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SEINERS ASKED STAY OUTSIDE INNER REACHES FORTUNE BAY

Herring purse seiners and mid-water trawlers are being asked to stay outside the inner reaches of Fortune Bay on the south coast of the province. This is a temporary measure pending recommendations of a special task force set up to resolve their conflict with inshore fishermen in the area.

The restriction is effective inside of a line drawn between Friar Head on the north side of Fortune Bay and Big Head on the south side. Inshore fishermen within this area may not operate outside the lines.

Purpose of the move is to ease conflict between inshore fishermen and operators of larger vessels. Inshore fishermen have complained of interference with their fishing gear and reduced herring catches as a result of the operations of larger craft.

The task force investigating the situation will consist of representatives of fishermen, industry and government.

Fisheries and Forestry Minister Jack Davis emphasized that the Fisheries and Forestry Department, as a matter of general policy, is opposed to the establishment of such lines, and this action is not to be taken as creating a precedent in Fortune Bay or elsewhere on Canada's east coast.

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NEW DEPARTMENT DEPUTY TO BE NAMED

Prime Minister Trudeau has announced the intention of the government to appoint Mr. Robert F. Shaw of Montreal to the position of Deputy Minister of Environment when the new Department is established pursuant to the Government Organization Bill now before Parliament.

Mr. Trudeau said if the bill had not been passed by March 1 Mr. Shaw would be appointed Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, in which position he would be responsible for the elements of the new Department which have already been transferred to the Department of Fisheries and Forestry by Orders-in-Council under the Public Service Rearrangement and Transfer of Duties Act.

Dr. A.W.H. Needler, the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, is retiring from the Public Service a few months in advance of his sixty-fifth birthday.

Mr. Shaw, who was Deputy Commissioner General of Expo '67, has been vice-principal of McGill University since 1968.

Born in Montreal, February 16, 1910, he attended schools in Montreal, Lethbridge, Calgary, Edmonton, and Revelstoke, B.C., before attending McGill University where he graduated as a Civil Engineer in 1933. He began learning the construction business as a laborer in 1933 with the Foundation Company of Canada Limited. Later he held a series of executive positions with the company, including posts in its design, shipbuilding and engineering branches, and became president of the company in 1962-63.

For a twenty-month period in 1951-52, he was on loan to the Federal Department of Defence Production as Vice-President and Chief Engineer of the Crown-owned Defence Construction (1951) Limited, and as Canadian representative on a NATO engineering team for airfield construction.

In 1963 Mr. Shaw returned to the Public Service as Deputy Commissioner General and Vice-President of the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition. In the centennial year he was made the Companion of the Order of Canada.

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RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT NOTES

Field activities in the Branch are at a stand-still with most personnel now in the process of finalizing last year's reports and planning for the new season.

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In January, Chief Biologist R. E. Cutting and R. Wiseman attended meetings in Montreal while Pollution leader S. Pond attended Departmental meetings in Ottawa.

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Ken Mercer moved into his new home on Middle Cove Road in early January.

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Miss M. Tobin joined the staff as a temporary replacement for Mrs. Pat Lundrigan during the early part of the month. Pat is on leave and will be rejoining our staff in May.

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Alex Cowan and Bill Walsh returned to work after a period of hospitalization. Alex has since left for Camp Gagetown for a two-week stint with the Army.

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In previous issues of the Regional Fisheries News a section has been devoted to each group in the Branch

to familiarize Resource Development to other employees. This month Engineering Services Group will be introduced.

This group is comprised of three engineers and three technicians with an additional engineering position vacant. The group is headed by Chief Engineer B. R. Bauld. Ken Powell is the development engineer and his duties include design and construction of fishways and counting fences. Garry Scott is the special projects engineer and his duties include designing construction of access roads and fishways. Garry is assisted by Brian Flynn whose duties entail survey of obstructions and drafting plans. Eric Tulk and Dennis Stone are also assigned to the engineering group. Eric's responsibilities include maintenance of fishways and removal of partial obstructions while Dennis assists Ken Powell and performs other drafting and design duties.

Also the responsibility of the engineering group is the Bishop's Falls Depot. Two additional employees -- R. Fitzpatrick and L. Goulding -- are assigned there. Reg is the construction foreman and is presently involved with the construction of the Bishop's Falls fishway while Les is carpenter and caretaker of the Bishop's Falls Depot.

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IMPRESSIVE RECORD WITH DEPARTMENT:
TWO SKIPPERS RETIRE

Two of the Department's most capable and amicable vessel skippers have gone into retirement after twenty years of service with the Department in Newfoundland.

Many of their friends at Regional Headquarters, along with the officers and crew members of the vessels which they commanded, gathered in building 303 January 4 to bid farewell to skippers Harry Oake and John Green.

Skipper Harry was born and educated at Fogo. He joined the Federal Department of Fisheries shortly after Confederation as Master of the patrol vessel "Eastern Explorer". In 1955 he transferred to the bait vessel C.G.S. "Arctica" and was skipper until April, 1962, when he was named to command the M.V. "Cape Freels". He was in command of the "Freels" up to the time of his retirement.

Skipper Harry studied navigation following discharge from the Canadian Army in 1947, receiving his Master's Home Trade Ticket the following year. Prior to joining the Department, he sailed for two years in the West Indies trade as chief officer on the "Dundas Kent".

A native of Little Bay East, Fortune Bay, Skipper John received his Master's Ticket in 1946.

He joined the Department in 1950, his first assignment being that of Master of the fisheries patrol vessel "Porella". He later commanded the vessels "Eastern Explorer" and "Illex" before being named Master of the bait ship "Arctica" in 1962. He was in command of the "Arctica" at the time of his retirement.

Regional Fisheries News wishes to join with all personnel in the Newfoundland Region in extending to Skipper Harry and Skipper John the sincere wish that they will enjoy many years of happy retirement.

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ADOPT BABY GIRL

There's a reason for the broad grin Staff Training/Classification Officer Gordon Slade is sporting these days. He and his wife Agnes adopted a two-month-old baby girl, Paula Susan, on Friday, January 29.

Our congratulations to the proud parents.

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AROUND THE REGION

Our correspondent at Grand Bank reports that one of the biggest snowstorms in many years battered the Burin Peninsula January 16 and 17. Visibility was reduced to zero by snow and high winds which persisted for two days. Roads on the Peninsula became blocked as equipment could not operate throughout the storm. Electric power was lost for a considerable time at Frenchman's Cove and Lamaline. Two young men died on the highway while attempting to walk in the blizzard -- one was trying to reach the nearest settlement after his car became stuck in snow. The town of Marystown declared a state of emergency to give equipment a chance to operate without obstruction from motorists and pedestrians. About fifteen inches of snow fell during the two-day storm. On January 20 another storm hit the area with another six to nine inches of snow and again roads were blocked and electricity lost to some areas.

The frequent periods of high winds during the month of January played havoc with the inshore and offshore fishery on the south coast of the province. Trawlers were forced to seek shelter on occasions and this reduced

effort thereby reducing catches. Inshore fishermen were more severely affected since they operate from smaller craft.

Angling activity got underway along the Burin Peninsula January 15 with good ice conditions but inclement weather being experienced. A few brave hearts cut a few holes in various ponds and did manage to obtain small catches. A small minority of the anglers were successful in approaching the limit.

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A minor 'flu epidemic was responsible for the absence of some employees in District "B" who were unable to report for work. Many residents of the south coast were struck down with influenza which hit both adults and children. School attendance was affected as well as employee performance in various fish processing establishments. Hospitals around the Burin Peninsula were taxed to the limit during clinic hours.

With the opening of the trout angling season on January 15, the more ardent fishermen made an appearance on some of the more productive ponds and lakes on the west coast of the province, but generally speaking most experienced disappointing returns. However, those involved in rabbit snaring experienced some excellent results.

The herring fishery is now in full swing in western Newfoundland and those not already millionaires will most certainly be so by the end of March. Herring scales alone are fetching ten cents per pound. Some individuals have supplemented their income by \$700.00 from this source for a three-week period.

By conservative estimates 130,000 herring barrels will have been imported on the west coast by mid-February. This figure represents an approximate expenditure of \$780,000 leaving the country.

To assist with inspection duties in the western section of the province Fishery Officer Billy Gordon returned to District "C" early in the new year and toward month's end Fred LeDrew and Frank Hounsell arrived to offer assistance.

Visitors to District "C" during the month included Assistant Regional Director H. R. Found and Marvin Barnes who along with the District Officer attended a meeting at Port Saunders sponsored by the Committee for Social and Industrial Development.

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On January 25 Miss Catherine O'Brien was a welcome visitor to District "C" office. Cathy was in the area to tape a CBC television program in connection with fish food recipes and preparations.

On January 5 a bouncing baby girl, weight 9 lb. 1 oz., was born to Edwina and Lew Crane at the Christopher Fisher Hospital in Corner Brook. This was after a six-year effort but all agree that the end crowns the labor.

Fishery Officer Jim Mullins reports that the bad winter weather experienced throughout January was a godsend to some of the people in the Port-aux-Basques area, when a large number of trawlers and seiners tied up in port two or three days each week. He revealed that ship suppliers, retail businesses and hotel operators in the area all reported brisk business. However, fish plant operators along the coast all experienced a fair amount of lost time as trawlers made longer trips and took smaller than normal catches as a result of the poor weather conditions.

District Officer Steve Payne of District "D" attended a conference on "Developing Further Education for Newfoundland and Labrador" at Gander January 14-16. While the conference was considered a success one point that was emphasized at the sessions was that delegates were unanimous in recommending establishment of community colleges in rural areas where training is made available at all departmental levels.

Assistant District Officer Hayward Ryan, together with R. Andrews and J. Dalley, visited Herring Neck, Carbonear and Regional Headquarters during the month on inspection duties.

R. A. Andrews of District "D" travelled to Halifax on a cannery course in January while fishery officer Frank Hounsell underwent pickled fish training in District "C" with officers from that district.

Fishery Officer R. J. Dawe visited Burgeo during the month on fresh and frozen fish inspection duties.

District "D" staff report that even though what was thought to be good ice-making weather was experienced throughout January, only strings of local slob ice have been reported in the Green Bay area. Nevertheless this has brought the report of bedlamer seals in that area. A small number have been taken by landsmen at Nipper's Harbour and Little Bay Islands.

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Some artificial fly tyers in District "D" are anxiously awaiting the return of H.V.E. Smith and T. V. Curran from the Millertown wilderness when it is hoped they will brush sufficient white fur to dress a few dozen white wolves. Of course, grouse plumage will be acceptable as a substitute.

Scientific Regulations Officer Phil West of District "A" attended a fish canning course in Halifax, N.S., in late January.

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PERSONNEL BRANCH NOTES

A Board convened on January 12 and 15 to interview candidates for the CR5 vacancy in Records. Mr. Gerry Power was named the successful candidate, with the Board's decision being subject to the customary two-week appeal period.

A two-day "Information Canada" seminar sponsored by the Federal Institute of Management was conducted in St. John's January 13-14. In addition to his own planned attendance, the Regional Director nominated E. P. Quigley, C. D. Parrott and V. R. Taylor to participate in the seminar.

During the month the reclassification of fishery warden positions was implemented effective April 1, 1970, in accordance with a revised Position Analysis Schedule submitted some months ago.

Candidates were interviewed January 7 for a vacant Primary Products Inspection position with the Inspection Branch. An offer has been made by the Public Service Commission.

Regional Office reverted to standard hours January 12 closing at 5:15 P.M. Since September 8 an additional ten minutes per day had been worked to offset early closing during the summer months.

A state of emergency was declared in St. John's Monday, January 18, as a result of a severe snowstorm which began about 4 P.M. the previous Saturday. Businesses were closed and transportation came to a halt. Before the city recovered from the onslaught a second storm struck on Wednesday, January 20, forcing early afternoon closing of government and business offices in St. John's. Provincial government offices, trade schools, and Memorial University remained closed on Thursday and all schools on the Avalon Peninsula were closed for the remainder of the week.

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It was with deep regret that we learned of the sudden death at Bonavista on January 17 of Conservation and Protection Officer Frank Ludlow. An expression of sympathy was sent to the family. Sympathy was also extended to Miss Clara Tucker, Economics Branch, whose father passed away January 22 at Winterton, and to George Fiander, Staffing Officer, whose cousin lost his life in a snow-storm January 16 in the Marystown area.

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Captain Walter Bragg took up his new duties as Master of the C.G.S. "Arctica" on January 1. Captain J. Green is now liquidating compensatory leave prior to official retirement on February 20. W. W. Collins was appointed first officer on the C.G.S. "Cape Freels" on January 1, replacing Mr. Bragg.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

L. W. Bourgeois travelled to Ottawa January 11 in connection with budgetary matters.

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Congratulations to Eugene Wiseman of Accounts on receiving a monetary award for a suggestion leading to a change in providing cost records for departmental vessels.

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Are you aware? Oil drums on which we have paid deposits of up to \$12.00 each and probably serving no useful purpose can be returned to oil companies for credit.

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Employees are reminded that standing advances for travel not being utilized on a continuing basis should be refunded.

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LIST OF BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM REGIONAL LIBRARY

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98 From lake investigations in the Kashubian Lake-
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F85 of fungi. 1953. 145 p. illus.
Lab
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78 A bibliography - Heated effluents and effects
R3 on Aquatic life with emphasis on fishes; 1967. 90p.
- Nfld. Miner, Roy Waldo
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141 The biological basis of fresh-water fish pro-
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- QL Hutchinson, G. Evelyn.
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.P45 Fresh-water invertebrates of the United States.
1953 New York, Ronald Press 1953. 769 p. illus. 25 cm.

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RECEIVES SUGGESTION AWARD

Regional Fisheries News joins with his many friends in the Department in extending congratulations to Eugene Wiseman of Accounts Branch who has received recognition for a suggestion he submitted under the Public Service of Canada Suggestion Award Program.

Eugene won the award for a suggestion leading to a change in providing cost records for vessels operated by the Department in Newfoundland. He was only the second employee of the Fisheries Service in the Newfoundland Region to receive an award under the program.

The award will be re-evaluated later this year for a possible second year award amounting to 50 per cent of the original prize. The cash award, together with a suitably framed Suggestion Award Certificate, was presented to Eugene February 19 by the Regional Director.

The aim of the suggestion award program is to provide a formal structure whereby management may solicit, evaluate and implement suggestions which increase efficiency or effect economies in the Public Service, and reward those whose suggestions are adopted. It is based on the premise that each and every government employee can participate in and contribute to the better management of the service.

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ELECT NEW EXECUTIVE

Local 90,001 of the Federal Department of Fisheries, Public Service Alliance of Canada, elected a new executive at a meeting held at the Canadian Forces Sergeants' Mess, Pleasantville, February 26. Also during the meeting group Vice-Presidents were elected to act as contacts between groups and executive.

The new executive officers are:-

President - Alex Cowan - Resource Development Branch
Treasurer - Fred Thomas - Accounts Branch
Secretary - Ralph Cooper - Inspection Laboratory

Elected group Vice-Presidents were:-

Bill Manning - Primary Products Inspectors

Ken Mercer - Technical Category

Eric Higdon - Administrative Group

W. Bruce - Operational and Ships' Crews

Bren Paul - General Technical

The local will hold a meeting on or before April 30 to discuss new business and elect a Vice-President for the executive.

In the meantime, all members who have not been receiving the Argus Journal are requested to please notify their group Vice-President of their name and address.

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RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT NOTES

Branch activities during the month were centered around preparations for the rapidly-approaching field season and final preparations of last year's reports.

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Chief Biologist R. E. Cutting attended a two-week Management Training Course in Kemptville, Ontario, February 14-26.

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Congratulations are extended to Patricia and Wayne Lundrigan who became the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl on February 23.

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Miss Nellie Kelly joined the Branch February 10 as a temporary stenographer. She will be with Resource Development for approximately six weeks.

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Andrew Jamieson was in Halifax during the latter part of the month assisting Dr. Richard Addison of the Marine Ecology Laboratory at the Bedford Institute carry out gas chromatograph tests on core samples from the Long Harbour bottom.

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Happiness is-

- Henk Rietveld - Another generator.
- Bruce Bauld - Bishop's Falls fishway completed in 1975.
- Hugh Shea - A new car.
- Harold Murphy - A one-mile codroy road (or cutting logs in Labrador).
- Gordon Whelan - Isolation pay.
- Gerry Traverse - A snack pak.
- Bevin LeDrew - A surprise birthday party.
- Eric Tulk - A concrete seminar.
- Andy Jamieson - A half dozen 4-inch trout.

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AROUND THE REGION

A National Film Board camera team made a trip on the trawler "Grand Knight" recently in the Grand Bank area to shoot footage on high seas and icing conditions aboard trawlers. They couldn't have picked a better time as the vessel encountered some of the worst weather for the season on the trip.

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The fishery in the St. John's area took a sharp upswing during the first and second weeks of the month with longliners fishing gillnets on the offshore grounds taking up to 12,000 pounds per day for several days. Catches were slackening as the month ended. Hand in hand with the above development came the rash of pan-handlers and quick dollar artists who filleted for local sale in a wide range of locations from gangboard to car trunks. Regulation enforcement brought this to a halt and most if not all local catches are now taken to a Bay Bulls plant for processing.

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Five patrol vessels operated in District "B" during February maintaining close surveillance of the herring fishery. The "Garia Bay" and the "Badger Bay" patrolled deep in Fortune Bay with the "Nebalia" being utilized for the general bay area. The "Cape Freels" also spent some time on patrol work concentrating in the Poole's Cove area. The "Burin Bay" covered areas west and east of Burgeo. Near the end of the month the "Eastern Explorer" replaced the "Goose Bay" which had been used for various assignments originating from Grand Bank. The latter vessel returned to St. John's. Many of the vessels also acted as icebreakers for inshore fishermen as low temperatures caused smaller inlets to freeze.

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Congratulations are extended to Fishery Officer Fred Flemming of District "A" who has been elected President of Branch 64 of the Royal Canadian Legion at Holyrood.

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Trout fishermen on the Avalon Peninsula are experiencing one of their most successful seasons in many years. Good catches are being recorded from most ponds, particularly in St. John's East. Thus far no illegalities have been reported.

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Engineers working on the new salt water supply system at Gaultois were amazed when they opened the valves for the first time and found that pure, clear, fresh water came through. A common laborer provided the simple answer by explaining that the contractor on completion of the system had filled the pipes with fresh water to check for leaks and therefore the project didn't include a desalinization unit.

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Speaking of engineers, a story is told concerning another water system at Ramea. Apparently engineers developed a device to place in an "open top" water reservoir which would cut off the flow of water when the level of water in the reservoir reached a certain height. The device may have worked well in Florida but they had not taken into consideration the fact that the water in the reservoir would freeze during winter making it inoperative. Magna cum laude.

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The latter part of February provided good weather for ice fishing on the southcoast of the province although catches for the most part were small. Various ponds along highways were fished for trout with Fresh Pond and Clam Pond on the Burin Peninsula yielding fair catches of smelt. In Bay D'Espoir a variety of fish is being taken through the ice including trout, cod, redfish and the occasional kelt.

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Fishery Officer LeDrew of District "A" returned from a tour of duty in District "C" during the month and was relieved by Fishery Officer Andrews.

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Trout fishing in Central Newfoundland is reported at a minimum, this situation possibly being due to very cold and inclement weather conditions during the early part of the month and flooding conditions since mid-February.

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Fishery Officer R. J. Dawe returned to District "D" from Burgeo after completing a four-week fresh and frozen fish inspection assignment.

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The District Officer and Assistant District Officer of District "D" visited Nippard's Harbour and Pacquet in February to attend meetings related to the application of fishery regulations both of a local and a general nature. The Assistant District Officer and Supervisor Tom Curran attended similar meetings at Sandy Cove and Happy Adventure.

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The staff of District "D" extend deepest sympathy to P.I. Officer Lawrence Jones on the recent death of his brother and to Frank Hounsell on the passing of his father-in-law.

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Inspection officers of District "C" were kept busy during the month with the various packs of herring for processing for export from a total of 16 factories operating between Lark Harbour and Rose Blanche.

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In order to provide assistance with inspection duties during the month officers W. Gordon, A. Andrews and F. LeDrew from District "A" were assigned temporary duties in District "C".

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During the month the M.V. "Gander Bay" was assigned offshore patrol duties in the Port-aux-Basques area in connection with dragger activity. An additional number of aerial patrols were also carried out between Port au Choix and Burgeo. Towards month's end ice was reported as being quite heavy in the Gulf area.

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Since ice conditions in Bay of Islands prevented the M.V. "Lomond" from operating the vessel's Master was assigned temporary duties on board the C.G.S. "Cape Freels" as third officer on February 20. Meanwhile the "Lomond" availed of this opportunity to undergo engine refit.

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In late February Fishery Warden Austin Solo received his Irish Sweepstake prize of 100 pounds referred to in the last edition of Regional Fisheries News. The usual congratulatory party followed.

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Fishery Officer Bud Parsons reached the 46th milestone of his career February 28.

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On February 20 the District Officer and the Protection Supervisor addressed a meeting of the Men's Service Club of Cow Head. Color slides were shown and an address given by the District Officer relative to conservation and protection activity.

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Visitors to District "C" during the month included Dr. C. M. Blackwood, Director of the Inspection Branch in Ottawa; Mr. B. Bond of the Headquarters Inspection Branch; and J. P. Hennessey, Chief of the Branch in the Newfoundland Region. All three were in the area for a meeting with processors involved with herring packing operations.

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At 12:06 A.M. on February 26 District Officer George Rendell of District "C" and Mrs. Rendell became the proud grandparents of an 8 lb. 12 oz. boy. The baby was born to Jim and Jerry Rendell at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's. Congratulations are extended to both parents and grandparents and we might add that George bore up well under the strain.

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MERCURY POLLUTION IN THE AIR

Mercury pollution, which up to now has gained much attention as a contaminant in tuna and swordfish, is now stirring concern among scientists as a pollution problem in the air.

That concern was expressed during a two-day international symposium on Mercury and Man's Environment held in Ottawa in February.

Some scientists at the symposium suggested that mercury in the air, a source that is still relatively untested, could be the reason that much of the mercury that shows up in the water, on land and in fish and in animals cannot now be accounted for.

Other scientists suggested that this airborne mercury might be an even greater source of contamination than is the mercury that is now pumped into the world's oceans by industrial and natural sources on land.

Dr. A. Hanson, of the National Swedish Environment Protection Board, said for example that his country which has been a leader in detecting mercury pollution, has been able to trace only 60 to 70 per cent of its mercury contamination to the traditional water borne discharges from factories and towns.

He said that the air is now a prime suspect.

Backing up the Swedish suspicion is a study done by the Centre for the Biology of Natural Systems at Washington University in St. Louis.

In that study, according to Dr. Donald Selig, chairman of the centre's heavy metal task force, a helicopter with mercury detection apparatus, was flown over large smoke stacks - especially of power plants and municipal refuse incinerators - in St. Louis and Chicago. It was found that the concentrations of mercury were substantially higher in the fumes coming out of the stacks than in the general air.

The St. Louis scientists reasoned that mercury, which is often closely bound with sulphur compounds in the earth, was freed when coal or oil was burned in the power plant boilers to create steam to turn generators.

The mercury was high in fumes from stacks of municipal incinerators, Selig said, because paper is a major part of municipal refuse and mercury is a key factor in the production of paper.

Dr. H. D. Paavila, of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, another speaker at the symposium, said that although efforts had been made to reduce the amount of mercury in manufacturing paper, mercury was still an important element in making caustic soda that was an essential part of the pulping and bleaching process.

In addition, Paavila said, the cellulose in the wood pulp acts as a strong absorber that attracts and concentrates mercury from the large amounts of water used in paper making. In some cases, he said, levels of mercury in the paper pulp are 10 times that in the original wood raw material.

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PERSONNEL BRANCH NOTES

Miss E. N. Holland retired from the Department in early February following many years of service.

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Conservation and Protection officers attended a one-week course at Regional Headquarters February 8-12 on subjects related to their work. The course was organized by the Resource Development Branch in co-operation with the Conservation and Protection Branch.

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All those who knew him were shocked to hear of the sudden death at Ottawa on February 10 of M. A. (Terry) Foley. For many years Terry had been assigned to the Fisheries Research Board, Technological Unit, here in St. John's before being transferred to Headquarters. He was Chief Engineer with the Inspection Branch at the time of his death. Sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Foley and her family and Mrs. Dodson, Terry's mother, who resides with them.

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An Appeal Hearing convened in the Board Room of the Department of Labour on Tuesday, February 16, in connection with a recent competition for the position of Chief of Records Office.

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Captain Harry Oake officially went off duty on Tuesday, February 16, and will be retired from the service on April 21. Captain Oake had remained on duty since January 1 pending the appointment of a replacement. Best wishes are extended to Captain and Mrs. Oake for many more happy years together.

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Mr. W. Collins was appointed Master of the "Cape Freels" on February 19 as a result of a competition announced late in 1970.

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A competition closed February 26 for the position of Third Officer on the C.G.S. "Cape Freels". At the same time efforts are being made to recruit a First Officer for that vessel to replace Mr. W. Collins.

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The competition for ST⁴, Inspection Branch, closed February 17; and the competition for CR⁴ for the Fishing Vessel Insurance Plan closed March 1.

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Captain T. P. White returned to duty February 24 following extended sick leave.

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Term Appointments

G. Douglas Miller joined the Fishing Vessel Insurance Plan February 15 as a Clerk.

Miss E. M. Kelly was employed February 10 as a typist with Resource Development Branch.

D. M. Hancock joined Purchasing Branch as a Clerk on February 1.

Edward J. Sullivan boarded the "Eastern Explorer" February 17 as a deckhand during the extended absence of Mr. P. Hepditch who is on sick leave.

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Lloyd Brown, deckhand on the "Bell Bay", is on educational leave until March 1.

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Mrs. Gertrude Gladney was appointed to a clerical position in the Records Office February 1 as a result of a departmental competition conducted a few months ago.

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T. M. Donahue was transferred from Fishing Vessel Insurance Plan to the Economics Branch on February 15 in the vacancy created by Miss Holland's separation.

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Captain J. T. Green who retired on January 1, 1971, was officially struck off strength February 20.

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Mrs. T. M. Morris has decided to sever connections with the Stenographic Pool to accept a position with the Fisheries Research Board. Her appointment results from a departmental competition conducted last year.

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THE GRAND BANK LABORATORY

It was back in 1964 that the idea for additional laboratory facilities for the Department's Inspection Branch in the Newfoundland Region was conceived. At that time the main laboratory at St. John's was overworked especially during the busy summer months. The floating laboratory "Belle Bay" usually visited plants in northern sections of the island in the summer, but the laboratory at St. John's still had to handle frozen fish samples which arrived from all over the province. This often

delayed the analysis because of backlog and thus the results when received were not always meaningful. It was also forecast that existing processing establishments would be expanding and additional units constructed which would further stress the facilities at St. John's.

Considering these points, efforts were made to establish a small lab at Grand Bank which is located in District "B". In that town space for the proposed laboratory was found at the Federal Building and plans were drawn and equipment ordered. It was not until the summer of 1967 that facilities were operational and analyses were conducted the first time.

The Grand Bank unit is equipped with an autoclave, hot air sterilizer, three incubators, refrigerator and deep freeze, water still, compound and dissecting microscopes plus other miscellaneous apparatus and utensils. Bacteriological analysis is mainly carried out on fish and water samples from the various plants in the district. Organoleptical detectable spoilage of samples are discussed with the Inspection Supervisor who later deals with any encountered problems.

The benefits of the lab to the district are varied and they result in providing a more efficient service to the Inspection Branch and industry. Some advantages of the lab include: (1) improved efficiency in bacteriological and organoleptical analysis of fresh fish products for a major sector of the fishery (2) efficiency in the procurement and analysis of water supplies (3) provides a united front between the Inspection Supervisor and laboratory personnel for solving field problems (4) more varied use of laboratory facilities by officers in the field (5) provides on-the-spot technical advice to field officers in the district.

The administration of the district is carried out from the same building where the laboratory is located. This provides the district management with up-to-date technical knowledge of processing conditions at all times. The information thus gained, together with the weekly submissions from field officers, provides a meaningful analysis of each operation. As the unit becomes more established and diversified it is anticipated that its usefulness will be more pronounced.

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We have been informed that a car owned by Consumer Consultant Catherine O'Brien was recently damaged in two places. Our advice to Cathy is for her "to stay away from those places" - especially the parking area in front of Holy Heart of Mary Regional High School.

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We neglected to announce in the last edition of Regional Fisheries News that an 8 lb. 4½ oz. baby boy was born to Allan and Linda Butt on January 15 at the Grace General Hospital in St. John's. Our apologies and congratulations are in store.

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Congratulations also go out to Jerry and Beulah Brothers on the birth of a baby girl February 2 at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital.

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FINANCIAL BRANCH REMINDERS

Do you operate a Government motor vehicle in the course of your everyday duties? If so, are you among the group who file returns (M.V. 2) with Regional Headquarters promptly at month end?

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Are you aware that in order for Financial Management to process accounts payable there is a requirement of four copies of each suppliers invoice?

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If you are forwarding revenue, refunds or any public money to your District Officer or Regional Headquarters you should never mail cash by ordinary mail. You have protection only when you use a bank draft - transfer voucher, money order, registered mail, etc.

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CLEAN AIR BILL TO SET QUALITY STANDARDS

A major piece of legislation for controlling air pollution in Canada, a Clean Air Bill, was introduced in the House of Commons in February by Fisheries and Forestry Minister Jack Davis who is Minister designate of the new Department of the Environment.

"The clean-up of current air pollution and the preservation of clean air quality will have top priority

in the new Department of the Environment," the Minister said. "The Clean Air Bill will provide authority to the Federal Government to lead a cooperative Federal-Provincial Attack on air pollution. The economic cost of air pollution in Canada, including health costs, housing and building maintenance, laundry and cleaning costs, etc., is estimated at \$1.5 billion annually."

The Bill gives the Federal Government authority to:

- set national air quality objectives;
- set national emission standards where there is a significant danger to health or where international agreements on air pollution control are involved;
- set national emission guidelines to assist provinces and local governments in developing uniform regulations across Canada;
- set specific emission standards for all works, undertakings or businesses under Federal legislative authority;
- regulate the composition of fuels that may be produced or imported into Canada.

The Bill enables the Federal Government to enter into agreements with individual provinces to combat air pollution within the province or in interprovincial problem areas. On the basis of such agreements the Federal Government will have authority to set individual emission standards to ensure that national clean air objectives are met and will be empowered to take direct action in emergency situations.

Penalties proposed in the Bill can go as high as \$200,000 for contravening a national emission standard and up to \$5,000 per day for producing or importing prohibited fuel or contravening other requirements under the Bill.

The national air quality objectives, based upon the degree of contamination, will be set in three ranges - 'desirable', 'acceptable' and 'tolerable'. Canada's long term goal will be to bring air quality within the 'desirable' range.

The Bill recognizes the need for monitoring air quality throughout the country and provides for the strengthening of the current Federal-Provincial cooperative National Air Sampling network.

Mr. Davis emphasized that discussions held with provincial governments had shown that many provinces were becoming very active in air pollution control. There

was also a general recognition of the need for Federal Government involvement in transboundary problems and in the establishing of monitoring networks, the fostering of research and the setting of national objectives and standards.

"The Federal Government is committed to making federal facilities 'model citizens' insofar as air pollution control is concerned," the Minister stated.

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GLAND PROVIDES 'POWERFUL HORMONE'
DOG FISH USED IN BONE DISEASES

Dogfish are being used in research to combat bone diseases in Britain.

Iain McIntyre, professor of endocrine chemistry at the Royal Postgraduate School of Medicine in London, reports that a tiny gland in the head of the dogfish could prove vital to providing a cure for Paget's disease, common among people over 40.

He says the dogfish may also be equally important in combatting an even more common bone disease, osteoporosis.

The dogfish gland has been found to be "very rich" in the hormone calcitonin which has proved to be highly effective in treating Paget's disease. A relatively new hormone, it has a strengthening effect on bones and helps to eliminate pain.

Prof. McIntyre says that calcitonin extracted from human tissues already is in use, but the hormone found in dogfish is "extremely powerful."

"Of all the fish brought in, the dogfish provides the most powerful hormone," he reports. "It's even more potent than the human hormone."

Research scientists now are trying to discover what gives the dogfish hormone its greater potency.

By what he calls "a wonderful coincidence," Prof. McIntyre found that the way in which dogfish heads are cut off at Lowestoft fish market preserved the gland.

"It's just left hanging out and it's a simple matter to snip it off," he reports. "Before this we were taking the whole head. We hope eventually that this won't be necessary."

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NEW ATLANTIC SALMON POLICY OUTLINED

Canada's Atlantic salmon industry will get special attention in the early 1970's, according to Fisheries and Forestry Minister Jack Davis. Only bona fide commercial fishermen will be allowed to take salmon in 1972. No new entrants will be allowed into the industry until runs begin to improve. Also, further restrictions on angling must be considered, particularly on the Miramiche River in New Brunswick.

"Once the Atlantic salmon fishery has been stabilized, I will be in a better position to urge the Federal Government to spend large sums of money on hatcheries and improved river conditions for spawning," Mr. Davis said. "Rationalization of our own commercial sports fishery, together with elimination of the taking of Canadian salmon by foreign fishermen on the high seas are essential to the revival of this great east coast fishery."

"In order to put the Atlantic salmon fishery back on its feet," Mr. Davis said, "we must do three things. We must negotiate with the Danes with a view to reducing their take off Greenland, we must cut down on pollution in our own Canadian salmon rivers, and we must make sure that our own fishermen both commercial and sports let enough salmon return to our spawning grounds to build up the Atlantic salmon population once more."

The Minister elaborating further said that "Canada must trim its own salmon fishery down to a manageable size. We have too many fishermen and too much gear chasing too few salmon. Few commercial fishermen can make a decent living as things stand now."

"In order to trim our fishing effort back we will have to get rid of the moonlighters. Only those commercial fishermen who earn their livelihood principally by fishing will be retained in the salmon fishery. Those who have full time jobs in other industries are now being given twelve months' notice. Only bona fide fishermen will be allowed to take Atlantic salmon commercially from 1972 onwards."

The following conditions will apply throughout the Atlantic Region:-

- (1) No new commercial fishing licences will be issued to individual fishermen.
- (2) Existing licences will be non-transferable (this means that when a commercial fisherman retires from the fishery he automatically retires his licence).

- (3) A commercial salmon fisherman must fish his gear every year in order to retain his licence.
- (4) Beginning next year (beginning in the Spring of 1972) individuals who are regularly employed in an industry other than fishing will lose their commercial salmon fishing privilege.
- (5) Licence Appeal Committees will be set up in each region to review individual cases where extenuating circumstances exist.

"Not only do we have to talk to the Danes," Mr. Davis said, "but we also have to put our own house in order. The federal taxpayer can't be expected to invest large sums of money in cleaning up rivers and restocking streams unless we can show that our commercial fishermen are making a decent livelihood taking salmon on the Atlantic coast."

"We have too many moonlighters in the industry and we have too much gear on hand. Our new policy is being introduced in order to help rebuild our Atlantic salmon stocks and raise the income of our east coast salmon fishermen," the Minister said.

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ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE HELD

The Annual Newfoundland Regional Conference was held in the Board Room, building 302, March 23-26.

Officially opened by Regional Director H. R. Bradley, the conference covered a wide variety of topics, including explanation of new herring and salmon policies, new inspection regulations and environmental quality control.

Among those attending the four-day conference was Dr. C. M. Blackwood, Director of the Department's Inspection Branch, Ottawa. Also present were District Officers S. W. Bartlett, A. Hiscock, S. Payne and G. H. Rendell, as well as District Protection Officer N. Duggan.

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SOCIAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Federal Fisheries Social Club held its annual meeting and election of officers March 24 at H.M.C.S. Cabot, Pleasantville.

The meeting featured reports from the Club President and the Treasurer and reading of the minutes of last year's annual meeting.

The following officers were elected to govern the affairs of the Social Club over the next year:-

E. P. Quigley -- President
Clarence Barnes -- Vice-President
Eleanor Driscoll -- Secretary
Doug Tilley -- Treasurer

The Club plans to hold its first general meeting of the year at H.M.C.S. Cabot on Wednesday, April 21. At this meeting the possible implementation of a fee structure for club membership will be discussed.

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FISHERIES EMPLOYEES ATTEND DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Several employees at Regional Headquarters participated in a two-day defensive driving course March 1-2.

A nationwide program produced by the Canada Safety Council to reduce traffic accidents through communitywide volunteer adult driver education, the course was held in the Board Room of building 302. The course instructor was Raymond A. O'Neill, Secretary-Manager of the Safety Council of Newfoundland.

The defensive driving program is aimed at traffic accident prevention. It offers licenced motorists a standardized method for improving their driving ability through the practice of professional safety driving techniques. Among subjects covered in the course are: preventability of motor vehicle accidents, principles of defensive driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and alcohol, drugs and driving.

All Regional Headquarters employees who completed the course received a defensive driving certificate signed by the Safety Council and the course instructor. Employees taking part in the course were: E. W. Noseworthy, Roger Peet, Jim Roberts, Ralph Cooper, Clarence Barnes, M. Farwell, Harold Murphy, Bob Mills, Lloyd Cole, Lionel French, Kevin Mulcahy, Alex Cowan, Henk Reitveld, Brian Flynn, Gordon Whelan, John Davis, Wayne Saint, Hugh Shea, Gordon Slade, Ken Mercer, Gerry Traverse, Bevin LeDrew, Frank Hicks, Bruce Bauld and Mac Turner.

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AROUND THE REGION

Some of the best sports fishing for the past several years was experienced in District "A" during March. Good catches of mudtrout were taken in all sub-districts and sea trout in the Manuels-Seal Cove and Trinity Bay areas.

Fishery Officer W. Lynch assisted in a search during the month for a missing person reportedly drowned in Smith Sound. In addition, a boat and motor were made available for the search.

Fishery Officer Roy Ash of District "A" was forced to spend a couple of weeks off duty as a result of a bout of pneumonia.

Warden Neil Woodman was taken on strength March 8 replacing Fishery Officer Fred Fleming who is at the ice fields.

The following comment, unreservedly certified as true, was heard at a salmon berth drawing in District "A" recently. Two fishermen who apparently didn't see eye to eye were exchanging caustic remarks which culminated in one telling the other "the only water you know anything about comes from the fire hose." This is offered as an example of the standing of at least one moonlighter.

Conservation and Protection Supervisor R. Morris visited schools at Ramea, Burgeo and Gaultois to lecture on fisheries conservation as part of the department's high school educational program. He was assisted by fishery officers at the various centres visited.

Hung-Foo Wong and Lloyd Cole of the Resource Development Branch's Pollution Unit visited the Burin Peninsula area recently. They were taken to the St. Lawrence mine by District "B" Conservation and Protection Supervisor to observe possible pollution from the mine effluent.

A net mending and knitting course was held at Lord's Cove and Point May during the month under the sponsorship of the Fisheries College Extension Service. Instructor for the course was Mr. Walter Foote.

Mr. T. Banfield has been employed as a permanent technician at the Grand Bank laboratory. Mr. Banfield has successfully completed a three-year course in food technology at the College of Fisheries.

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Two new cooks were added to District "B's" patrol vessel fleet. W. Handrigan is employed on the "GARIA BAY" while L. Bartlett is the new cook on the "NEBALIA". L. Banfield also transferred from cook on the "NEBALIA" to deckhand on the "GARIA BAY".

The M. V. "PORELLA" went on dock at Fortune recently for refit. The shipyard at Fortune has handled much of the work necessary on our smaller patrol vessels and reports of work done indicate satisfaction in both cost and performance.

Acadia Fisheries trawlers visited the south coast in March in search of prospective crewmembers. Many of the company's regular crewmembers were fired when they failed to join the new union which has signed a contract with Acadian Fisheries in Nova Scotia.

P. I. Officers John Dalley, James Randell and Rex Matthews have been successful in procuring regular samples of seal meat and liver in their respective areas and forwarding same to the Fish Inspection Laboratory for mercury testing.

Angling activity in District "D" is not up to par with other years, although in some areas notably the Gander Valley area some good fishing has been reported.

Fishery Officer A. V. Ollerhead and Warden Reginald Martin of District "D" are at the ice fields on board the M.V. "Arctic Endeavour", while Fishery Officer Maldwyn Crummey is no doubt enjoying a trip as Conservation and Protection Officer on board the M.V. "Lady Johnson" in the Gulf area.

Conservation and Protection Supervisor Tom Curran and Fishery Officer A. D. Decker have made several flights over the Front area and report that 15 ships are prosecuting the seal fishery in that region -- 10 from Norway and 5 of Canadian registry. The seals were located in Hamilton Inlet and Spotted Island area of Labrador and all ships were reported doing fairly well especially the Norwegian vessels.

S. G. Officer Ray Andrews and P. I. Officer Allan Warr visited Bide Arm and Englee during the month in connection with fish processing during the coming season. There is a proposal to build a new processing establishment at Bide Arm this year.

P. I. Officer Frank Hounsell has been successful in obtaining suitable housing on Fogo Island. Frank will be moving to his new headquarters in the near future.

Assistant District Officer H. A. Ryan of District "D" struck the main patch of rabbits in the Upper Rattling Brook area during early March, and it is reported that Inspection Supervisor Ray Andrews has been asked to conduct a survey of a certain basement on Grenfell Heights with a view to registering it as a cannery.

With the opening of the seal fishery on March 12 fishery officers along the Northern Peninsula issued several hundred licences to landsmen. However, to date landsmen have met with little success due to adverse weather and the fact that strong easterly winds kept ice well offshore.

The M.V. "GÄNDER BÄY" and C.G.S. "CAPE FREELS" were kept busy in the Bay St. George and Rose Blanche areas with patrol duties, but from mid-month on there was little foreign dragger activity.

District "C's" educational program continued during the month with talks being given and slides and films shown in a number of schools throughout the District. Both students and teachers found the program very interesting and informative and expressed a desire for future visits from departmental officials.

In early March S. G. Officer Frank Slade of District "C" visited Ottawa to attend an interdepartmental shellfish committee meeting. On March 18-19 Frank visited Regional Office to attend a meeting dealing with plant standards in fresh and frozen processing establishments.

On March 8 Lew Crane of District "C" and Basil Sears of District "A" enplaned for Chicago on matters relating to inspection. Unfortunately, the Black Hawks hosted no NHL team during their stay and as a result the boys were unable to try out for the National Hockey League.

Visitors to District "C" during March included Lester Riche of the Resource Development Branch and Max Strong from the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. Lester was in the area in connection with the department's educational program while Mr. Strong met with herring processors throughout the district.

PERSONNEL NEWS & NOTES

Lloyd Brown of the "BELLE BAY" returned to duty March 1 following a short absence on educational leave.

The Regional Director and the Assistant Regional Director were in Ottawa for meetings March 3. Their

return was delayed until March 6 as the result of a severe storm which passed through the Ottawa-Montreal area grounding all flights.

Expressions of sympathy are extended to Steve Pond, whose mother died March 4, and to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberts on the death of their infant son.

Mr. P. Hepditch was released from hospital around the end of the month to convalesce at home. He has been off duty since early January.

Congratulations are extended to Dennis and Duane Stone on the birth of a son on March 11.

We were pleased to learn that Mr. Albert Starkes of Nipper's Harbour, who is presently hospitalized at the DVA Pavillion in St. John's, is making progress towards recovery.

Harry Brown, former Bait Depot Operator at Bonavista, passed away at that community on March 20. He was 72. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Bill Lawrence was a visitor to the Personnel Office in late March. Bill informed us that he still enjoys a day at his favorite fishing spot.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gertrude Gladney of Records Office on the tragic death of her brother, Mr. Clarence Cook, who died in a traffic accident in St. John's March 26.

Mrs. Mildred Vallis has resigned her position with District Office in St. John's and will be struck off strength April 16.

Around the end of the month it was learned that Mr. J. A. "Steve" Stevenson of Personnel Services in Ottawa will be moving to a promotion in another branch of the Fisheries Service. Regional Personnel Branch offers congratulations to Steve and thanks him for his untiring co-operation and assistance in resolving some of the problems on the local scene.

Senior staff at Regional Office and two District Officers participated in a one-week classification course in the Board Room March 29-April 2. J. J. Fitzgibbon of Classification, Training and Audit Division, Ottawa, conducted the course and he was ably assisted by Gordon Slade, Frank Duke, District Personnel Administrator and Classification Officer with Public Works in Newfoundland, also helped by guiding one of the evaluation groups. Also in

attendance were representatives of Forestry Service and the Fisheries Research Board. All spoke well of the conduct and content of the training offered.

Gordon Foote, deckhand on the "GARIA BAY", was struck off strength March 6.

W. Glover, First Officer on the "EASTERN EXPLORER", was struck off strength March 25.

Mrs. Joan Yard, term typist with Resource Development Branch, was taken on strength March 4.

Lewis Bartlett, cook-deckhand on the M. V. "NEBALIA", joined the service on March 8.

H.W.T. Banfield, laboratory technician at Grand Bank, was taken on strength March 1.

W. Handrigan joined the crew of the "GARIA BAY" as cook-deckhand on March 15.

A. M. Boutcher was transferred from cook-deckhand on the "NEBALIA" to a similar position on the "PORELLA" March 15.

Lewis Banfield was transferred from cook-deckhand on the "NEBALIA" to deckhand on the "GARIA BAY" March 8.

F. A. French was appointed third officer on the "CAPE FREELS" March 9.

Seasonal Fisheries Warden Alphonsus Pittman was appointed Conservation and Protection Officer March 15 after qualification in a recent competition.

Marie A. Kennedy was taken on strength March 29 on promotion from the Unemployment Insurance Commission as the result of an interdepartmental competition for an ST4 for the Inspection Branch.

Eugene Wiseman was declared a successful candidate in a CR4 competition for Fishing Vessel Insurance Plan. He took up his new duties March 29.

Miss Lois V. Rowe, term typist with the Inspection Branch, transferred to the Stenographic Pool March 29.

C. D. Parrott, Regional Manager of the Fishing Vessel Insurance Plan, visited Ottawa during the week of March 15 in connection with the proposed amendments to the present fishing vessel insurance regulations. He again travelled to Ottawa March 28 to attend the regular meeting of the Advisory Committee.

B. G. Lawrence, Assistant Regional Manager of FVIP, accompanied by Appraiser/Adjuster W. C. Roberts, visited the Notre Dame Bay area to provide instructions and assistance to Appraiser/Adjuster E. C. Simms with respect to the subsidy program.

Appraiser/Adjuster S. W. LeDrew of FVIP in Port-aux-Basques was called to Regional Office during the month to assist in the workload during the absence of Appraiser/Adjuster S. W. Tilley who was in Ottawa.

Inspection supervisors from all over the region attended meetings in St. John's in mid-March to discuss plant surveys and registration requirements for the coming season. Meetings were held in building 303, Pleasantville.

Keith Spencer of the Regional Inspection Laboratory travelled to Ottawa in late March to attend a course on hazardous elements to learn methodology for laboratory testing on lead, arsenic, cadmium and possibly other metals in addition to mercury. The course was held at the Food and Drug Department, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa.

FISHERY OFFICER RECEIVES SUGGESTION AWARD

Another employee of the Fisheries Service in Newfoundland has been rewarded for a suggestion he submitted under the Public Service of Canada Suggestion Award Program.

R. W. "Roddy" Morris, Conservation and Protection Supervisor at Grand Bank, has received a \$90.00 cash award for suggesting a standardized form for taking statements from persons accused of violations under the Fisheries Act and Regulations.

The cash award, together with a suitably framed Suggestion Award Certificate, was presented to Rod March 18 by Mr. Andrew Hiscock, District Officer at Grand Bank.

Mr. Morris was born October 12, 1917, at St. George's where he also received his high school education. From 1933 to April 1940 he was employed in the province's lumbering industry. He served overseas with the Royal Artillery from 1940 to 1946 and from 1947 to 1949 was employed with the Department of Natural Resources as a fisheries warden at St. George's.

On April 1, 1949, he joined the Department of Fisheries as a warden, being promoted to the position of Conservation and Protection Supervisor at Grand Bank on September 8, 1967.

BOWLING DANCE PLANNED

The Federal Fisheries Social Club will hold a Spring dance and presentation of bowling awards in April.

The dance will take place in the Royal Canadian Legion Club at Pleasantville on Saturday, April 24, beginning at 9 P.M. During the evening trophies will be presented to the top teams and individual bowlers who competed in the Fisheries Bowling League this season.

Tickets for the dance are priced at only \$2.00 double and are now on sale. All employees of the Department are welcome and are asked to bring along their friends.

So, we'll see you all at the Social Club's Spring dance and presentation of bowling awards on Saturday, April 24.

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