Street where he kept a string of race horses.

Included among his stock were such famous horses as Elation, Ed Gardo and Lumps, known by horsemen far and wide. There were also six full-blooded mares which Mr. Todd prized very highly. The stable at Todd's Point and on Union Street were the admiration of hundreds of visitors.

Keen Sportsman

The late Mr. Todd was a keen sportsman and in his younger days was a great baseball supporter and a good player himself. Many times he took the local baseball team to St. John, Fredericton and other places at his own personal expense.

Greatly interested in the peat moss industry he had a large plant at Musquash, where a large crew of men were employed. The plant was destroyed by fire some years ago. There is another smaller plant on the Basswood Road, a few miles from St. Stephen, which is turning out a good quantity of moss. Mr. Todd spent much time and money on the venture and endeavored to perfect a machine for drying the moss rapidly. He made a life study of the industry on which he was an authority and several times was invited to Washington and other places to lecture on peat moss.

Mr. Todd was also interested in the lumber business through the firm of F. R. Todd and Sons which at one time did a big business on the St. Croix.

A son of the late Freeman H. Todd of St. Stephen and Adeline Boardman of Calais, his father was one of the founders of the St. Stephen Rural Cemetery of which the former lieutenant-governor was president.

The following tributes to the late Mr. Todd have come from Lieutenant Governor MacLaren, Premier Tilley and Chief Justice Baxter:

Lt.-Gov. MacLaren

Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick, paid former Lieutenant-Governor W. F. Todd the following tribute today:

"The Hon. William Frederic Todd was the fifteenth lieutenant governor of the province appointed since Confederation and served from 1923 to 1928. He ever showed much interest in matters pertaining to the province and during his term of office visited its various sections. I recall that he was present on the occasion when the Saint John dry dock was declared open by the Governor-General, Lord Byng.

"It is but a few weeks since I received a very kind letter from him, extending his congratulations and his good wishes to me on my appointment as a successor in the position which he had at one time held.

"There are many kind recollections of him in Fredericton, as I have reason to know, he having performed his duties in a thorough and painstaking manner. The interest which he constantly showed in provincial affairs generally recognized and appreciated. Word of his death will be received

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"changing the breed" will not have the slightest effect in changing their date of going up stream. In other words the Nashwaak and a number of other New Brunswick rivers will never have any but late running fish, no matter, where the parent spawn originates.

My suggestion for this class of river is that the proper authorities be approached with a view to authorizing a special angling season for all salmon streams where the "running" period does not begin before the end of August. This would lengthen the angling season by some six week over a large area of the province without doing injuring to our usual salmon streams. Otherwise there late running streams are of no benefit to anyone. The expense of putting in fishways is only a waste of money if the streams cannot be fished. But with a late angling season there would be a longer season for sportsmen, as well as profit to the government, the guides and many other interests.

Keeping in mind Mr. Chestnut's generous offer and your editorial I offer these observations for what they are worth.

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