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New Westminster, Dec. 25.—In accordance with the recommendation of the Pacific division of the fisheries advisory board, a survey of the fishing resources of the Pacific coast has been arranged to begin next summer. Official information to that effect has been received by Chief Inspector Cunningham of the Dominion fisheries here. Two experts, one from Scotland and one from Norway, have been engaged to carry on the work under the supervision of the biological board of Canada.

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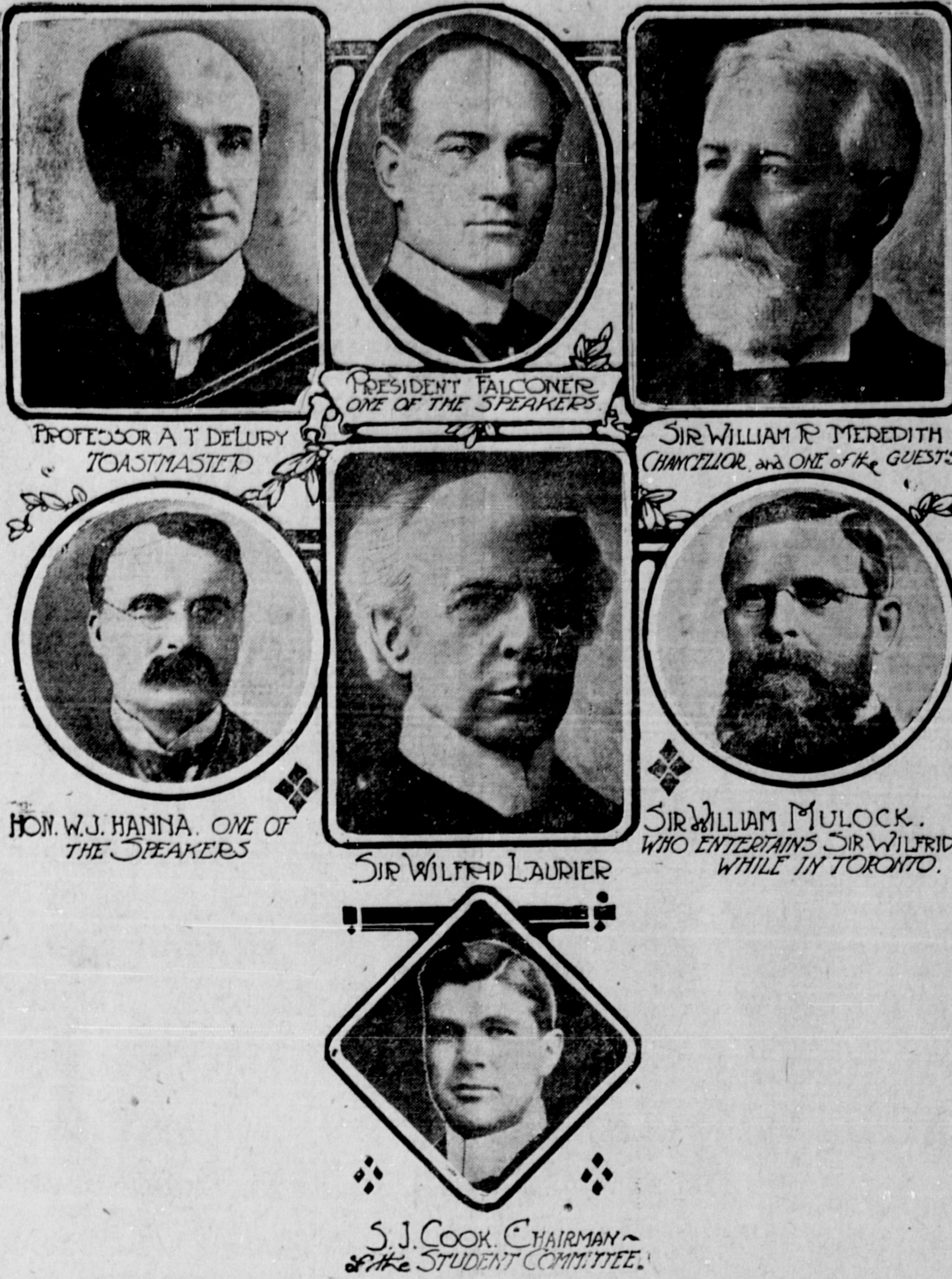
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SALMON AND COD FISHERIES FOUND IN HUDSON BAY

NEW FISHING WATERS TO RIVAL PACIFIC INDUSTRY REPORTED BY DOMINION FISHERIES DEPARTMENT—RUPERT MAN INTERESTED

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—A new and virgin fishing area, rich in the possibilities not only of the millions it may produce, but also of the employment it will afford the native population of the surrounding country, has been found in the waters of the Hudson Straits, according to a report which has been made to the marine and fisheries department by Dominion Fisheries Officer Tanner. Its salmon catch particularly may yet rival that of British Columbia.

Mr. Tanner made an official patrol of the region from the fall of 1912 to that of the present year. He reports that:

"The waters of the Hudson Straits, so far as fisheries are concerned, may be regarded as a virgin area, and thorough investigations show that there are plies of valuable fish which could be made of great market value and are well worth development. The difficulties to be encountered are the sparse population and the lack of fishermen, and the short season, which would necessitate all the work being done in a short time.

"These difficulties can easily be overcome," says Mr. Tanner, and he proves this by citing the case of British Columbia, which, in spite of a former limited population and a short season, could now boast of a total salmon catch of over \$10,000,000.

"From a commercial standpoint," he observed, "the cod is the most important fish, and no regular cod fishing is being carried on. There is no limit to the quantity of codfish, a few loads of which are garnered by the Newfoundland vessels, which come up every year. The weather is perfect for fishing, but not so favorable for drying them on the spot. The catches, however, can be salted down and taken home to the curing places, just as is the practice of the Lunenburg fleet. As this is deep sea fishing, no doubt a bounty could be authorized during the first few years when the industry is in the first stages of development. The

sum of \$160,000 per annum is available.

"There are probably about 500 Eskimos, who could be available as practised fishermen if the project of utilizing these cod fisheries were carried out and white men appointed to superintend the operations. I am of the opinion that Eskimo fishermen and women would be far more reliable than the Indians of the Pacific coast. Wherever wages are offered they are found to be the best and most reliable workers to be obtained, and as they are all British subjects and residents in territory belonging to the Dominion, they would be entitled to the benefits of the Fish Bounty Act."

Mr. Tanner recommended Port Burwell as the best centre for the proposed fishing industry, which would be conducted mostly by baited trawls during a period of from eight to twelve weeks. He then goes on to point out that there are three kinds of salmon in Hudson Straits, including the true sea salmon, and a salmon trout superior to the best Pacific salmon. During the summer months these fish are plentiful along the shores on the coast of Baffin Island, as well as on the south shores.

"There is a great future for a profitable industry if the enterprise is pushed forward by practical men," the report continues. "The cost of the fish is really nominal, and the price retailed in the market for these pickled salmon would be more than double the cost. The supply is unlimited, and the price, if the fish were promptly handled would, without question, equal that of the best frozen salmon now retailed at 15 to 20 cents per pound."

It is also pointed out that the seal and white whale industries are capable of being better utilized.

Mr. Collins of the big gold storage plant here is also interested in Hudson Bay fisheries prospects. Last year he organized a company in Toronto to prospect the fisheries of the

Hudson Bay waters. This syndicate financed a fishing steamer to prospect the whole summer in Hudson Bay for fish. It was manned by practical men and sent in with heavy supplies. The results of the investigation of this outfit are not yet known.

The Two Bridges

Among the numerous handsome calendars being distributed this year is one from the Omicron Herald with a colored photograph of the Bulkley River canyon and the two bridges at Haguelt. The one bridge is the high level suspension structure just finished and the other is the old Indian bridge. The picture is printed by the three-color process and the fish is in natural colors. As a bit of printer's art it is a credit to the Herald.

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