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THE FISHERY FARCE.

Under the spoils system the protection of our fisheries has been reduced to the veriest farce. We are informed that the fishery laws have lately been openly and defiantly broken in and around this Province, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The chief cause of the failure of the officers to do their duty lies in the spoils system. Under this system, careful and efficient officials have been dismissed to make place for Liberal office-seekers—not all of the highest character. Take the Winter River district as an instance. Shortly after the Liberals gained office, Sir Louis Davies had Messrs Duck and Dover turned out, and in their places were put one man who had previously been implicated in the violation of the fishery laws and another who was by reason of physical infirmity unfitted for the work. So it goes all over the country. Certain favored Liberals are given the spoils of office, while our fisheries great and small are being destroyed. In a few years, if the present official laxity continues to prevail, we shall have neither lobsters nor oysters as a source of wealth and Prince Edward Island will cease to have attractions for the angler.

OUR STREETS AND ROADS.

The Commissioner of Roads for Ontario makes a noteworthy statement when he says:

"A town's streets should be the public parks, the public parks. They should be to the corporation as a whole what the grass plot in front of the house is to the individual resident. There is no higher evidence of the taste and refinement, enterprise and intelligence of a community, than well paved streets, bordered with fine boulevards and handsome shade trees. Ill-kept badly laid out streets speak of the public poverty and narrowness, an utter absence of that spirit which should possess every citizen loyal to his town's interests and wisely attentive to his own. Public streets substantially paved and boulevarded will in turn encourage a similar treatment of the private property adjoining them. There is no departure which would so justly patriotism, and love of home and country into young Canada, as the perfecting of our streets and highways."

This remark is beyond a doubt, true. We trust that our city councillors and the people of the province at large will make a note of it and act accordingly.

OAT GROWING.

The farmers of this province must necessarily continue to grow large quantities of oats. If oats should not be wanted for export they will be needed for consumption at home by horses, cattle, pigs, sheep, etc. It is important, therefore, that farmers should grow such oats as will give the largest returns. This matter has received special attention at the Experimental Farms of Canada, and some of the results of the tests applied have been given to the public by Dr. Saunders. The plan adopted has been to prepare what are called uniform test plots, selecting a piece of land large enough to take in all the varieties of oats, with a soil uniform in character. This is divided into smaller sections, usually a tenth of an acre each. These are all sown on the same day, so that all the varieties have the same chance as to soil, preparation and growth. The seed sent to all the farms is the same in fertility and vigor, so that the experiments may be uniform. These plots having been all sown on the same day, are watched throughout their growth; the day on which they come up is noted, also the date they head; and the day of ripening is especially watched for and recorded, as it is very important to know which are the earliest varieties, for the reason that the earlier ripening cereals are of so much importance. All the conditions being equal, if there are any marked differences in the yield, they must be referred, either wholly or in part, to differ-

ences in the fertility and vigor of the sample. We know that in the breeding of stock, strains are developed which can be perpetuated by careful crossing and careful breeding, and it is precisely the same with grain. Every kernel has an individuality of its own, and every variety has some points of difference in regard to growth or degree of vigor and fertility which under favourable circumstances it will manifest.

At the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa Dr. Saunders tested last year 58 varieties of oats. The highest yield was 85 bushels and 10 lbs. per acre, and the lowest yield 45 bushels and 10 pounds per acre, so that we had a difference of 40 bushels per acre between the highest and lowest yields, under—as far as we could see—precisely similar conditions. Certainly the same conditions as to weather and treatment, but soil will vary more or less even where it appears to be uniform. It is only fair to assume that this 40 bushels of difference is to a very large extent due to the difference in the inherent vigor and vitality of the special variety of grain referred to.

Banner Oat.—The Banner oat was the variety which gave the highest yield. Here is a sample of the Banner such as we have been distributing this year. It is part of a crop grown at Indian Head, where there were 20 acres which gave an average of over 97 bushels to the acre. That seed was preserved for distribution; it was shipped to the Experimental Farm here and thoroughly cleaned before being sent out. Ninety-seven bushels and 21 pounds was the actual yield per acre of that 20 acres, giving a total of 1,953 bushels. This Banner oat has been under cultivation at the Central Farm for a number of years, and from the outset, it has stood above most of the other varieties, and has given much the greatest yield for the last four or five years, so that it has become quite prominent as a vigorous variety and excellent yielder. I ventured to remark before this committee last year or the year before, that if it were possible to supplant all the other varieties of oats under cultivation in the Dominion, with the Banner, I had no doubt that it would raise the average yield from five to ten bushels to the acre all over the country even with the newest methods of cultivation.

The Ligowo Oat.—Another variety of oats which we have found very good, is called the Ligowo, which was imported from France about six or seven years ago from the well known seedsmen, Vilmorin, Andrieux & Co., of Paris. This variety gave a yield of 71 bushels and 16 pounds per acre in a small plot, put in a field lot the yield was 70 bushels and 15 pounds.

The Abundance Oat.—The Abundance is another variety which was got from the same source and has also been under cultivation for some years. It is a good deal like the Ligowo, but the grain has a decidedly yellow tint and is distinct in its character. This was also amongst the high yielders, giving 72 bushels and 12 pounds per acre in plots, and in a field of 4 1/2 acres averaging 60 bushels per acre.

The average yield of all the 58 varieties of oats tested at the different farms, was 64 bushels and 28 pounds per acre, giving a very high yield throughout for the 58 varieties. These figures are a long way ahead of what has been done on the average by the farmers in the Dominion. But that which has been done at the experimental farms may be done on ordinary farms.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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—The Department of Inland Revenue has received a request to send samples of extra Manitoba hard wheat to Belgium. Tests will be made in Brussels of all known qualities of wheat.

—It is said that Hon. Mr. Sifton has flunked on the Yukon mining regulations. Upon his return to Ottawa it is stated that he will recommend that instead of reserving all alternate claims the Government shall reserve claims in blocks of ten, that the size of claims be increased from 100 to 150 feet, and that the cost of working claims be got from the royalty.

—Montreal Gazette: There is more dissatisfaction among the Laurier Government supporters. The smelting commissioners who went about the country collecting evidence against Conservative office holders who supported Conservative parliamentary candidates are being paid off at the rate of \$15 a day. They wanted \$25 a day, and their work was mean enough to justify such a charge. The difference of \$10 a day in their own and their employers' idea as to their remuneration is the cause of their wrath.

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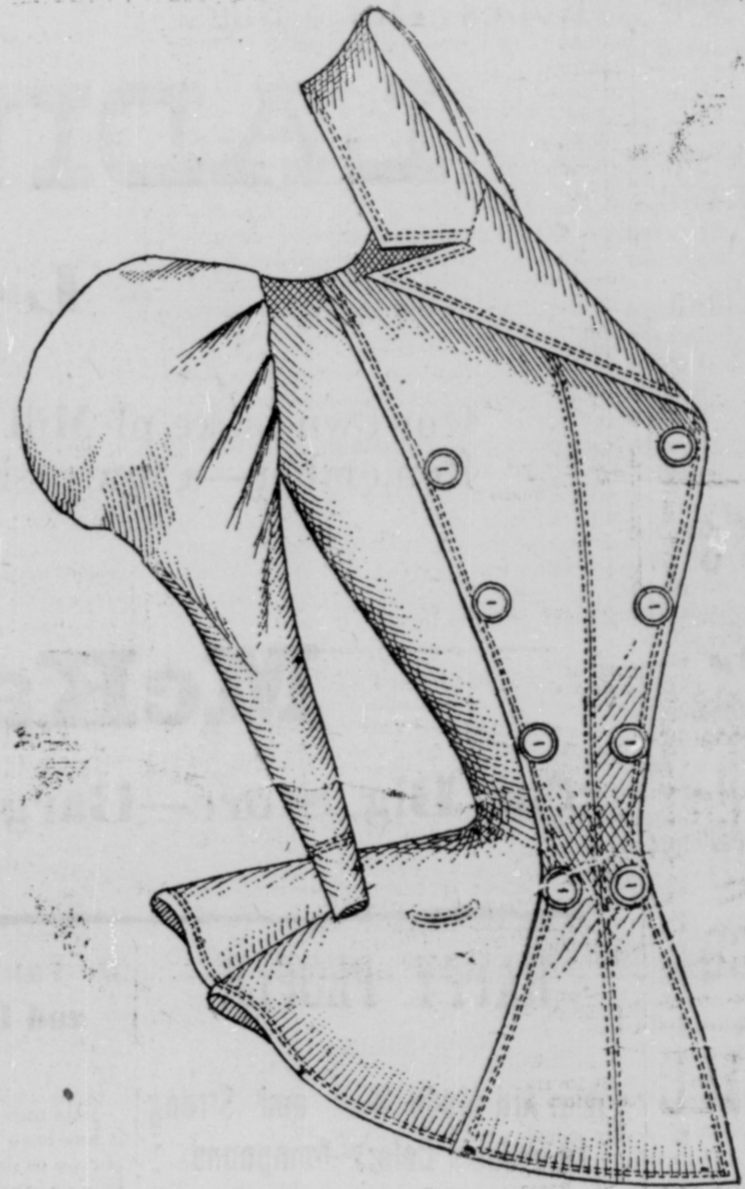
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