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## SOCKEYE RUN BEING STUDIED BY AN EXPERT

Dr. Gilbert of Stanford University Sheds Light on Life History of Interesting Food Fish.

### BELIEVES THEY DO NOT GO FAR INTO THE PACIFIC

Speaking of the poor run of sockeye on the Fraser River this year, Dr. Gilbert of Stanford University, in an interview told how serious the situation was, and how some stern measures would have to be adopted if the salmon industry is to survive. The recent international fish conference that sat here some time ago decided to mark fish in order to determine how long they took to journey to the Fraser. One thousand salmon have been marked and turned loose at each of certain stations along the route. The method of marking is to punch a hole in the tail of the fish, and then snap in a button made after the fashion of a snap glove fastener.

### Where They School.

It has been decided that the sockeye school off the Swiftsure Banks, near Cape Flattery. Although it has not yet been determined, Dr. Gilbert believes they do not go very far into the Pacific, but separate at the banks for the different feeding grounds. After they have come together again off Flattery they head up the Straits, following the coast of the island exclusively, and not going to the American side on this stage of their journey. Arriving off Trial Island, they head across for the American side and follow up the coast to the Fraser, penetrating this river many hundreds of miles.

The Fraser and the Skagit river are the only streams up which the sockeye go, so that fishermen concentrate on these places and, naturally, more of the run are caught there. Other species are not so particular, so that their spreading out to all the smaller streams insures that many shall escape the nets. The sockeye will only enter a stream that has a lake.

### To Prevent Annihilation.

One fish that was marked and let loose off Sooke was caught again off the Fraser four days after. The recent commission has not yet made its report as to what should be done to prevent the annihilation of the sockeye, but Dr. Gilbert suggests several methods. When the time of the salmon's journey is determined, the close season, which exists for a certain time each week, could be so arranged at each of the different fishing stations that all salmon passing Sooke, for example, during the closed hours would pass the other stations in turn during closed hours and thus have a guaranteed passage to the river. Another method would be to divide the season in half, fishing half the season and closing for the other half. It has also been suggested that fishing be stopped for a period of four or five years so that the fish may increase their numbers. In the past there has been a good season every four years, but things have now reached the stage where this good season cannot be expected.

### Like Killing Cohoes.

Dr. Gilbert is against the catching of "salmon trout" off Cape Flattery, and at other points. He says that it is equivalent to killing calves extensively and thus stopping the supply of beef.

Fish caught on the Swiftsure banks have stomachs full of food, but when they reach Sooke they have ceased to feed, and eat nothing from the time they leave Flattery until they reach the spawning grounds. Fish that are hatched in a certain river always return there to spawn, so that each river has its own race of salmon. As these fish do not feed when on their journey they carry oil to sustain them, and the amount of oil in a salmon varies according to the length of river which it will swim up, so that it is possible to determine a fish's spawning grounds by the amount of oil in its flesh.

When asked about the chances of a sardine industry, Dr. Gilbert said that it was not at all desirable, as the fish caught would not be sardines, but young fish, thus depleting seriously the food supply.

Dr. Gilbert is an authority on the habits of fish and he has been

Devonshire.



[L.S.]

CANADA.

## PROCLAMATION

GEORGE the FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may in any wise concern,—GREETING :

A Proclamation of conditional amnesty respecting men belonging to Class 1 under the Military Service Act, 1917, who have disobeyed our Proclamation of 13th October, 1917, or their orders to report for duty, or are deserters or absent without leave from the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

E. L. NEWCOMBE, Deputy Minister of Justice, Canada. WHEREAS considerable numbers of men belonging to Class I under our Military Service Act, 1917, called out on active service in our Canadian Expeditionary Force for the defence of Canada under Our Proclamation of 13th October, 1917, although they have thus become by law soldiers enlisted in the Military Service of Canada,

Have failed to report for duty as lawfully required of them under the said Military Service Act and the regulations thereunder, including the Order in Council duly passed on April 20 last,

Or have deserted, Or absented themselves without leave from our Canadian Expeditionary Force,

And it is represented that the very serious and unfortunate situation in which these men find themselves is due in many cases to the fact that, notwithstanding the information and warning contained in Our Proclamation aforesaid, they have misunderstood their duty or obligation, or have been misled by the advice of ill-disposed, disloyal or seditious persons.

AND WHEREAS we desire, if possible, to avoid the infliction of the heavy penalties which the law imposes for the offences of which these soldiers have thus been guilty, and to afford them an opportunity within a limited time to report and make their services available in Our Canadian Expeditionary Force as is by law their bounden duty, and as is necessary for the defence of Our Dominion of Canada.

NOW KNOW YE that we in the exercise of Our powers, and of Our good will and pleasure in that behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare and cause to be published and made known THAT THE PENALTIES OF THE LAW WILL NOT BE IMPOSED OR EXACTED as against the men who belong to Class 1 under Our Military Service Act, 1917, and who have disobeyed Our Proclamation aforesaid; or who have received notice from any of Our registrars or deputy registrars to report for duty on a day now past and have failed so to report; or who, having reported and obtained leave of absence, have failed to report at the expiry of their leave, or have become deserters from Our Expeditionary Force, PROVIDED THEY REPORT FOR DUTY ON OR BEFORE THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST 1918.

AND WE DO HEREBY STRICTLY WARN AND SOLEMNLY IMPRESS UPON ALL SUCH MEN, and as well those who employ, harbour, conceal or assist them in their disobedience, that, if they persist in their failure to report, absence or desertion until the expiry of the last mentioned day, they will be pursued and punished with all the rigour and severity of the law. SUBJECT TO THE JUDGMENT OF OUR COURTS MARTIAL WHICH WILL BE CONVENED TO TRY SUCH CASES or other competent tribunals: and also that those who employ, harbour, conceal or assist such men will be held strictly accountable as offenders and subject to the pains, penalties and forfeitures in that behalf by law provided for their said offence.

Provided however that nothing contained in this Our Proclamation is intended to release the men aforesaid from their obligation to report for duty as soon as possible or to grant them immunity from arrest or detention in the meantime for the purpose of compelling them to perform their military duty; Our intention being merely to forego or remit the penalties heretofore incurred for failure to report, absence without leave or desertion incurred by those men of the description aforesaid who shall be in the proper discharge of their military duties on or before the said twenty-fourth day of August, 1918.

Of all of which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. Witness: Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, Marquess of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Earl of Burlington, Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke, Baron Cavendish of Keighley, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter: One of Our Most Honourable Privy Council: Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of OTTAWA, this FIRST day of AUGUST, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the ninth year of Our Reign

By Command,

Thomas Mulvey

Under-Secretary of State

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spending a great deal of time recently on the coast investigating fishing problems.

### JUST CAMOUFLAGE

They talk of introducing goats into Prince George. Well, well, what is the matter with Prince Rupert that this town cannot get any?

Many of the notices of meetings still ask for a "full attendance," yet these are prohibition days.

Blocks of ice are cut in Lake Kalthyn during the winter and they help to preserve Prince Rupert fish in summer time. Now the Omineca Herald announces that a block of land on the lake is to be cut up. What use will chunks of that stuff be to Prince Rupert fishermen?

A cow was killed by a train at New Hazelton and the beef was sold at ten cents a pound. Now the people of that prosperous community are praying for another cow to be bumped or perhaps a fat steer for a change.

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