

ST. JOHN RIVER SALMON FISHING.

Correspondent Who Discusses Various Phases of the Question.

To the Editor of the Herald.

Sir,—As there is more or less talk about salmon fishing with hook and line or fly fishing, and much talk about net fishing as well, I thought I would write you something of what I know as regards salmon fishing on the St. John river in York County. From Croix Point down the laws as regards fishing allows salmon to be caught with set nets (but not with drift nets which is the favorite mode of catching them by many fishermen), by paying a small license fee. But above Croix Point which is called the head of tidewater, no net fishing of any kind is allowed by law for salmon. The enforcement of this law was very unpopular not only with the fishermen but the resident farmers as well as those who were most anxious to have the law rigidly enforced were the officers of the Tobique River Salmon Fishing Club, they claiming that the members of that club had gone to big expense in fitting up houses and guarding the river, protecting the salmon from the mouth of the Tobique to the forks against netting, spearing, etc., by poachers and unless the salmon were allowed to reach the Tobique pool or spawning grounds the use of the Tobique River for fly fishing would be of no more to them, they having leased the privilege of fly fishing on the Tobique expecting the government to enforce the law stopping all net and spear fishing above Croix's Point, except spearing by the Indians for their own use, but not for sale. On the other side it is claimed by the residents along the St. John river that they have the right to fish with net as of yore under Riparian rights, claiming that they and their forefathers made this a country worth living in under great difficulties that to be deprived of this one of their most esteemed privileges by the government in order to give a few wealthy men whom they claimed were mostly foreigners was very unfair to them. Many of the residents along the river persisted in fishing. The officers of the law would come along, take and destroy their nets which the law allows them to do. This, of course, engendered much ugly feeling, finally through the energetic influence of Alexander Gibson, late M. P. at Ottawa, assisted by Senator F. P. Thompson, and our Local Provincial members, they persuaded the Fishery Department to ease up on the enforcement of the law, and to allow

the residents along the river to catch a few salmon for their own use by setting nets, but no net drifting of any kind allowable, the set nets to be taken up at or before 6 o'clock Saturday night, and remain up until 6 o'clock Monday morning following. This regulation was agreeable to about all and for a time was fairly well observed. But unfortunately for those who wished to comply with the regulation there were fishermen who knew not or cared for any law but would fish when and how they liked, not excepting Sundays they persisted in fishing although the guardians when they could catch them would take their nets and they were fined, they would get new nets go at it again whenever they had a chance, drifting being their mode of taking the salmon and they kept at it until the ice in the fall stopped them. Although many of the salmon late in the season would be worthless they seemed to be able to dispose of them all in some way. In order to carry on their business which was done in the night, they kept a sharp lookout on the guardians and while the guardians would be watching one place they would drift in another, there being three guardians to patrol fifty miles of the St. John river, they had a good chance to do so.

There are many good salmon fishing pools along the St. John river, when the water is low, with fly and hook, and probably in the future there will be more sportsmen who will avail themselves of the privilege.

Salmon formerly went up many of the streams and rivers emptying into the St. John river that they don't now, but would do so if they had the chance. Salmon seem to be more plentiful in the river this year than for a good many years previous, but there seems to be a determined effort made by the fishermen to get about all that attempt to go up the river, for the last six weeks or nearly that, there has been only one man to look after forty miles of the river, the last two weeks there has been two. Now that the salmon fishing season is over and water very low in the river and so many places where they can and do drift, there should be more men on and they should be men who are well acquainted with the river, and good canoe men, as it is no child's play to pole a canoe in the night through the swift current over the bars where the drifting is done.

PLYMPTON MURDER TRIAL.

Grand Jury Found No Bill Against Melanson—True Bill Against Hope Young.

Halifax, Aug. 22.—The trial of Mary Hope Young for the murder of the child May Ward began at Digby today before Judge Meagher. Nothing but circumstantial evidence was adduced to connect the prisoner with the crime.

A pathetic incident occurred when Archibald O'Neil was testifying as to finding of the dead child. A misunderstanding had arisen as to how its head had been wrapped up. The little red hood and strings with which it had been bound were brought into court and the witness was instructed by the judge to illustrate how the fastenings had been made.

In doing this the witness had to fix the hood upon his own head and draw the strings across his face, but when the dragged hood, which had last set upon the head of the murdered child, was in place the audience burst into laughter. His lordship glanced quickly about the court room and signs of merriment withered on the faces of the heartless crowd.

Dr. McDonald, who conducted an autopsy, was not willing to swear positively that death was due to suffocation, though he thought it was. The child might, he said, have been dead twenty-four to fifty-two hours when found. The court sat all the afternoon and again tonight.

Kingsley Melanson is tonight a free man, while Hope Young still occupies her lonely cell and speculates on what the morrow will bring her.

The grand jury, which this morning found a true bill against the woman, found no bill against Melanson and he was discharged.

Elmer E. Young of Boston gave his evidence with an air of confidence, and in a clear voice he replied to the searching questions asked. While admitting he is the father of the dead child of Marie Ward and baby Elma Young, he denied having lived with the women in relation of man and wife. They were merely "housekeepers," he said. The prisoner, he said, had always treated both children with affection and the dead child was very fond of her. He had offered to take her back with him last fall, but she desired to stay with Hope.

When Detective Power gave his evidence telling of Hope Young's story about the death of the child and the tramps, counsel for the defense argued that this had been given because of inducements offered and therefore it was not admissible as evidence. The judge reserved his decision till tomorrow. If this story is not admitted the opinion is that the prisoner will be acquitted.

TRIBUTES TO SENATOR WARK.

Venerable Legislator Held in Very High Esteem.

Toronto Globe, (editorial): The ture of his adopted province, hold-late Senator Wark of New Brunswick in that body several offices, in-wick, who celebrated his 101st birthday on February 19, was not only the oldest legislator in the world, but a true son of the empire and a loyal Canadian. It is not a rare occurrence to note in the public press the passing away of persons who have lived a century or some years beyond, but of few can it be said that their lives were to the very end spent in a public position as was that of Senator Wark. He came to New Brunswick from Ireland as a young man, and, entering mercantile life, soon attained a position of prominence therein. His career as a legislator commenced in 1842, when he entered the Legisla-

PREMIER GOUIN WILL ADVOCATE INCREASED PROVINCIAL SUBSIDY.

Cost of Criminal Courts in Quebec is \$600,000, and Subsidy Remains the Same as it Was.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—"Wherever I speak in public from this time on, I intend to urge the absolute necessity of readjusting the provincial subsidies," said Hon. Lomer Gouin premier of Quebec, this morning.

"It is undoubtedly the most important matter before this and the other provinces today. It has been before the public for twenty-five years and the time has come when something must be done. I hope that ere long a conference can be held between representatives of the various provinces and the Dominion Government on this point, and I am sure that the Dominion Government will recognize the justice of our position."

The immediate cause of these remarks was the fact that the Premier, in his capacity as Attorney-General, had come to Montreal to make arrangements for the vigorous pursuit of the guilty parties in the numerous murders and homicides which have occurred of late in the Montreal district. The government, said Mr. Gouin, was determined to do everything possible to capture and punish the guilty parties, no matter what the cost.

"But that is the point," said he, "Each one of these cases may cost us many thousands of dollars. We have to bear the cost of the administration of the laws, which is yearly becoming more and more onerous. A large portion of the serious crimes in this province are committed by foreign immigrants brought in by the Dominion authorities. But we have to pay the expense, and even pay the

criminals' board in prison unless they are sent to penitentiary. The administration of justice costs us now \$600,000 a year, but the subsidy remains the same as it was at Confederation, despite the fact that practically everybody admits that some change is necessary."

Hon. Mr. Gouin said he was leaving for Batiscan tomorrow to see his children, and on Wednesday would set out with Hon. R. Prefontaine for a holiday trip to Anticosti and the Maritime Provinces.

While east, he said, he would naturally call on the Premiers of the various provinces, and discuss with them the holding of a conference on the question of increased provincial subsidies. Mr. Gouin remarked that he regretted he could not share in the welcome to Prince Louis of Battenberg tomorrow, but expected to return to Quebec by September first, to bid farewell to the distinguished visitors.

The Premier laughed at the story published today from Quebec in a morning paper to the effect that there had been great jealousies and heart-burnings in society circles at the Ancient Capital over the abandoned quadrille of honor at the Legislative hall to Prince Louis. He declared that the whole story was absolutely false. As a matter of fact, said Mr. Gouin, the matter of a state quadrille had been discussed in making the arrangements for the ball, but it had been dropped expressly to avoid such a contretemps as that imagined by the Quebec correspondent.

LITTLE THOUGHTS.

Disappointment is not a sufficient reason for discouragement.

Be satisfied with yourself if you will, but do not be self satisfied.

All things come to those who leave off waiting and go after them.

The claims to wisdom of all owls and most men rest upon their looks.

Good qualities, like good steel knives, grow dull of edge unless they are used. Many a man who is offered a chance of a lifetime for a mere song cannot sing.

Your grip on success depends largely on the other things you are willing to let go.

When a man sets popularity before his eyes, he is likely to let principle out of his heart.

If we had no failings ourselves, we should not take so much pleasure in finding out those of others.

Good Secret to Know.

A man went to a nose and throat specialist the other day to have his cold cured. As he was paying well for the first treatment he said, "How long does it take you to cure a cold?"

"Three weeks," said the specialist. "And how long would it take me to get well if I didn't come to you?" asked the alarmed patient.

"Twenty-one days," said the specialist.

And it wasn't until the patient was half way home that he suddenly stopped and wondered whether he ought to laugh or get angry. He finally decided that perhaps the secret he had learned was worth the price he had paid for it. It's a good secret to know.

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