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BEING LEFT TO DRIFT

Dr. Simon Fraser Tolmie, Conservative organizer for the province of British Columbia and formerly minister of agriculture in the Dominion government, tells the newspapers in the south that Central British Columbia has in the past been left to drift. Now what does the Honorable gentleman propose. He proposes nothing. He knows or ought to know that the provincial government maintains a representative in the Bulkley Valley and another in the Nechaco who help place new settlers, gathers information and lead in all matters for the betterment of the farmers. The government encouraged the growing of timothy seed and provided cleaners for the use of the farmers. They put in force the Land Settlement Act to induce settlement. They were successful in inducing the erection of an abattoir in Prince Rupert by P. Burns & Co. to handle the cattle raised by the farmers. The elevator was erected by the party which Dr. Tolmie criticizes and this has been the one greatest factor in the recent improvement in farming conditions.

While Dr. Tolmie was minister of agriculture in two successive Dominion governments the need for an experimental farm in the central part of British Columbia was just as great as it is today but he did nothing to remedy the situation, yet he now comes out and suggests that the King government should do what his government refused to do.

Dr. Tolmie is a fine man. We know him personally but we do not like to see him misrepresent matters in the interior of the province. Probably he is misinformed. At any rate it does not add to his prestige as leader of a great party.

Bees eliminate the drones. In the human family things are different. The males there often think they are the big wallop.

PLAYING FOR POWER

The game being played at Geneva by the three friendly powers —Great Britain, United States and Japan to secure supremacy each for his own country is an intensely interesting study in diplomacy, and especially the part being played by Japan.

Nippon realizes that the under seas craft and the air craft are going to be the greatest power of the future. While Great Britain and United States were having a friendly wrangle over cruiser and battleship supremacy she said little, but she put in her word to keep both as low as possible. Then when submarines were mentioned she suddenly loomed large in the discussion and asked to be placed almost on an equality with the other two larger powers.

A lot more discussion will be necessary before anything definite is decided upon and in the meantime it will be interesting to follow the trend of affairs at the Geneva conference.

Men who are anxious for the Dominion Tory leadership might spend the summer addressing political picnics.

HALIBUT CONSERVATION

Halibut conservation is undoubtedly one of the problems of the day and it will be necessary to take some action to continue the industry. Probably the fishermen know more than anybody else what means are desirable to protect the fish so it is very desirable that they make their wishes known. This is the time to do it. They should bombard the international commission with any ideas they may have. After action is taken by the authorities it is useless to set up a howl. The time to act is now, while the plans are being made.

Edmonton is advertising herself as the Eastern portal to Jasper National Park. Prince Rupert is the western portal, or at any rate one of the portals.

It is Serious When The Kidneys Go Wrong

These letters tell of two cases in which Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills afforded the desired relief.

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Miss Mary Pettipas, 158, Upper Water St., Halifax, N.S., writes:—

"I suffered for two years with kidney trouble and tried a great deal of medicines, which did not help me at all. I was so nervous I could not rest at night. A neighbour advised me to try your K. & L. Pills and since taking them I feel like a new person and now sleep soundly at nights, thanks to Dr. Chase."

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REPORT MADE ON HALIBUT

Dr. Thompson and J. P. Babcock Both Tell of Depletion of Fish on Banks

MAY CLOSE MASSETT

International Action Likely to Follow Representations in Regard to Conditions

VICTORIA, July 9.— Convinced that the halibut fisheries of the North Pacific are on their way to "disaster," the international fishery commission is planning to take the fishing industry into its confidence completely before recommending any regulations for saving the great Canadian and American food resource. Next fall members of the commission will hold a general meeting when fishermen and everyone interested in the industry will be given an opportunity to speak, John P. Babcock, chairman of the commission, announced in an important statement issued here.

Following this conference with the men operating in the halibut business, the commission will draft an interim report to the Canadian and United States governments, Mr. Babcock announced, and intimated that closing of some of the halibut banks to fishing as an experiment in conservation would be one of the proposals considered.

MASSETT AND PORTLOCK

Features of Mr. Babcock's carefully-prepared statement, the first detailed summary of the commission's work yet issued, are:

Alarming depletion has occurred in the southern halibut banks, once the chief source of halibut supply, until now if the Massett and Portlock banks were closed altogether the total catch would scarcely be affected.

Fishermen are going further and further out to sea for halibut, and while, with more intensive fishing methods the total catch has been practically maintained, this process "cannot go on without disaster."

The halibut fishermen themselves, realizing the danger ahead, are almost unanimously in favor of closing some of the more depleted fishing banks.

UNIT CATCH DECLINING

In the southern banks the catch per unit of gear declined from 450 pounds in 1906 to forty-seven pounds in 1926.

Biological studies of fish with the use of tagging methods, the first thorough investigations of this kind ever undertaken, indicate that the halibut do not form a homogeneous race but comprise a variety of races which may mingle when they are mature.

These studies show further that the younger fish can be treated and protected as separate units, bank by bank —information upon which the commission can judge to some extent of the results of any regulations which it may propose.

At the same time it is "an open question as to whether the fishery can be conservingly administered," but the commission intends to continue its scientific studies when the halibut season opens again next winter.

The propsed closing of halibut banks is a scheme which will require earnest consideration and would be only an experiment. Banks closed in this way might produce breeders and reseed themselves or they might not.

Mr. Babcock's statement, given out after a recent meeting of the fishery commission in Seattle, is in part as follows:

THOMPSON'S REPORT

"Dr. W. F. Thompson, director of the international fisheries commission's investigations, laid a wealth of detailed information before the commissioners at their meetings held in Seattle recently.

"The commission has, as has many times been stated, engaged in a study of the halibut fishery and the life history of the halibut for the Canadian and United States governments. A vast amount of data has been collected to establish the condition of the fishery, and experiments have been conducted to disclose the facts in the life history of the halibut, which are essential to the administration of the fishery.

DEPLETION EVERYWHERE

"The statistical data indicates clearly that depletion has taken place everywhere, the degree of this depletion far exceeding anything which could possibly be confused by minor errors such as difference in gear used. But the most striking decline has been on the southern banks. In 1906, when the British Columbia fisheries department obtained our first really reliable records, the catch per unit of gear in Hecate Straits was in the vicinity of 450 pounds. Through the years it showed a steady decline to 1914, when it was approximately 143 pounds, and we have found that since then the rate of decline has continued evenly, until in 1927 the yield was but 47 pounds per "skate." Almost equally striking results are available for other banks.

SOUTHERN BANKS DEPLETED

"The total landed from the whole coast has not markedly declined, the highest recent year being but 10,000,000 pounds below the year of maximum return. The total yield has not, however, been maintained on the southern banks. There the decline in total taken has clearly begun, so that to maintain the total for the whole coast the fishery has had to shift to the westward. There the yields from the individual banks have increased despite the fact that the actual abundance is on the decline, the amount taken from the banks near Kodiak having tripled in the last three years. This shift of the fishery with the decline of the southern banks was taking place as early as 1911, and has continued consistently since. The process cannot go on without disaster.

The evidence, which is accumulating, seems to show that in the Gulf of Alaska, where mature fish comprise the major portion of the population, there is an apparent migration, an apparent movement of the adults.

ARE OF DIFFERENT RACES

"Through the study of structural characteristics there is evidence to show that the halibut on the coast are not a homogeneous race, but that in their earlier years at least they are comprised of races readily distinguished one from the other. There are big-headed, slow-growing races, and small-headed, fast-growing races, but on the offshore banks there is some evidence that these races intermingle when mature.

"Some progress has also been made in the study of spawning places and depths at which spawning occurs. Floating fertilized eggs have been taken at a depth of over two hundred fathoms, and a few larvae have been taken, smaller than any previously recorded. This material is important from the standpoint of the drift of the eggs and larvae, and the corresponding spawning migrations of the adults, but the material so far obtained from this line of work is scant. Just as it was well under way our field work was stopped, the chartered halibut fishing vessel Scandia was wrecked and all the expensive deep sea apparatus was lost. This season was too far advanced to permit of further work. We know, however, that the results will prove of great importance in connection with the facts indicated by other lines of investigation, and we hope during the coming winter to add essential facts to our knowledge.

REGULATION FEASIBLE

"The percentage of mature on different banks, the age of maturity, and the relative rates of growth on different banks also contribute, with the above facts, to building up a foundation upon which methods of regulation can be safely built. This is particularly true of the demonstration that the younger fish can be treated and protected as separate units, bank by bank. So complete is the information at hand that the commissioners have a splendid basis upon which to judge of the results of any regulations in effect or proposed.

CONFERENCE PROPOSED

"It is proposed to invite the principal officers of the Fishermen's associations, the Vessel-Owners' Association and the leading halibut dealers on the Pacific coast to visit our offices at the University of Washington, Seattle, where the director and his staff will show them the nature of the data that has been compiled in order that they may be fully informed of the drift of the evidence which the commission has accumulated. This will be followed by a general meeting, when all interested parties will be asked to express their views. Following that conference the commissioners will draft an interim report for presentation to their respective governments."

NO CHANGE LIKELY IN TIME ALLOWED PASSENGERS IN PORT

The question of a longer stop at Prince Rupert for the east-bound passengers was again the subject of mention at the board of trade meeting last night, Thomas McClymont presiding. A letter from B. C. Keeley, head of the coast steamship service, was read in which it was explained that it would be almost impossible to make any change at present. This reply was not very satisfactory and the opinion was expressed that Prince Rupert was as usual being made the goat. After it was suggested that the company would probably make some changes another season, the matter was allowed to drop, the letter being referred to the trade and navigation committee for further consideration.

RESTAURANT MAN TO MARRY SUNDAY

Nuptials of Miss Zorka Mulich and Tom Caroff Will Take Place in Manse Tomorrow

The marriage will take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. J. R. Frizell officiating, of Tom Caroff, popular partner in the Boston Cafe business, and Miss Zorka Mulich, who recently arrived in the city from Princeton. The couple will be attended by Miss Amelia Gurvich and John Gurvich.

On Monday afternoon, the couple will sail by the steamer Prince George for a month's honeymoon trip which will include a visit in Trail where the bride-elect's parents reside.

LAND ACT.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate at Sewell Inlet, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands.

TAKE NOTICE that Kelley Logging Company Limited, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation Timber Merchants, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Lot 470 Sewell Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands; thence north 80 chains; thence east 90 chains, more or less, to shore; thence following the shore line in a southwesterly direction to the point of commencement, and containing 190 acres, more or less.

JOSEPH DOUGLAS WILSON,
Agent for
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Dated 29th April, 1927.

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Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

The Dominion Anglican Synod has gone on record urging the government to ban the importation of luxuries so that Canada's money can be more effectively used for war purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Johnson of Naas River are spending a few days in town, having come down in a gasboat which was wrecked in Gwineha Canyon. Mr. Johnson has been teaching school in the Naas Valley.

The city council last night put through a bylaw whereby women of doubtful character will be prevented from operating rooming houses.

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Commencing at a post planted approximately 8 chains south 20 degrees east of the northeast corner of Lot 472, Sewell Inlet, Moresby Island; thence following the shore line in an easterly, southerly and southwesterly direction to its intersection with the eastern boundary of Lot 472; thence north 10 chains, more or less, to the point of commencement, and containing 20 acres, more or less.

JOSEPH DOUGLAS WILSON,
Agent for
Kelley Logging Co. Ltd.
Dated 29th April, 1927.

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Commencing at a post planted approximately 8 chains south, 20 degrees east from the northeast corner of Lot 472, Sewell Inlet, Moresby Island; thence following the high water mark in an easterly, southerly and southwesterly direction to its intersection with the easterly boundary of Lot 472; then southerly and easterly to the northwest corner of S.T.L. 6215 P.; thence in a northwesterly direction to the point of commencement, and containing 45 acres, more or less.

JOSEPH DOUGLAS WILSON,
Agent for
Kelley Logging Co. Ltd.
Dated 29th April, 1927.

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TAKE NOTICE that Kelley Logging Company Limited, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation Timber Merchants, intends to apply for a lease of the following described foreshore:—

Commencing at a post planted approximately one-half mile south 30deg. east of the mouth of the Tasoo River, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands; thence following the high water mark in a northwesterly, westerly and southwesterly direction for a distance of one and one-half miles; thence in an easterly direction to the point of commencement, and containing 160 acres, more or less.

JOSEPH DOUGLAS WILSON,
Acting as Agent for
Kelley Logging Co. Ltd.
Dated 30th April, 1927.

CAMP-FIRE PERMITS

This year it is necessary to have a permit from some Forest Officer before any camp-fire may be set in any forest or woodland

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