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Keeping Her Foothold On a Slippery World

Thirty-Four Million Dollars for Defence—Export Power Bill has been Withdrawn—Howe's Transport Bill.

Ottawa, March 28th.—Keeping her foothold on a slippery world is Canada's major task in these days, just as it is the task of other nations of the world. One of the lessons which has been inserted in the first grade text book for nations in the past ten days is that national justice and idealism have no place on the highways of the world unless they are accompanied by an armed guard. It has been a bitter lesson. Around parliament hill in Ottawa the main subject of discussion has been the policy enunciated by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, prime minister of Great Britain as the policy believed by the British cabinet to be the most effective means of preserving the peace of the world and of safeguarding the interests of the British Commonwealth. This includes increased armaments, no "prior guarantee" to Czechoslovakia, but a firm stand on treaty obligations to France and Belgium in case these countries are the victims of unprovoked aggression. There can be no doubt that the bulk of Canadian opinion gives strong moral support to these efforts to prevent a world war.

Canada's Defence Estimates

The estimates for national defence have been under discussion in the House of Commons. Mr. Ian Mackenzie, the Minister of National Defence, supporting the year's appropriation of \$4 million dollars, again explained the house that Canada's policy has been founded on the principle laid down at Imperial conferences that the parliaments of the different members of the Commonwealth should make their own defence policies. Neither Canada's participation or neutrality in case of Britain becoming involved in war is automatic. Canada's action depends on its parliament. Canada's primary duty is to prevent action in case the league of Nations ordered the imposition of sanctions. This attitude, Mr. Mackenzie believed, represented the bulk of Canadian opinion, although different opinions were held by minority groups in Canada.

Canada's policy was a long range armament plan to "preserve Canadian neutrality and defend Canadian coast lines, ports, terminals, and trade routes from aggression." In addition to two new destroyers, increased personnel in the air force, new planes which would bring the number of modern planes to 102, a survey had been made in Canada's industrial plants which would be taken up to the provision of military stores. All branches of the service would undergo longer training periods during the coming year. A well equipped air force, Mr. Mackenzie said, is primary importance to the protection of Canadian territory and waters.

Export of Power

The refusal of the government of the United States to sanction the importation of electric power from Canada, has knocked the foundation from under this fertile subject of discussion. The Dominion government's bill to give into the hands of the Dominion parliament full control of granting or withholding export licenses for electric power, is going through parliament and will become law. But the private bill which was to have been brought in by a sponsor for the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission for the export of 110,000 horse power to New York State has been withdrawn. In the circumstances the bill would have been useless.

Mr. Howe's Transport Bill

One of the main features of the bill to create a transport board for Canada is a provision to enable the railways to make contracts with certain shippers on a basis of agreed charges. Water rates between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard through the Panama canal will also be regulated. The agreed charges plan for the railways which has been adopted successfully in the United Kingdom, will not be discriminatory. Mr. Howe claims, as charges will also be available to smaller shippers as well as larger and anyone believing he hasn't been fairly treated may bring his case before the transport board. Agreed freight rates would help the railways in their competition with trucks. Mr. Reid of New Westminster objected to the control of shipping between the two oceans. It would injure British Columbia, he claimed. The bill after being given second reading was referred to committee for thorough detailed examination.

New High Powered Radio Stations

In addition to the new stations in Ontario and Quebec there would be one in the Maritimes and another in the Prairies so that by the beginning of 1939 Canada would possess four of the best high powered radio stations in the British Empire. Mr. Brockington, chairman of the Board of Governors of the C.B.C. has told the radio parliamentary committee. By 1939 Canada would have 14 hours daily of the finest entertainment in the English language.

Pat was carrying a gun, and Mike met him at the granary. "What do you be carrying the gun for, Pat?" "Don't you know I am a crack shot?" "Do you see that pigeon on top of that building? Just watch this." Bang! and the pigeon fell to the pavement. "How's that, Mike?" "Oh! Now, Pat, the fall was enough to kill it!"

HOLSTEIN BANQUET MOST SUCCESSFUL

Haltom's annual Holstein Breeder's and Milk Producers' banquet held in Milton on Thursday evening last, was recorded as the largest and most successful ever held in the county. Some 300 Holstein enthusiasts were at the banquet table, while two sittings were required to accommodate the crowd. Rev. W. J. Johnston of Eglington United Church, Toronto, was the guest speaker, talking as his subject: "Nail Your Theistic Door." Rev. Johnston lived up to his reputation as one of Canada's finest after dinner speakers, as he held his large audience spell-bound by the eloquence of his delivery and the inspiration of his message.

President Morley Watson of Tansley who presided, paid tribute to the group of Halton breeders who year after year assisted in keeping Halton Holsteins before the eyes of the Dominion by exhibiting at the C.N.E. Breeders' exhibition in 1937 who were introduced were as follows: Albert Hunter, John Hunter, Clarence Anderson, Victor Lawrence, L. Nepeans & Sons, T. L. Wood & Sons, Frank Peletier, John Pickett & Son, Robinson Bros., W. B. Somerset, A. Stark & Son, John Sheppard, and A. E. Woodley & Son.

Dr. J. E. Reynolds, President of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association, also spoke briefly, dealing in particular with some of the problems affecting the whole milk market in Toronto.

Other programmes included readings by Miss Alice Gurby, solos by Mr. Hugh Beady and the Misses Anderson and Nethergut, all of which were enthusiastically received. In the opinion of many, the high light of an outstanding evening programme was one-act play "The Country Slicker," presented by the Merton Players. This is the play which recently won the Halton Drama Festival and the members of the cast, namely, Miss Dilz and Misses Cecil Brecken, Jim Brecken, Ford Rogers and Norman Giles, are indeed to be congratulated on the characterization and the artistry with which they made their presentation.

ERIN

William MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. (King) MacDonald, of Belfontain, died in a Toronto hospital, on Tuesday afternoon, March 22nd, in his 33rd year.

Despite the inclement weather, a full house attended the concert and dance in Erin town hall, held under the auspices of Erin Agricultural Society on Thursday evening of last week. Mr. C. D. Scott won the lucky number prize—an electric clock. Mr. M. Armstrong, Erin and Mrs. Spence, of Toronto, each won prizes for the spot light dance.

Robert Church, 73, of Cataract, suffered a severe fracture of his right leg below the knee. He was milking a cow which kicked over the stool and stepped on his leg. Dr. J. A. L. Scott had him removed to Lord Dufferin Hospital. He was later taken to his home.

The family and friends were shocked at the news of the sudden death of Raymond Frederick Edmond Porance, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Porance, of Montreal, Quebec, on March 15th. Mrs. Porance, (nee Pearl Steen), and her baby son visited with her mother, Mrs. Lavina Steen, a week previous, and the little lad was in the best of health.—Advocate.

NEAR RIOT WHEN BILL IS DEFEATED

There was a near riot at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto yesterday when the bill to grant drugless dealers the right to use "Doctor" was defeated.

The bill was sponsored by Thomas A. Blakelock, Liberal member for Halton. Regarding the incident the Globe and Mail this morning said:

"Former Lieutenant-Governor Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, of Ontario, narrowly escaped mobbing yesterday at the hands of infuriated supporters of the Osteopaths' Bill, which he had helped to defeat before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature a quarter of an hour earlier."

"Leading Toronto osteopaths last night deplored the action of the angry crowd, which took the form of verbal abuse of the slightly built physician and even jostling as he walked along the corridors. But, while viewing the incident as 'unfortunate,' the spokesman for the osteopaths ventured the opinion that the indignation of their supporters was not without provocation."

"Salter Hayden, K.C., presented the case of the drugless practitioners, and Daniel W. Lang, K.C., appeared for the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Their two sides of the story appeared to be entirely lost sight of when Dr. Bruce commenced his impassioned appeal and the spectators' benches began to voice protest. Thomas A. Blakelock (Lib., Halton), who sponsored the ill-fated measure, waxed indignant over its fate, when the committee rose, and privately charged Chairman Groll with being 'most unfair' in his conduct of proceedings. Last night Mr. Blakelock was still considering whether he would attempt to make the situation an issue before the House proper."

ACTON

Fire of unknown origin broke out on Sunday evening about 9:30 in the chute in the extract room at the Beudmore Co. plant here. Fortunately the blaze was detected and extinguished before it had gained much headway.

Evidence was not lacking that Acton folks backed their Band when last Friday night the Town Hall was crowded to capacity for the Bingo and old-time dance. Bandmaster Perrotti was introduced to the audience on this occasion and made the drawing for the door prize. Revenue will be used to supplement the annual grant from the municipality in financing the Band this year.

"Bus" Nicol, of Acton received serious head injuries in an auto crash last Tuesday night, on No. 7 Highway, near the C.N.R. crossing at Mount Pleasant. On the curve in the road his car was allegedly crowded and in order to avoid a collision went on the shoulder and in the ditch.

There were four occupants of the car. Bus and Tom Nicol, Bandmaster Perrotti and S. Simpson. All sustained minor cuts and were badly shaken up. The party was taking Bandmaster Perrotti home to Brampton following the Band rehearsal in Acton. The other car involved did not stop and there is no clue to its identity. Following medical treatment the boys were able to return home. The car is rather badly damaged, especially on the right side, where it went into the ditch.—Free Press.

Short Cuts that do Damage

Now that Spring is here, we urge citizens to refrain from cutting corners. "We all like sheep have gone astray," the Good Book says, and we do not have to go far for an illustration.

Whether or not other towns have the same difficulty we are not prepared to say, but so far as Georgetown is concerned, children and grown-ups seem to have an obsession to take short cuts. During the winter, with the ground protected by snow, such is not so damaging, but with spring here and soft mud roads, grass on lawns and boulevards are killed with tramping and the result is that when the grass greens up a path or bare spot is the result. Why is it that instead of following the road or sidewalk, which is proper and lawful, the tendency is to cut across people's lawns and properties? Is it habit? Or just the idea of saving a few steps. Surely a little forethought will prevent this.

No one desires a foot-path beaten across the vacant lot, but often the trespassing is permitted because the owner does not want to incur the ill-will of the rising and risen generation, or of neighbours. Sooner or later the owner is going to insist upon his or her rights with the result that the "short-cutters" will be hailed as a trespasser, or cut-the-corner addicts, can be and should be prosecuted, otherwise in due time he or she will come to the conclusion that they have the right to walk and drive wherever they like and that no one can stop them. In our opinion, property owners who have been troubled with this nuisance in the past, should assert themselves forthwith, even at the risk of incurring the disapproval of people who are too lazy to walk around the corner.

At this season of the year, school teachers would be well advised to instruct the pupils and students that the streets and roads are to be used, not short-cuts over private property or on boulevards and thus leave bare spots during the summer. Children can be taught as a rule, but unfortunately it seems impossible to teach grown-ups after such habits have been formed.

Help make Georgetown more beautiful by refraining from taking short-cuts across lawns and boulevards.

RETURN TRUE BILL FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Harold McGuire of Rochester, N. Y., Charged After Fatal Accident

The grand jury at the Halton county spring assizes held at Milton on Monday brought in a true bill against Harold McGuire of Rochester, N. Y., charged with motor manslaughter.

The charge following an automobile accident near Burlington Dec. 4th in which Lorne Tuck, a passenger in one of the cars, was fatally injured. Mr. Justice McGuire presiding, said he felt an inspection of county buildings by grand jurors was unnecessary as one had been made within the past six months.

Two undefended divorce cases were dealt with. John Henderson of Burlington was given a decree nisi and custody of his children; Thomas Massey, also of Burlington, was granted a nisi judgment.

Reforestation in Halton

ELM PINE AND MAPLE TO BE PLANTED

The following is from the Toronto Daily Star of 28th:

Halton county's long-delayed reforestation program will begin within several weeks, according to Reeve George Gordon, Nassagawwa township, county reforestation committee head. The projects begin with the purchase of some 400 acres of land on the Niagara escarpment, just above Milton. Elm, pine and maple, will be planted in large clumps.

"Where you have more timber, you'll have more water, and I'm certainly in favor of reforestation. I feel sure that the re-creation of Halton's swampy lands is just as important as reforestation," Reeve Gordon told The Star, yesterday. "No matter how many trees are planted, I still think that the draining of the swamps that held so much water was a foolish move. Large ditches, like canals, were dug, with the result that the water, each spring, got away in a big rush, causing great damage and loss of soil moisture. In the lower part of the county, the water supply is considerably lower."

Of primary importance in Halton's conservation program, according to Mr. Gordon, is the work done among Halton rural children, by J. E. White, lock, agricultural representative. The encouragement given school children, to plant seedlings is a splendid way of deeply interesting them in trees, and of creating a sense of the value of a tree in the youthful mind. Last year, my five children arrived home from school one day each with two young trees, which they carefully planted. Many children, over Halton, did likewise, and the trees they planted are doing well," he stated.

The near obliteration of Halton's once extensive tracts of bush is due mostly to lumbering concerns, according to A. H. McGibbon, Esquire, township.

"Even above reforestation plans, we should save the bush we have," he stated. "Many farmers in Halton are planting trees in an effort to build up wind breaks. The disappearance of trees from this district has caused the spring water which comes from the 'mountain' to drop in amount, yearly, for the past 11 or 12 years. There seems to be just the odd, private bush left in Halton now."

A law, forbidding the cutting of any tree less than six inches wide, is considered necessary by M. J. Carlton, well-known farmer near Milton, to prevent the "complete stripping of bush in the county."

"What's the use of planting young trees, if men are allowed to cut them down before they get anywhere?" asked Mr. Carlton. "Reforestation is very necessary, lack of trees is seriously affecting our water sources, and may be the cause of our drought periods."

Agricultural Representative J. E. White explained that in the Old Country, a person cutting down a tree must plant two in its place.

"Our trees act as a reservoir, holding moisture and keeping our creeks and rivers from drying up. It is important that, when a bush has been cut, the cattle should be kept off that area, to allow for a second growth, otherwise, the seedlings will not grow," he stated.

Members of Council Meet High School Board

On invitation of the High School Board, members of Town Council met with the members of the Board last Thursday evening.

Those present were Chairman C. B. Dayfoot, W. V. Grant, R. B. Foulis, Dr. Watson and Rev. W. G. O. Thompson of the School Board, and Mayor Joseph Gibbons, Thos. Lyons, J. Costigan and N. H. Brown of the Town Council.

The evening was spent in discussing ways and means to comply with the changes in the curriculum of the school as required by the Department of Education.

No definite action was taken at this meeting, but further consideration is being given the matter by the Board with a view to meeting the desires of the Educational Department.

In all probability new plans and estimates for an addition to the school will be submitted to Council later on.

It is the desire of the School Board to work with the approval and co-operation of the Town Council in their effort to secure better educational facilities for the students of Georgetown and surrounding community.

LEGIONNAIRES FAVORABLE TO ZONE CONSTRUCTION

Members of the Major W. D. Sharpe Post of the Canadian Legion, Brampton, have expressed themselves favorable to the construction of the present zone in which the post is located. One suggestion has been made to the effect that posts of Brampton, Streetsville, Milton, Acton, Georgetown and Orangeville be grouped as a zone. First suggested at Milton, the reduction of the number of posts in the zone has met with general approval.

No Principle

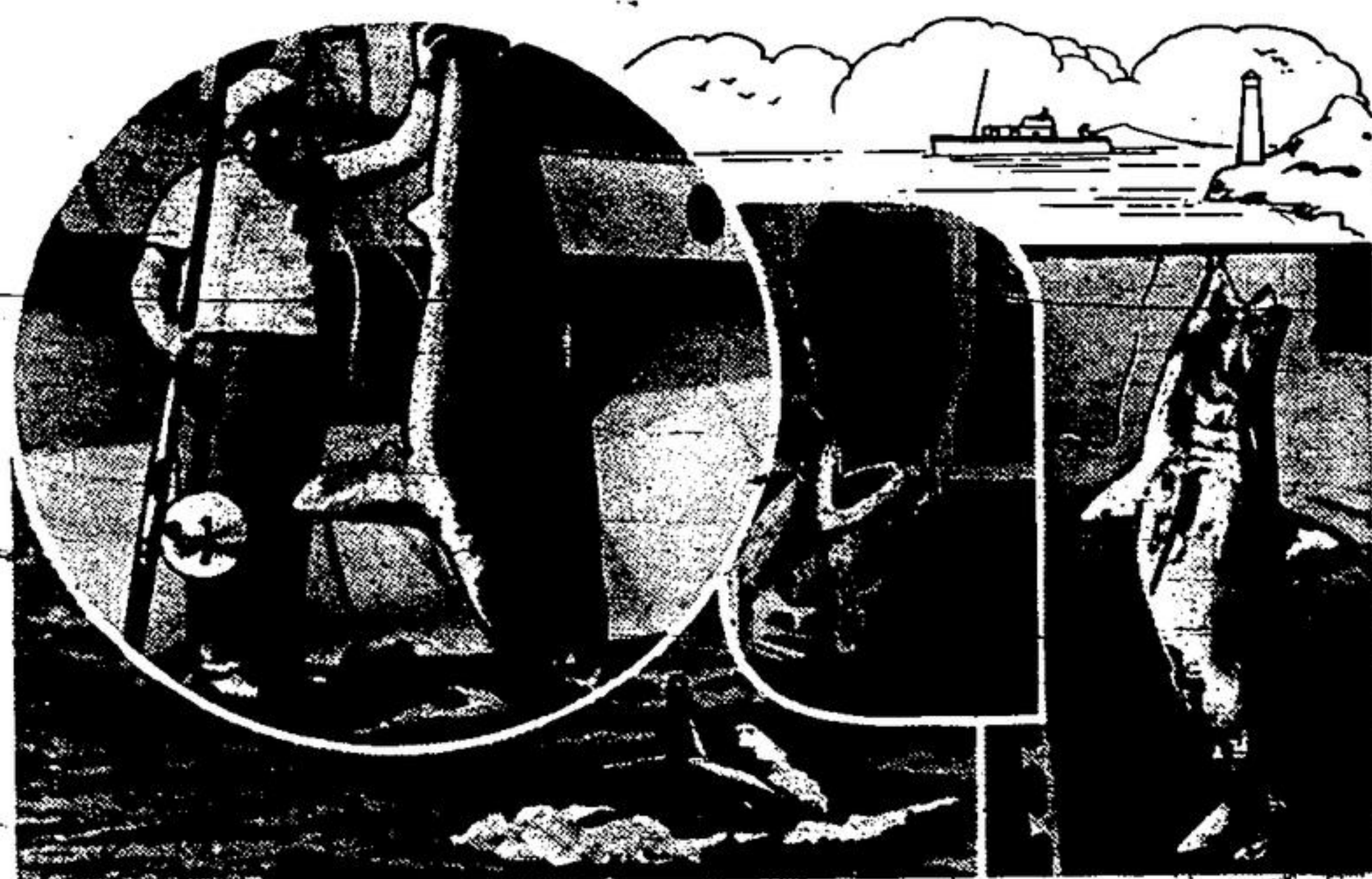
Commercial Traveller: "If a man has an income of two millions a year, what is his principle?"

Cynic: "A man with such an income usually has no principle."

"Is it very far to the next village?" a man who was walking in the country asked a road-mender.

"Well, 'tain't as far as all that," was the reply. "It seems further'n it is, but it ain't."

Shark Fishing New West Coast Sport



The spunky trout of the Laurentian and the Canadian Rockies, the scrappy bass of Northern Ontario, the huge muskies at French River have all been put on their mettle by a fighting fish new to Canadian sportsmen—the shark, killer of the deep.

Basking sharks have been found in large numbers on the east coast of Vancouver Island. While they seem harmless as far as swimmers are concerned, they are a terror on the end of 500 yards of 50-pound test line.

Many fishermen have tried shark fishing with great success.

A Victoria man, McGinty Matterson, caught the first shark. It weighed 596 pounds. The record so far is a 987-pounder landed by Commander May, of California.

Equipment is simple and not too expensive and the sport is thrilling beyond imagination. When the shark first takes the bait, a salmon from six to eight pounds, the fisherman thinks he has hooked the bottom. Then the fun starts. With mad rushes and plunges he churns the water into foam. He has a nasty habit of tumbling on the boat and snapping at the line or rolling on it and severing it with his file-like skin. You never know what he will do

next. About the time you think your back will break or your arms torn out, you work the fish closer to the boat. It is suicidal to try to land such a large fish as it is customary to give him a coup de grace with a 30-30 rifle.

It is a grand sport and a new one for Canadians but interest is so keen, judging by inquiries received by the Canadian Pacific tour department at Montreal, that many Canadian and American sportsmen are expected to unite forces in a war on sharks from July to September, the time of year they appear in greatest numbers.