

SPORT of HOBOES

Short Account of a Fishing Trip to Muddy Creek up the Esquimalt River.
By H. F. Pullen.

Fishing is a great sport and the further it takes you and the fewer fish you get, the better for you. I have just returned from a fishing trip to Muddy Creek and the lakes that drain into it. In all, I caught about half a dozen trout, but the outing was wonderful, so wonderful that today it seems as if work was the last thing in the world I wanted to do. I should like to go on being wonderful, but the thing is that if one did not work but kept on having outings, the outings would cease being wonderful and besides that the grocer would come knocking at the door and asking that his account be paid.

To those who don't know where Muddy Creek is, it may be pointed out that it is about thirty miles up the Esquimalt River beyond Port Essington. There is Brown's River on the right hand side as you go up, then Falls River on the left, and Muddy Creek is perhaps eight or nine miles beyond Falls River.

Winding Stream

The creek is an unpretentious little affair at first. It winds and twists in more directions than the snakes a.d. man sees and after four or five miles of convolutions the ardent piscatorial artist comes to the foot of the first falls and there he camps. If he is an extremely ardent p.a. he hangs his overcoat on a bush and hikes off to try the riffles, but if he should happen to be a sane person he quietly makes camp, takes a rest and waits until near dusk before going out to take his first throw. It all depends.

We camped, did E. F. Duby, Capt. Groves and I, the scribe. It happened to be the right time of day so after making things comfortable we took our rods and promptly secured enough fish for supper and then some.

The first lake is twenty minutes sharp hiking from the camp, and the best fishing is in the stream between the first and second lake, about three miles up. There is an old Indian dugout which when caulked can accommodate two people. If better accommodation is required the fisherman takes in his own canoe. There is no other method of reaching the fishing grounds. There are other good places in the lakes, but we did not go there. We got all the fish we wanted and to spare.

Easy, But Oh My!

It looks easy enough to go by launch sixty miles, camp and then fish, but it is not as easy as it might seem. The Esquimalt River is somewhat cranky and you have to take it right. In the upper reaches there are all sorts of sand bars and mud bars and stranding on them is the easiest thing in the world if you are a little ahead of the tide, and if you are not ahead of the tide and should strand, you wait until the next tide comes to float you off, that is if the next tide comes high enough. We sampled the goods at two bars so ought to know. However, the tide was rising and as a result we are not there today.

Muddy Creek is a tidal stream. We went up the Esquimalt with the tide, but Mr. Duby's fast little craft kept getting ahead too fast and a bar was our only solace. The tide at Muddy Creek is a great deal later than it is here. Our calculations made on the ground yesterday showed that the tide just began to rise at the foot of the first falls about three quarters of an hour after full tide here. The water rises rapidly, so rapidly that one has to move promptly to get out of it. Yesterday we first saw the tidal movement at quarter to four. The water had been so shallow that it was possible to walk across the stream with gun boots on. Within twenty minutes we were able to take our stuff in the canoe to the launch and as soon as we had made the two trips there was water enough to leave. The tide is noticed for about three hours twice a day.

Fine! There Is

To anyone who is fond of scenery, the upper Esquimalt and its tributaries are among the finest there is, in the way of mountain streams. At Brown's River there is a fine fall which is utilized to run a small sawmill. Falls River is the piece de resistance of the whole trip. It is one of the finest spectacular falls on the coast. At

BRINGING UP FATHER

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By George McManus

FAIR MEETING LAST EVENING**May Have Hydroplane Feature—Rock Drilling Contest—Indian Band Entered.**

The Northern B. C. Agricultural and Industrial Association directors held a business meeting last night, President F. G. Dawson presiding.

Jack Venable, fair manager, made a report on his fortnight's trip up the river and stated that he had met with fine receptions everywhere and expected there would be good results forthcoming in the way of increased exhibits and more visitors to the city for the occasion.

While at Hazelton he had interviewed the management of the Railway Employees' Investment and Industrial Association with a view to having the Larsen hydroplane here as a fair attraction. Nothing definite had been accomplished but it was possible, if arrangements can be made to handle it, that the machine may be brought here.

It might be well to mention also that there are flies at Muddy Creek and also at other points along the Esquimalt. There are no mosquitoes of the singing type, but there is everything else. The small black flies are abundant in the right kind of weather and at the favorite fishing points. There are also a few dozen other varieties and Mr. Duby says there is a specially virulent little devil with white legs. He is about the size of a gnat but he takes out a little chunk of the skin and the place bleeds. Then it swells and is sore and the fisherman scratches it and then it becomes sorer and aklast if the fish don't bite there is more soreness.

Like Salt to Meat

The devil's clubs and the fish bites and the wettings and the dozen and one little annoyances are only incidents which, like salt to the meal, add to the flavor of the trip. If you are like me and do not care about fishing particularly, get hold of some crazy fisherman and get him to tote you to the favorite stream and have the time of your life in the wilds. You will have time to enjoy it while he is fishing.

SUBMARINE CHASER AGAINST SMUGGLERS

OGDENSBURG, N.Y., Aug. 9.—The former submarine chaser CS-433 arrived here today to aid in the warfare against liquor smuggling from the Canadian side of the border. Such surplus war material of the federal government is now assembled here. Officials assert that within 48 hours the campaign against rum running will be prosecuted vigorously with naval craft, coast guard cutters,

SPEND MILLIONS IN WIPING OUT SLUMS

Displacement of 45,000 People Will Take Place in Big Scheme for London.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Twenty-two of the worst slum areas in London are to be wiped out by the London County Council. The work is to spread over the next ten or twelve years and the government will assist in it.

"When the scheme, which involves nothing less than the clearance of all the slum areas in London, is completed," says Colonel Levita, chairman of the Housing Committee, "it will have entailed the displacement of some 45,000 people, and an expenditure of many millions of pounds. The main idea is to make London a slumless city."

"Such work cannot, of course be done on a strictly economic basis but London will benefit greatly by the intensive campaign it is intended to pursue for better housing all round will mean better health and therefore a happier people."

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ARMENIAN EXODUS**Fearful of Turkish Occupation, People Leaving Syria**

ALEPPO, Syria, Aug. 9.—Armenians have begun an exodus from the Aleppo and Alexandretta districts, according to reports reaching Aleppo from the surrounding country. They are fearful, it is said, of the possibility of Turkish occupation, and they know what this means from the experiences of their countrymen in Cilicia.

Rumors are current here of some understanding between Paris and the Angora Turks by which France undertakes to cede to the Turkish Nationalists the districts of Aleppo, Alexandretta and Deir Ul Zor. This would account for the Armenian unrest. The reports, however, cannot be confirmed, but nevertheless the restlessness continues.

It is argued here that France might take such a step as this in order to lessen her military responsibilities in Syria. Recent disorders in these territories have been serious.

OH! FEATHERS!

Several artists were discussing the problem of getting a character down off an elephant, up at the studios of "Aesop's Film Fables," when somebody "pulled" this specimen of wit: "Well, how do you get down from an elephant?" "You climb down."

"You grease his sides and climb down."

"Well, you slide down his trunk."

"No, you dumb-hell, you can't get down off an elephant's back. You get down from a goose."

**DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES.****Fisheries Branch.****NOTICE TO FISHERMEN.**

The Commission appointed to investigate the Fisheries of this Province will hold meetings as follows:

Prince Rupert, in City Hall at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.

August 14th and 15th
Naas River August 16th

Port Essington August 19th

East Bella Bella August 23rd

Rivers Inlet August 24th

Sointula August 25th

Quathiaski Cove August 26th

Nanaimo August 29th

Port Alberni August 31st

Ucluelet September 1st

Victoria September 5th

New Westminster September 7th

Vancouver September 8th

Cowichan . . . At a place and date to be advised later

It is requested that all those interested attend these meetings and give the Commission the benefit of their knowledge.

Particulars as to the meeting places and the hour of the several meetings will be posted in all the canneries and post offices.

J. A. MOTHERWELL,
Chief Inspector of Fisheries,
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Located April 23rd, 1922.

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