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Tale of Her Methods, Captain and Crew—The Nets Captured.

The trim and warlike-looking little Canadian revenue cutter Petrel lay at her wharf in Walkerville, her sharp prow, which is said to be capable of ramming the stoutest freighter that passes through the Detroit river, turned ominously toward the American shore. A big Union Jack flew from the flag-pole at the stern, the nine-pound gun had been polished to mirror-like brightness, the jolly tars were all neatly arrayed in their shore-leave clothes, and Capt. Edward Dunn, florid-faced and quietly jolly-looking, slowly paced the quarterdeck. The gay appearance of the little craft contrasted strongly with the wintry river scene. Great boats coated with ice passed up and down, in seeming defiance of winter's warning signs, while seagulls circled around them or held little pink tea receptions upon the rapidly forming cakes.

The captain was arrayed in full regiments, including his sword and a Victoria medal presented for his participation in the Fenian raid of 1866 when he was stationed at Sarnia.

"We are waiting to be inspected," said he, in response to a query. "Every year at laying-up time, Capt. O. G. V. Spain, commanding the fisheries protective service of Canada, visits the various revenue cutters in the service (there are about ten all told) and inspects them. The crews are required to go through the regular drill for his benefit, and that is why you find us on waiting orders, so to speak."

Commander Spain arrived after a while, and the crew of the Petrel were put through the cutlass drill and various other military manoeuvres, the excellence of which seemed to please the inspector, who also found everything to his satisfaction on board ship.

The Petrel is the only Canadian revenue cutter in service on the lakes. In build and equipment she is a miniature war vessel, being equipped with cannon, rifles, cutlasses, and revolvers. During the summer she is a terror to transgressing fishermen on Lake Erie, where she plies chiefly, there being few depredations of the kind on the upper lakes.

The poaching, Captain Dunn says, is done mostly east of Pelee Island and off Long Point, abreast of Erie

and the little snip has chased many a Yankee fish tug out of Canadian waters. Once in a while a tug and crew are captured and brought into Port Stanley, but more often the offending fishermen see the cutter coming a long distance off and make haste to get away. Capt. Dunn then contents himself with capturing the nets and their finny contents, which are confiscated to the Government. About 400 nets were captured the past summer. This was considerably more than during the preceding season. In 1894, the first year of the Petrel's service, 1,000 odd nets were captured.

"The pursuit of law-breaking fishermen is always attended with more or less excitement," says Capt. Dunn, but there is never any serious trouble. The Petrel is too vicious an appearing craft for that. She is speedy, too, when it becomes necessary to put her to the test. Her summer headquarters are at Port Stanley; late in the fall she passes her unoccupied time at Amherstburg, and she lays up at Walkerville.

The Petrel is 125 feet over all, 22 feet beam, and 8 feet 6 inches depth of hold. Besides the captain's room she is provided with officers' quarters, a chart room, a galley and the crew's mess. The officers include Captain Dunn, First Officer J. S. Inkster, Second Officer John McPherson, Chief Engineer A. J. Brown, Assistant Engineer W. H. Linter and Drill Instructor E. V. Hesian. Then there are the boatswain and carpenter, and quite a complement of seamen and stokers.

The regulations on board ship are about the same as upon an ordinary lake-going craft, though the men are drilled an hour each day. Capt. Dunn is not a stickler for pomp and detail. He has had command of the Petrel ever since she came out in 1893. He started in the revenue service in 1890, and was for several years a sailor and in command of lake boats before that period. The captains of the Canadian revenue cutters are appointed and hold their positions during good behaviour. Seamen enlist for the season. If appearances go for anything, companionable and jolly Capt. Dunn has the affection and esteem of his merry crew. He has a wide circle of friends in the various ports that he visits, including Detroit.—Detroit Free Press.



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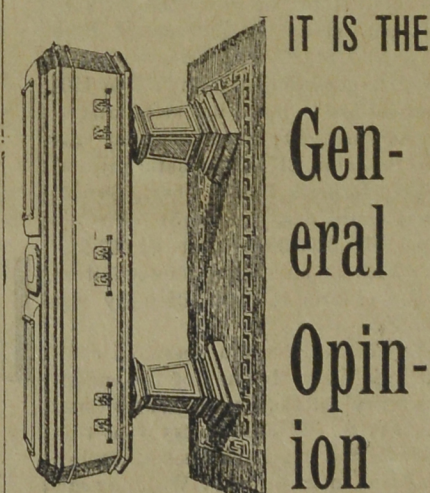
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