

They got so they didn't want the Lake Ontario carp. I don't know what the difference is. What they do is sell them to the people in Toronto and in New York City. They ship them. Well, they get more, they may pay us eight cents but they get...oh, I don't know. But they claim that the carp in Lake Ontario was different than the ones in the St. Lawrence River. No difference and I know it. The water's the same. You take the water right out of Lake Ontario and bring it down here in the middle of the river and put it in, and it's the same water. I can't figure why they—but that was a big whim or something that they had. I don't know what it was, but we quit—we quit monkeying with it.

THE OIL SLICK AND OPENING THE RIVER YEAR ROUND

This oil slick killed a lot of rats. We found rats down the river there—eight or ten in a bunch—laying along the shore. Ducks and everything, Blue Cranes—that oil slick killed them, you know. Killed a lot of 'em. It didn't kill all of them, but it killed a lot of 'em. It knocks them down. Down the river, towards Goose Bay and down through there, I think they picked up as high as twelve rats along there that they found just going along. There was two or three that they tried to take care of and some Blue Cranes. Conservation was around trying to save them and get the oil off them. Now whether they saved a lot of them or not, I don't know, but the muskrats—when that oil got on them they were done...and ducks, too. Up the river—up towards Clayton there—the slick didn't reach. Of course it worked down this way. Most of it was on this side of the river and didn't get over on the other side, the Canadian side, very much.

I know I went in Goose Bay the next spring after the oil slick and there were hundreds upon hundreds of sunfish and perch and northern pike that were climbing right up on the shore—right there by the head of Kring's Point. They were piled up a foot deep right up on the shore, stinking awful. I'd never seen it before so I figured it was the oil slick that helped do it to the fish in Goose Bay. It was something that done it because I'd never seen that many fish dead. The only thing I've seen that's died quite a lot is suckers over the last few years. I used to eat suckers all the time, and I'd eat them yet, but I've seen a lot of suckers dead in the last two or three years in the river. Now why, I don't know, but they're a bottom fish. They feed off of the bottom, the same as sturgeon and carp.

Yup, well as soon as the snow went down and they started washing up on the beaches and things in the spring, there was an awful lot of it. It wasn't good I'll tell you. Some of the docks are still marked up with it and the land that they didn't clean up.

I'd like to see them open the river all year round. Why, comes out three foot of ice and they claim that they can put warm water into that river. From what I've read about it, they're going to have stations up through here and they claim they can put warm water in that river and keep it open. I'd like to see 'em. Why, we won't be able to live here. The taxes will go up. What do they want to keep the river open for? It's bad enough to have them boats going up through in the summer time, let alone in the winter. There's no more good trapping in the spring, you can't fish good in the summer. No...no, there's enough monkeying in the summer time without getting

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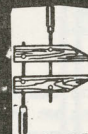
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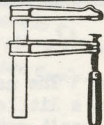
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