

The Hawk and The Fish

Come with me for a few minutes to Metis-Beach. It's a brief period for so long a trip but in imagination one travels far in a short time. Metis is a little burgh, about four hundred and seventy-five miles north-east of Ottawa, perhaps fifty less as a duck flies if a duck ever does fly straight. Now get your geography right. This place is situated on the south bank of the St. Lawrence river about forty miles east of Rimouski which is the last port of call for out-going steamers on the St. Lawrence, the first place they touch on their return journey.

The town and its neighbour Les Boules is about three miles long and one street wide, with straggling houses on a higher level. The population is three hundred all the year round with perhaps seven hundred more during the summer season. People come here for a holiday, throw their worries to the winds, drink in the salt air, enjoy the sea breezes, the tang of Spruce and Cedar trees and then go back home feeling like a million dollars, wonder ever after why they felt worth less.

Of course Metis Beach isn't on the sea shore it's on the St. Lawrence River. Strain your eyes as you will you cannot see land on the other side. The tides come in as regularly here as they do on the ocean shore. The water is salt. There are gulls and fish and rocks. Shortly after sun-up the breeze moves in from the water and all day long you have a warm sun and a cool breeze, you feel very happy about it. Temperatures in the West were running from 50 to 97, in Ontario, from 85 to 90 odd degrees, while down there on the shores of the St. Lawrence, 50 and 75.

It is strange how quickly people in a place like this forget the troubles of the world as so their own. They sit and watch the moods of the river and the tides, they play golf, do it with enthusiasm, quite impossible in less moderate climates. They make side trips to other places boats to the N. shore, drives in the country to other towns.

Agriculture in the Gaspie is a rather peculiar task. Spring comes late. There is little growth until about the middle of June, when it comes with a rush. In that way it reminds me of Northern Alberta. I stood in a garden at Metis a few days ago where rows of garden peas stood eight feet high, there were all the common vegetables and flowers, also some small fruits, and gooseberries, the largest I have ever seen, they looked like plums.

One day I watched a sea-hawk, an osprey I think, plying his trade. Never before have I been so close to one in action. At Metis there are two or three small islands lying a short distance from the shore. They are called the Boule Rocks, they shelter the waters inside the barrier and present to the sea-hawk a fine fishing ground. He patrolled this territory at a fairly low level, moving from side to side watching for fish. Directly opposite some not 200 feet away he back-paddled in the air and came almost to a dead-stop.

He had seen something he wanted in the water below. He went up a little higher still watching. I saw him stretch his foot out to full length, he flexed and unflexed his claw as you have seen a cat stretch its claws while sitting before a fire. Suddenly he moved out in a wide circle, straightened out hesitated again, and then went down like a plane shot out of the sky, his body cutting the water like a knife. He was up again in a few brief seconds, a fish in his claws. There was something wrong, the fish may have been too heavy for the hawk or his grasp was not sufficiently tight, he flew at a low level finding it difficult to rise higher with the burden he carried. His hold weakened, the fish fell back into the water.

His temper was rising now, he circled again and again, hesitating from time to time in mid-air, turning his head on one side looking down. He stretched his legs, he opened his claws then he saw what he wanted and with more power in his dive, because made from a higher level, he dashed in and out of the sunlit waters, this time with a fish held tightly in his claws. Outwards he winged towards Boule Rock, again he dropped his fish but this time it landed safely. Once more he circled to see if there were enemies who might dispute possession. There were none. A fish which a few moments before seemed secured from almost every enemy but many became the dinner for a fish-hawk. Security is not enough, intelligence is needed, without intelligence security is of little value to either fish or man.

A friend of mine remarked one time that youth should take its holidays in the mountains, age should go down to the sea. There is inspiration in the one, there is comfort in the other. Fortunately in Canada we can make wide use of both. The seas and the mountains are assets of ever increasing value to the nation in the years which lie ahead.

PLAN NEW AIRLINE

RIMOUSKI, Que. (CP) — The Rimouski airport, property of the Dominion Government since its construction has been turned over to municipal authorities who intend to establish air links between Rimouski and north shore points between the Saguenay river and Seven Islands.



OTTAWA (CP) — As the second session of Canada's 20th parliament dragged to a close, the Dominion's troubled labor situation drew the main attention of the Commons.

Last week, after prolonged debate which attacked the labor question from all sides, the Commons approved the report of its industrial relations committee, formed a few weeks ago to investigate industrial unrest which has more than 50,000 workers in Canada idle.

One of the main problems the committee faced was the government's stand that increases of more than 10 cents an hour would probably be disastrous to the price ceiling. Union leaders contended a 15-cent-an-hour increase could be granted without endangering prices.

The committee was unable to ease the strike situation and failed to come to any conclusion as to just how far wages could be permitted to rise without shattering the ceiling. However it made recommendations Labor Minister Mitchell said would be helpful.

Briefly the report proposed that the Labor Minister might conduct a vote by secret ballot where a strike threatened or was in progress to determine whether a majority of workers wished a stoppage, it condemned the policy of "some unions and some employers" in disregarding the machinery provided for adjusting wages and settling disputes and referred to "breaches of the law of Canada by the use of physical force or otherwise."

It also urged a Dominion-Provincial labor conference as soon as possible to consider framing a peacetime national labor code, recommended that some form of union security be granted a union once it is certified by a labor relations board as bargaining representative, and said "a reasonable measure" of wage control was essential to price control.

The suggestion of a government-conducted vote on whether the employees wished to strike or not was welcomed by the Labor minister, although some opposition members felt this would be destroying unions by going over their head.

Mr. Mitchell also heartily endorsed the reference to unions and employers who disregarded the machinery provided for settling disputes. He advised those involved in disputes to avail themselves of the machinery set up by the Government for the adjudication of labor disputes and said that "anyone who advises to the contrary in my opinion is not rendering a service to the employers, the employees or the nation itself."

At another point in the debate the Minister said "in my judgement some of these so-called leaders in this country have deliberately set in motion policies designed to destroy the reconstruction efforts of the Canadian people."

The CCF opposed adoption of the committee report, M. J. Coldwell, party leader, saying he voted against it as a means of expressing his dissatisfaction at the failure of the committee to deal with the current strike wave.

Arthur Smith (PC Calgary West), who had moved that the committee be formed, said the government must lay down a definite policy as to how far wages could advance without injuring price control. He was not convinced of the logic of Donald Gordon, Price Board Chairman, in setting a 10 cent limit. The fact that there was no direct liaison between the administration of price and wages control was a matter of "major criticism."

While parties other than the CCF voted acceptance of the report, it had done little more, apparently, than give the Commons a chance to air its views on a general labor situation which was crippling construction and conversion. The industrial relations committee had been called at the request of the Progressive Conservative party when

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Government attempts to settle the steel strike had fallen through. The Government had jumped at the opportunity to shift some of the responsibility to other political parties. But the committee's report had, in effect, merely tossed the hot potato back into the government's hands.

Cabinet ministers remaining in the Commons last week were acting like supermen. Prime Minister Mackenzie King and three top cabinet ministers were abroad, and the heavy last minute work of piloting estimates through the house were left with the few who remained. Defence Minister Abbott took over onerous duties as Acting Finance Minister, in addition to his own work, while Justice Minister St. Laurent doubled for Prime Minister.

Mr. King was attending the Paris Peace Conference, where he finally left Health Minister Claxton in charge of the Canadian delegation. Finance Minister Hiley was attending the Geneva UNRRA conference and studying displaced persons camps in Germany, was in England preparing to attend the Sept. 2nd conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization at Copenhagen.

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MAILING SHIP WELCOMED

HALIFAX (CP) — This city was back to a four-masted sailing ship recently as the crew of the Brazilian Navy's Almirante Saldanha was fetted on the ship's arrival here on a goodwill cruise.

Valuable Tests In Swine Feeds

Among the many important lines of work carried out by the Animal Husbandry Division, Experimental Farms Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, is the distribution of breeding stock to improve the live stock on Canadian farms and, at the same time, assist in advancing scientific research. Recently a considerable number of pigs was used in the testing of their dams in the Advanced Registry Policy for Swine, and at another time 16% of the Division's pigs figured in a co-operative project with the Chemistry Division, Science Service, in determining the digestibility of various swine feeds. In addition, pigs were supplied to the Animal Diseases Research Institute, Dominion Department of Agriculture, for experimental purposes.

In another experiment with feeder pigs, the results have been made known on the relative value of protein supplements of animal and vegetable origin in the feeding of growing and finishing pigs. Protein-mineral supplements containing 65, 50, 35 and 20 per cent animal protein feeds (that is, tankage and fishmeal) were compared. The remainder of each supplement was made up by a feed of vegetable origin — linseed meal. The initial results indicated practically no difference between lots in the rate of gain, feed economy, or carcass quality.

In the experiment, as repeated in the following year, the results in a general way confirmed those of the previous test. There was a slight advantage in the rate of gain and carcass quality for those pigs fed the higher percentage of animal protein, while feed economy was best in the lots where 50 per cent and 35 per cent of the protein supplement was from an animal source. The results of the two experiments indicated that up to 50 per cent of a protein-mineral supplement used in hog feeding could be made up from a vegetable source such as linseed oilmeal, the remainder being tankage and fishmeal, without lowering the feeding value of the supplement or seriously influencing the rate of gain or the quality of the carcass produced.

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