

UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY
I should keep my big mouth shut.
The other day I was reading a news story about a scientist in the United States who had discovered conclusively that live lobsters suffered intense pain when they were plunged into boiling water, which is one method of cooking the delectable crustaceans.
He went into horrible detail about the agony of the lobsters as they hit the boiling water. First, the suffering they go through in those few seconds before life was snuffed out.
After making the reader ashamed that he had ever eaten lobster, this same scientist went on to explain a more humane method. The lobsters are placed in cold water, the water is gradually turned on and the lobsters are lulled to sleep in the warm water so that when they reach the boiling point they don't know what happens to them.

The news story gave the impression that this was a revolutionary new way of cooking lobsters. Shucks! That's an old Nova Scotia trick, practised by fishermen around Peggy's Cove and Digby for centuries. It is doubtful if the Nova Scotians ever thought very much about the lobster's feelings. The way they start the lobsters in salted water is that the crustaceans are completely relaxed until death and therefore the meat remains tender and delicious.

As I was thinking of this yesterday when Hamish and Little and Col. S. Skeffington (Ret.) returned from the States where they had been fishing crabs. These Pacific crabs are the next best thing to the Eastern lobster, and my mind wandered as I saw the old carrying a heavy sack of crabs home.

As I was standing at the door of the shed, my family and I are in the shed on account of the guests in the house. But I couldn't resist the sight of a sack of crabs so I asked permission of Hamish to enter the kitchen. Permission was granted.

"I get the water boiling," said the Colonel. "We'll use the water. It's faster."

As then that I opened my mouth. If the cold water was the best thing for crabs, it would apply equally to the lobsters of Nova Scotia. I explained about the fishermen of Nova Scotia, who about this scientist felt Little Aigue broke down in when I described what happened when boiling water was poured over a live lobster. I must have been taking a huge kettle of water, threw a pound of salt into it, and added half a pound of crabs.

The crabs were big crabs and very and also a bit annoyed by the whole thing. They were around so much that they jiggled.
"You certain this is the way?" the Colonel asked.

"Absolutely," I said. "Just on the heat and let the crabs are cooked."
There was nothing to do but for the water to boil, so I went out and sat in the about half an hour later, the Colonel's wife, who heard out the door and did you know the power?

"I meant, of course, that the plate was not working. The crabs were still crawling in cold water."
I had to build a wood shed, who had gone back to the kitchen ahead of us, now I did you take the Colonel?" he asked.

"Do you mean, boy?" I said. "Not a crab in the shed I could hear the Colonel and Hamish and I were hunting through the shed for the missing crabs. And



HISTORIC SITE—Dr. F. J. Alcock, curator of the National Museum of Canada, Ottawa, examines post marks of ancient buildings on what is believed to be the site of the Jesuit Mission village of St. Louis near Penetanguishene, Ont. Here the Jesuit martyrs, Brebeuf and Lalemant, were captured by the Iroquois and killed. University of Western Ontario archeology students, at left, study the remains of the buildings. (CP Photo)

Armed Thugs Rob Winnipeg Bank

Escape With Unknown Amount Of Cash; Trip Constable

WINNIPEG (CP)—Two armed men Friday held up a suburban branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada and made a clear getaway with an undisclosed amount of cash after tripping a suburban police chief in the doorway as he strode in to investigate a burglar alarm.

Thugs entered the East Kildonan bank at 2:23 p.m. Both wore large sunglasses, one carried a sawed off shotgun, the other a pistol and shopping bag. Covering the bank staff and three customers, they ordered all to lie on the floor. A ledger-keeper tripped the burglar alarm as she ducked down.

One of the bandits scooped up the cash from a drawer in the teller's cage and calmly walked out before the second man left.
Chief Constable Chris Enfield arrived to investigate the alarm. "This gunman tripped me as I went in the door and shoved the sawed off shotgun in my face," he said.

that night I heard Anastasia scream.
I smiled in the darkness of the shed. "One crab up," I said to my wife. "And five to go."

A little later I turned to her angrily. "What are you pinching me for?" I demanded.
"Don't be silly," she said. "I'm not pinching you. Go to sleep."
"Something's pinching me," I yelled. "Something's... You!"
Why don't I keep my big mouth shut?

Three Boys Apply To Enter Soap Box Derby, Seven More May File; Nine Sponsors Will Help Racers

Three boys have entered the annual Soap Box Derby to be staged here Labor Day and three more organizations have announced they will sponsor boys in the race.

First boy to enter was 13-year-old Billy Watmough, who was one of the six competitors in last year's derby. George Pearson, 13, of 1340 First Overlook will be racing under the colors of CCC 300, and David Lande, 14, who lives in the Belmont Apartments, will be sponsored by 99 Taxi.

Deadline for entries is drawing near and boys wishing to enter should get their names in to the Daily News office by Monday.

So far, nine organizations have announced they will sponsor boys. Latest sponsors are the Elks, Kinsmen and the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union.

The derby is being sponsored by the Trades and Labor Council, Frizzell Motors Limited, rep-

Fishermen Vote Today On New Salmon Price Offer

Largest Sockeye Run in Ten Years Heads For West Coast

Salmon fishermen all along the Pacific coast today are voting on a new price offer or a strike while reports indicate the largest sockeye run in 10 years is on its way.

In the fishermen's hands rests the fate of the 1952 fishing season. If they reject the offer—made last Thursday by the companies—a strike will take place immediately.

Homer Stevens, secretary-treasurer of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, is meeting here today with Tom Parkin, secretary of the Prince Rupert local.

Greatest run of sockeye salmon in more than 10 years is reported heading for the spawning grounds and unless a strike cuts short their season gillnet fishermen will probably make a record catch.

A strike originally had been set for June 22—opening date of the sockeye season on the Naas and Skeena but was postponed until today after the membership accepted the companies offer of 25 cents a pound.

Other prices last year were: coho, 13; pinks, 7½ and chums 5½.

Details of the offer on which they are voting this week-end were not disclosed, but it is expected the result will be announced late tomorrow.

Also voting today are tendermen, who seek increased wages. A strike by either group would seriously hit the fishing industry. The sockeye price was agreed upon after fishermen were told most of the native fishermen on the Skeena and Naas depend almost entirely on sockeye fishing for their livelihood.

SOCKEYE GOOD
More than 2,200 gillnetters are engaged in sockeye fishing between Smith Inlet and the Alaska border.

In Rivers Inlet, where an estimated 1,100 boats are fishing, the average this week has been 100,000 a day. The fish averaged six pounds each, which means fishermen in the area have been obtaining more than \$150,000 a day.

In Smith Inlet, there are about 400 fishermen, and average from that area has been 60 a day this week.
The season opened June 29 in those two areas and the heavy

Manslaughter Charge Laid

VICTORIA (CP)—Police said Friday William Green, steamfitter, will be charged with manslaughter in connection with the gassing death Wednesday of Mrs. Elizabeth Birch, 74.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of culpable neglect against Green. The jury said Green installed a pipe leading to the gas stove.

Wage Dispute Settled by Rail Engineers

MONTREAL—A joint statement was issued here Friday by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Canadian National Railways announcing the signing of a new wage agreement effective in Atlantic and central regions.

Excluding the Newfoundland district, it calls for an 11 per cent increase in basic rates of pay with no rate changes.

The agreement is effective October 1, 1952, and covers more than 2,100 engineers on the CNR for a period of one year.

Police Arrest Clerk For \$1,000 Theft from Court Office Money

VANCOUVER—Police last night arrested and charged 23-year-old Vancouver police court clerk with theft of \$1,000. Charge against Robert M. Nicholson followed discovery July 2 of \$1,000 shortage of court clerk's office accounts.

Skeena Highway Work Sees No Interruption

An important road bridge has been repaired and, unless something unforeseen develops, work on the Trans-Provincial Highway out of Prince Rupert will be completed before winter.

"There has been no interruption of work and the 1952 program is well advanced," L. E. (Al) Smith, divisional engineer for the Provincial Public Works Department, said today.

(It was reported from Victoria a week ago that the Public Works Department had been hard hit by the lack of effective government and was being forced to stand by and watch its 1952 plans crumble.)

(The report indicated that all highway work had been halted because of the cloud of political uncertainty, but it is believed the only road program tied up is that for which contracts have not been let.)

Mr. Smith, who has just returned from another inspection trip over the highway, also disclosed that Wood & McClay have begun work on the mile-long stretch of winding road east of Galloway Rapids bridge.

The work includes elimination of some of the many curves. Crews began clearing sections of the highway last week and the whole job is expected to be completed in about three months.

Mr. Smith announced also that the 200-foot, single lane Copper River suspension bridge three miles east of Terrace, has been repaired and will now handle normal loads allowed by the Highways Act of B.C.

The bridge has been restricted to two-ton traffic for the last two years and has been a bottleneck to industry in the Terrace area.

Workmen have completed installing stiffening trusses and construction of a new deck, said Mr. Smith. "There is a little more work to be done but nothing that will hinder normal loads going over."

Meanwhile the public works department's remaining highway development program between here and Terrace is going ahead at lightning speed.

"Within a month," said Mr. Smith, "travelling should be fine."

Fish Hatchery For Rupert Lakes Useless; Water Will Not Sustain Heavy Population

Prince Rupert area lakes are not highly productive of game fish and a hatchery would not improve the situation.

This is the verdict given to sportsmen and anglers last night by the head of the provincial game commission's fisheries division.

"But your lakes are by no means the worst on the coast," said Dr. Peter Larkin, addressing a Rod and Gun club special dinner meeting.

"Your lakes are mediocre—better than those in the Vancouver area—not as good as those in the interior."

Dr. Larkin gave a verbal report of several days investigation of Prudhomme and Rainbow lakes by a biological survey group.

Requested by Prince Rupert anglers for several years in an effort to determine why nearby lakes, once productive of trout, are less so now.

Main demand of the Rod and Gun club, however, was for a trout hatchery, which the club felt would cure the ills.

A hush of disappointment fell

Tendermen To Hold Strike Vote

Government supervised strike vote of tendermen employed by B.C. Packers, Canadian Fishing Company, Limited, Nelson Bros. Fisheries, Limited, and Anglo-B.C. Packing Company, Limited, will be held here Saturday and Sunday.

A Bruce Brown, district supervisor of the vote, said today workers in the same firms also will vote at Butedale and Klenutu on the same days and same hours.

Voting hours will be from 9 a.m. till noon and from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. each day.

Ballots will NOT be counted when polls close. They will be sent to the Labor Relations Board office in Vancouver and counted there.

Tendermen are members of a branch of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union.

The vote was requested by the union after a conciliation board award had been rejected. The union requested wage increases and other working conditions. They sought time off in lieu of overtime pay.

Those voting are workers employed on vessels used by the companies for packing, tending and collecting fish and for subsidiary work customarily done by such vessels, except skippers and gillnet collectors not paid on a wage basis.

The ballot asks: "Are you in favor of striking?"

St. Laurent To Visit West Coast

VANCOUVER (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent will visit Vancouver Sept. 4, it was reported here Friday.

He will address the annual convention of the Canadian Bar Association and it is understood he will attend the meeting of B.C. Liberals called to review the party's provincial position.

During the two-day visit, St. Laurent will open a new law building at University of B.C.

BULLETINS

New Move For Steel Peace

WASHINGTON (CP)—Acting Defence Mobilizer John Steelman said today CIO steelworkers and strike-bound steel industry will resume negotiations in Pittsburgh Sunday in another peace effort.

Rain Douses Forest Fire

DIGBY, N.S.—Rain poured down today on forest fire endangering two nearby farming communities.

It is believed the fire, which burned a three-mile, 1,000-acre swath, will be under control before nightfall.

TIDES

Sunday, July 20, 1952			
High	13:08	17.5 feet	
Low	6:41	3.4 feet	
	18:41	8.7 feet	

WEATHER

Forecast

Cloudy today. Widely scattered showers this morning. Variable cloudiness tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature. Wind northwest (25) in exposed areas today otherwise light. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, 48 and 65; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 52 and 63.

There's Fish in 'Them Thar' Lakes

A dominant Prince Rupert anglers' belief was debunked here when a Provincial game commission biological game fish survey party showed tangible proof that Prudhomme lake has good-sized cut throat trout.

Headed by Tom Northcote, lake survey director, the party with nets turned up a mess of nice trout yesterday any angler would be proud to show off—including several 14-inches and down to 10-inches.

The trout and other species of lake fish were caught to be tested for parasites.

Dr. Peter Larkin, head of the survey, laughingly remarked: "I think you fellows should improve your fishing technique."