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International Control of Fish

WHEN the scientific committee of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission meets in Tokyo this month, it may pick up some useful pointers on Japanese fishing methods.

According to experts who have been in that country, fisheries research in Japan is very advanced. It has to be. Fish supply practically all the protein in the diet of the Japanese family and constitute about one-quarter of the nation's food supply.

So extensive are its operations that the Japanese fishing industry engages about one-third of the population. Every fisheries officer is a graduate of one of the universities in fishing. Every one of the prefectures has a fisheries research station.

One visiting oceanographer noted that even meteorological and hydrographic services and the navy have an oceanography research section and that there are more oceanographers and fisheries researchers in Japan than in all North America.

In one respect, however, the Japanese fishing industry is behind that of North America. Its research is devoted almost entirely to locating and catching fish, with conservation receiving only minor attention. In view of the importance of fish in the Japanese diet, this failure to concentrate more on protecting them is surprising and, of course, could have an adverse effect on Japan and other north Pacific fishing countries alike.

Possibly, however, Japan's action in signing the International North Pacific Fisheries convention indicates that it has undergone a change of policy in this respect. The application of conservation methods is a primary function of the commission so formed. In becoming a member, Japan voluntarily surrendered its rights to fish up to our three-mile limit for salmon, halibut and herring of North American origin, and it has accepted the 175th meridian—about 2,000 miles from the Canadian coast—as the provincial easterly boundary of its salmon operations.

With Canada and the U.S.A. it will endeavor to determine the degree of intermingling of stocks in the mid-Pacific and assist in drawing a truer line of demarcation, if this is found necessary.

It is only through the closest international co-operation of this sort that our fishing industry can continue to flourish.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimer

A housewife in a half-rural suburb of a Canadian city looked out her window recently to see a man silent from a fat car. The woman was expensively dressed, and she carried a parcel under her arm.

"Now, who is this calling on me?" the housewife muttered, nobody I know.

Neatly straightening a cloth, removing her apron and patting her hair, the housewife went to the door, ready to meet the visitor.

But the stranger walked only as far as the outside gate. Then he threw her bundle into the yard and drove off. The bundle contained garbage—old greasy tins, egg shells, used tea bags, sardine tins and nutmegs.

A townswoman had visited the untidy and left her car in the yard. She was only one of the thousands who do the same thing, it she was an extreme case, she might have been a nuisance. Others are too shy to row the garbage over the front gate. They throw it over the back instead, or cache it behind bushes in some beauty spot.

There are thousands of people, in fact, who look upon the hole of Canada as one vast trash-midden. Give them time, and they will make it just that.

Many of these are to be found in the highest peaks, and fragments of beer bottle in the remotest valleys.

I live on a small, pretty lake which provides fishing, swimming and drinking-water. Many

people treat the lake as nature's refuse-pit.

Some of them throw scrap iron and cans into the water right off the beaches. Others can be seen rowing boats laden with trash at midnight, bound for their private dumping-grounds in the middle of the lake.

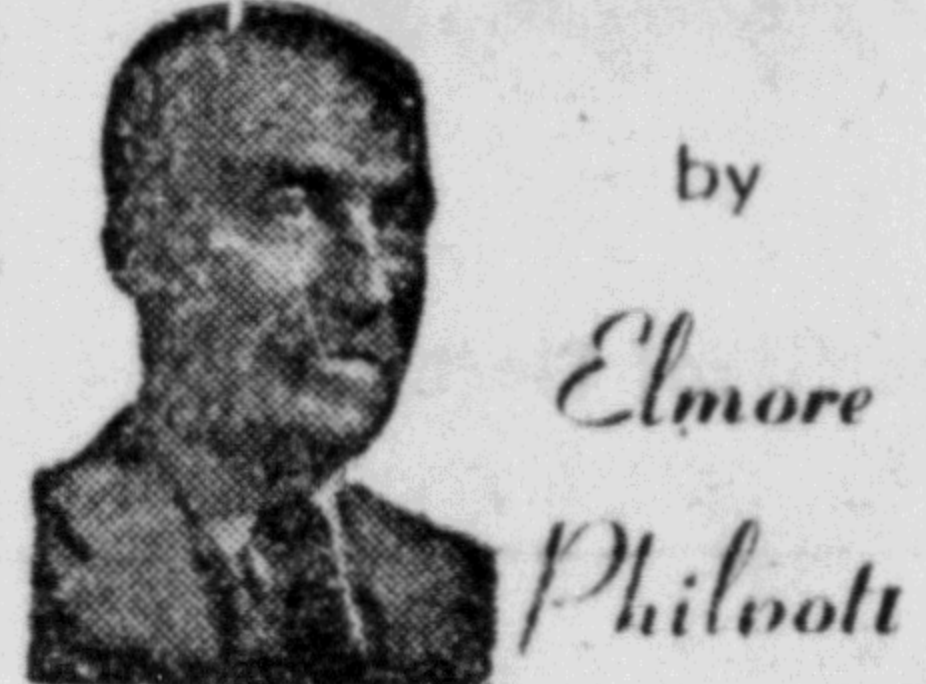
These people are residents, they build their own nests. But the worst offenders are people from towns and urban districts. They have poor garbage service. If they continue in their reckless way a city may soon be defined as "an inhabited area surrounded by garbage."

A farmer made the news recently when he drove into town with a load of junk, and dumped it in the streets. He said he was merely returning the stuff that people had strewn on his land. Eventually, countrymen may get angry enough to take united action along this line. We may see the army of farmers converging on the city in trucks loaded with country rubbish, to be dumped on city lawns.

Perhaps some townspeople will return from holidays to find that their homes have been used as storehouses for surplus wheat. Now there is a prospect to scare any bitter lout into good behaviour.

FINALLY YIELDED BERWICK-UPON-TWEED, ENGLAND. Henry Peters, 70, performed hundreds of marriages in 41 years as registrar in this Northumberland town. He retired and was married to Mrs. J. C. Dorsett, 53, in his old office.

As I See It



Hangover

A JOINT committee of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada is studying the whole question of capital punishment.

It now appears that they will not finish their work in time to make a report this year. That means that the big debate in Parliament—to hang or not to hang—will not take place till next year.

Meanwhile it seems to me that the evidence given before the committee should convince every decent citizen that hanging, as a means of execution, is a brutal hangover from the dark ages.

THE WHOLE question of whether or not society is justified in taking human life even as a punishment for murder, is one of such magnitude that it challenges human minds, hearts, and the deepest values in our religion. I do not propose to deal with it now, especially as so many other writers have already dealt with it better than I could.

Consider this evidence given by Dr. Hills of the Don Jail Toronto: "After the hanging, the physician's duty is to pronounce death in accordance with the Criminal Code. It is an unpleasant duty. The physician—this is in the Don Jail—climbs the stepladder and puts a stethoscope on the man's heart when the hangman has called him."

"The heartbeat becomes irregular and slows until it stops. I have found in the four cases—and these are quoted from memory as there are no records made at such times and also it is rather difficult to take time on such occasions—that the heart stops; the times in which are very close to 22 minutes, 30 minutes, 35 minutes, and 45 minutes, respectively. Those are the times at which, in the four cases death was pronounced, as in each case the heart sounds were heard until that stage."

UNDER the laws of Canada, it is a serious criminal offence to be cruel to animals in any way. Any Canadian citizen who took the life of a dog by hanging would certainly be guilty under the Criminal Code of torturing the poor brute.

To suspend even a dog at the end of a rope, where the heart of the poor beast was beating for 45 minutes after the act of execution, would properly be considered by everybody as a monstrous act.

Yet, under the laws of Canada, that is precisely how we deal with humans, who are convicted in court of murder.

I write "who are convicted in court of murder" because it is quite clear that the courts of Canada are already applying the death penalty, by indirect means.

SHERIFF CONOVER of York County has given the committee these revealing statistics about the murder cases during his term of office. There were 50 murder trials held. No less than 40 of the accused were found guilty, but with the charges reduced to manslaughter. Five of the accused were acquitted, five were found insane, two sentences were commuted and only three were executed.

Surely the real reason why only three were executed is that society as a whole has obvious serious doubts about the ethics of the death penalty; but society as a whole already knows that hanging, as a method of execution, is a monstrous hangover from man's dark past.

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Reflects and Reminisces

It is somewhat difficult to believe a girl with her hair up in the way it could look as bad as he thinks she does but she does.

At least Pte. Dave Schine (US Army), has pretty well crowded the living matter out of the front page headlines.

For self confidence no one can beat the man who does the crossword puzzles with a pen.

Most wives have already decided where hubby is going to spend his vacation.

Dr. Warren Thompson of Billings, Montana, deserves a medal for exceptional courage. He recently told an audience of fellow citizens that California holds no economic inducements for the thousands of people flocking there every month, and it offers no 'exceptional attractions' for the clergy.

Britain is making hydrogen bombs cheaper and more simple, and death is still as permanent as ever whether by bomb or bullet.

Just a few chunks of beef seem so silly for restaurants to make such a big stew about—Sudbury Star.

FOR YOUR MISERY

A good deal is being read these days about "broken homes" and their unhappy effect upon children who dwell in them. What is a broken home. We know a few people whose parents were divorced and who appear to have survived that misfortune remarkably well. We have known people from very unhappy homes who themselves found happiness in life. When people talk about a broken home, just what they mean. An example which comes to mind is that of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, whose childhood was far from happy.

No fewer than 2,478 were killed in April-December 1941 at Tobruk, North Africa, and this was duly noted by the Queen and Duke during the recent world tour visit. There were 232 days of siege. Tobruk was not over-flowing with tragic memories of the opening stages of the last war. And today's chief efforts are devoted toward mainly holding off the outbreak of another.

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Report From PARLIAMENT

By E. J. Applewhite, (MP for Skeena)

I have noted with interest that the Prince Rupert Branch of the Navy League of Canada has been making its annual appeal for funds and I hope it was entirely successful. It was my privilege to be the secretary of the Branch for several years and I have a personal knowledge of the good work done by the Navy League, particularly, of course, in its sponsoring of the sea-cadets.

Word has been sent me by the Department of Fisheries that approval has been given to the transporting of live lobsters for an experiment to be undertaken at Prince Rupert by enterprising individuals to hope to produce a Pacific Coast lobster. I understand this has been tried before, elsewhere on the Coast, without success; let's hope this attempt will work, although I must say I have yet to meet the lobster that can hold a candle to our Pacific crab.

Farmers' and fishermen's mutual insurance companies should be pleased with the amendment introduced by the government on May 12 to its budget resolutions. The amendment provides for the exemption from taxation for the 1954 and subsequent taxation years of insurers, not less than 50 per cent of whose gross premium income was in respect of the insurance of farm property, property used in fishing or residences of farmers or fishermen.

Many people have feared that a discontinuance of certain weather tests on Digby Island would affect the possibilities of an airport. I have now a letter from the Minister of Transport in which he says, "I have subsequently looked into this matter and can reassure you that while

weather conditions are, of course, a factor in any final decision that might be made, the fact that we are not continuing weather survey work at the present time would not in any way be prejudicial to the decision on this matter. I believe there is some concern in your mind on this point and I did wish to reassure you." I have now asked the definite question whether it is established that weather conditions are such that they of themselves are no deterrent.

The past year has seen very substantial accomplishments in Canada's Defence Program announced by the minister of National Defence on February 5, 1951. With the cessation of hostilities in Korea on July 27, 1953, the United Nations forces achieved the military objective of their efforts in that area, but until there is a peace settlement we continue to maintain the 25th Brigade in Korea. We continue to take our share in NATO activities, which activities are really in the nature of a modern miracle as never before has the world witnessed the formation of a defensive alliance in which in time of peace units of the navies, armies and air forces of member

nations have actually been combined under an effective common command. The Canadian Air Division is fully operational and constitutes one of NATO's most highly efficient fighting components.

It was a real pleasure to meet Georgina Mitchell of Prince Rupert and Vern Dettwiler of Smithers here on the Rotary Club's "Adventure in Citizenship." I was able to attend two of the functions held for these students and was very sorry that I was not able to keep my engagement to take them to dinner in the Parliamentary restaurant, as that day my wife had a fall and broke a rib. However, my friend, Tom Barnett, COP mem-

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