

## NEWFOUNDLAND RANGER FORCE

Detachment

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Headquarters

BAY L'ARGENT

To Chief Ranger,

Date

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## File References

Report on "General Conditions January / June 1943".

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2. FISHERIES:

In this district fishing was the main industry and the one on which the people dependent for a livelihood, but since the commencement of construction work and the great demand for labour at the defence bases and elsewhere the codfishery statistics throughout this district have dropped somewhat in the past two years. Many fishermen, who were prior to the start of construction work engaged at the fishery, have now found employment with high earnings at the defence bases. The shore fishery which is prosecuted by a small number of fishermen this year, is up to the present very encouraging and some large catches have been secured both in codnets and codtraps. Three small fishing vessels from this district are operating this year at SYDNEY in the fresh fishing industry out of that port. From reports received by the owners, high earnings will be realized this year by men engaged at this branch of the fishery. No banking schooners are operating from the district this year, but many fishermen have joined banking vessels out of BELLEORAM and GRAND BANK for the seasons' fishery, prospects of which are very encouraging to-date. With the present demand and high prices for codfish this year, the earnings of fishermen both at the bank and shore fishery will no doubt exceed previous years.

3. HERRING.

The herring fishery closed on May 15th. and all packers secured sufficient to fill all packing barrels on hand. This years' herring fishery was a successful one, due to the high price and great demand for herring throughout the season. Prices paid fishermen this year were higher than former years and averaged from \$2.40 to \$2.50 per barrel, while 25¢ to 30¢ per hour was paid for labour. The total number of barrels packed and exported at the close of the season was 7278, and were made up as follows:

	Scotch.	Dressed.	Split.	Special.
ST BERNARDS	426	1658		
BAY L'ARGENT	270	611	158	222
BAY L'ARGENT	323	565		196
BAY L'ARGENT	446	1706		697

4. LOBSTER.

On April 10th. the lobster season opened and small catches were reported during the month. The price paid this year to fishermen was 13¢ per pound at the opening of the season, dropping to 12¢ per pound later. The season closed at the end of June and this years' fishery was not a successful one, due to bad weather and the scarcity of lobsters throughout the district.

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5. PUBLIC WORKS.

During the years of ablebodied relief the secondary roads and bridges throughout this district were kept in repairs by relief work. Since no relief work was performed during the past 2½ years and no public monies expended, the condition of most of the roads and bridges are now showing signs of neglect, and in some communities immediate repairs are necessary, particularly to many bridges. Work on the TERRENCEVILLE / GOOBIES highroad in building a number of concrete bridges to replace the present wooden ones is to be undertaken shortly it is reported.

6. EMPLOYMENT.

Reports as to the employment situation for the future are still encouraging. With the majority of the ablebodied men employed at the defence bases, others engaged at the fishery; very few men from this district are now home, and those are at present engaged at the local fishing industry. During the past six months high earnings were realized both by those who were constantly employed at the bases, and by fishermen who returned home to prosecute the local herring fishery.

7. CRIME.

There were 6 (six) cases disposed off during the period under review. Two for larceny, one for disorderly conduct on the public street, one for a breach of the game laws, one bastardy and one for obtaining money by false pretenses. Convictions were obtained in all six cases. The outstanding cases at this Detachment consists of: Eleven larceny cases, one breach of price control, one disorderly conduct case, and one bigamy case. Those cases will be brought to the attention of the Magistrate on his next visit here.

8. RELIEF.

No ablebodied was issued during the past six months. Sick-Poor was issued on an average per month of \$320.00. The following will show expenditure for relief for the past six months as compared with the previous six months of 1942.

<u>1942.</u>		<u>1943.</u>	
July	\$225.00	January	\$285.00
August	220.00	February	312.00
September	220.00	March	300.00
October	220.00	April	331.50
November	220.00	May	331.50
December	218.50	June	321.00
	<u>\$1323.50</u>		<u>\$1881.00</u>

The increase during the past six months was due mainly to an increase of 50¢ per ration which commenced in January of this year.

9. PATROLS - MILEAGE - COST - ETC.

The total number of patrols made throughout the Detachment district during the period under review was 21 (twenty one). The total mileage covered on these patrols being 452½, comprised as follows:-

On foot.....	60½
By boat.....	392
Total.....	<u>452½</u>

The total expenditure incurred on these patrols amounted to \$57.25, and was as follows:-

Newfoundland Ranger Force.....	\$3.30
Newfoundland Ranger Force (Contingent Account)	\$ 53.95
Total.....	<u>\$ 57.25</u>



10. REVENUE COLLECTED.

The total revenue collected by this Detachment for the past six months amounted to:-

Radio Licenses.....	\$123.10
Inland Fishery Licenses.....	1.95
Total.....	<u>\$125.05</u>

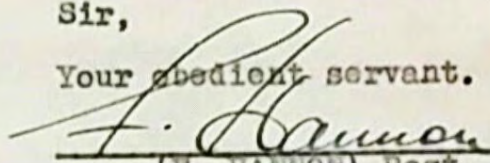
11. CONCLUSION.

Conditions throughout the district at present are good, due to employment with high earnings at the bases and fishery. Reports as to the employment situation being still encouraging and with fishermen earning good wages the outlook at present is bright in all communities of the district.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

  
Ranger,  
(F. HANNON) Regt. No. 87,  
i/c BAY L'ARGENT Detachment.