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FISHERIES

At the enquiry held in Vancouver, when the Royal Commission appointed by the Dominion Government were making their enquiry the other day, regret was expressed by Professor Prince, who is one of the Commissioners, that greater attention was not given to the many other varieties of fish which abound on this coast. The marketing of these numerous kinds has been neglected, while halibut and salmon have practically been the only two varieties which the people engaged in the trade would handle. The professor voiced his fear that there might be a danger of halibut and salmon being fished out.

The neglect of these other edible fishes, such as black cod, red cod, flounders, etc., to put in mildly, in times like these is little short of criminal. Foodstuffs all over the world at the present moment is scarce. And consequently high in price. Were a greater supply of fish available all over Canada, the first effect would be to lower the demand for beef and other meat products. Which, in turn, would tend to lessen the price.

The Fishery Exploration officer's report for last year carries the observation that "the generality of the people not engaged in the fishing industry no doubt are under the impression that no other fish save halibut and salmon exist on the Pacific coast." He characterized as "wastefulness" the casting back into the water the thousands of tons of these fine varieties which the fishermen cannot dispose of, particularly at a time when people in Vancouver were being fed by public subscription.

More particularly at the present time, it would seem as if the fisheries of British Columbia ought to play a greater part in the supplying of foodstuffs for the people of the Dominion. These foodstuffs are here, and being wasted absolutely in huge quantities. Our fisheries are an asset to the Dominion, and a vital one, and with foodstuffs generally high in price as at present, it is a matter for

Government intervention to see that such waste stops.

Economy is the watchword which the Government is passing on to the housewives of Canada, yet this great waste has been going on for years. The full facts are contained in the report of the Fishery Exploration officer, and are in the possession of the Government. This report was published. If the Government are going to practice what they preach, it is high time that they took cognizance of the facts as they are.

This is a case of public need, and the utilization of this food need not injure in any way the already established fishing industry. To the contrary.

Now that Professor Prince has taken notice of the conditions it is possible that more may come of the matter. Whether such a matter would come under the scope of this commission is hard to say, as its appointment is primarily to investigate into the regulations. But whether or not, a report from them might reach the Food Controller.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The spirit of democracy has taken a firm hold in Russia. Even now in the midst of war, three of her provinces are seeking for "Home Rule." The people of Finland, of the Ukraine, and of Kronstadt want to govern themselves. They contend that the country is too large to be administered directly from the capital. They may yet call themselves the "United States of Russia."

The appointment of Dr. Addison as the Minister of Reconstruction in Great Britain marks another addition to the British Cabinet. In the transition period from the state of war to the conditions of peace, very many problems will come up to the Minister of Reconstruction. The reabsorption of the millions of fighting men back again into civil life can not be accomplished all at once. In the first place, the industries are largely employing women, for work hitherto done by the men. A great number of these women will want to remain on at the work they have got accustomed to. If so, they cannot be dis-



placed. And men who have been at the front for three years at a shilling a day, cannot be too well situated to tide themselves over any extended period without work. This will be the great problem for the new minister to solve and there will be many more arising out of it.

German workmen to the number of twelve thousand passed a resolution lately demanding peace without annexations or indemnities. This may be taken to be the attitude of the majority of the working men in Germany, judging from the reports from various other parts of that country. Such an idea is at direct variance with that of the late Chancellor, who spoke for the Cabinet and Kaiser.

HOW, INDEED?

Zurich, July 19.—"How are we to obtain peace," demanded Herr Praschek in the Austrian Reichsrat, "if we cling to the German side? Must we continue to sacrifice our interests to the expansion of Germany? Must we continue to submit to the German militarism that has drawn us into this war?"

The speaker declared that Czech deputies had been imprisoned for attempting to bring about an alliance of Austria with Russia and France, and added that if they were to be stigmatized as traitors, then all Czechs who believed similarly should be so stigmatized.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reserve existing over a small island in the harbor of Prince Rupert, known as Lot 3466, Range 5, Coast District, by reason of a notice appearing in the British Columbia Gazette of the 21st April, 1910, and dated 19th April, 1910, is cancelled for the purpose of making a sale of the said Lot to the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited.
GEO. R. NADEN, Deputy Minister of Lands, Department of Lands, Victoria, B. C., 15th June, 1917. M. 406-20.

LAND ACT

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 4.

TAKE NOTICE that Empire Pulp & Paper Mills, Limited, of Vancouver, British Columbia, occupation pulp manufacturing company, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—Beginning at the southwest corner; thence true north 10 chains; thence N. 77° 41' East approximately 75 chains; thence true north 10 chains to a corner located upon the south shore of Khutze Inlet, which bears N. 64° 21' East from the northeast corner of lot number 23, and is approximately 21½ chains distant therefrom; thence along the south shore of Khutze Inlet to the point of beginning, bearing S. 72° 41' West and is approximately 75 chains.
Date June 27, 1917. S. 6
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MINERAL ACT

(R. S. B. C. 1911.)

Holly Fraction, Birch, Crocus Fraction, and Plum mineral claims situate in the Queen Charlotte District, located at or near Ikeda Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, lawfully held by Ikeda Mines Limited (Non Personal Liability).

TAKE NOTICE that I, John A. MacInnes, Solicitor for Ikeda Mines Limited (Non Personal Liability) Free Miner's Certificate No. 15485C intend, after the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof to apply on behalf of the said Company to the Mining Recorder of the said District for a Certificate of Improvements for each of the above claims for the purpose of obtaining crown grant thereof.
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that action under Section 85 of the Mineral Act must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
Dated this 12th day of June, A.D. 1917.
J. A. MACINNES,
Solicitor for Ikeda Mines Limited (Non Personal Liability). S. 10.

"WATER ACT, 1914."

BEFORE THE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION

In the Matter of all Streams in the Hazelton and Fort Fraser Water Districts.

A MEETING of the Board of Investigation will be held at the Court-house at Hazelton on Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

In the Matter of all Streams in the Prince Rupert Water District.

A meeting of the Board of Investigation will be held at the Court-house at Prince Rupert on Wednesday, the 25th day of July, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

At these meetings all statements of claim to water privileges under Acts passed before the 12th day of March, 1909, on any of these streams, all objections thereto, and the plans prepared for the use of the said Board, will then be open for inspection.

All persons interested are entitled to examine these, and to file objections thereto in writing if they deem fit. Objections will be heard forthwith if the party objected to has received sufficient notice of the objection.

The Board at the said meetings will hear the claimants, will determine the quantity of water which may be used under each record and the further works which are necessary for such use, and will set dates for the filing of plans of such works, and for the commencement and completion of such works.

And whereas there may be persons who, before the 12th day of March, 1909, were holders of water records on the said streams and yet have not filed statements of their claims with the Board of Investigation, such persons are required to file, on or before the 15th day of July, 1917, a statement, as required by section 294 of the "Water Act, 1914." The forms (No. 50 for irrigation and No. 51 for other purposes) may be obtained from any Government Agent in the Province.

The claims of riparian proprietors who have filed, as required by section 6 of the "Water Act, 1914," statements of claim to waters of any of the said streams will be heard at the same times and places.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 7th day of June, 1917.

For the Board of Investigation,
J. F. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman.

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