

Salt and Fish Enquiry.

RE-EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES.

The hearing into the Fish and Salt enquiry was resumed at 4 p.m. Saturday. Mr. H. R. Russell, Manager of the Union Trading Co., was the first examined, regarding some fish receipts asked for at a previous session. Being asked by Mr. Summers "Have you the fish receipts of the President Cook's cargo?"

Mr. Russell replied "yes, with the exception of two, the first and the last." Copies of the receipts were here put in. They were signed by Mr. Brissett. A telegram from Mr. Coaker, ordering the purchase of fish was next put in evidence. Mr. Russell stated he wished to make a correction in his evidence given at a previous session. When he said the telegram stated "on Government account" he now wished to have it altered as per message "in order from Mr. Coaker dated November 10th to the manager at Port Union, telling him to purchase certain quantities of Labrador fish at \$8 per qt. According to the fish receipts buying began on the day after the date on the telegram. Documentary evidence had been produced at a previous session showing that the order in Council for the purchase on Government account was not signed until Nov. 18th, the day following the fishermen's meeting at the C.C.C. Hall. Mr. Russell's examination was brief and concluded when he tabled a tally book of the Tuckahoe's salt cargo. There were three tally books kept. Mr. Bryant said, but only one could be found. This one accounted for 14,084 lbs. of salt.

Mr. Coaker, recalled, a discrepancy in his evidence, previously stated, regarding the part of the Tuckahoe's cargo, destined for the Salt Pool was explained to him by Mr. Summers. A number of questions were then put by the Commission some of which follow:

Mr. Summers—"Your statement said every effort was made to send the cargo?"

Mr. Coaker—"The only thing that I remember is that it came to a point where we offered them (the Salt Pool) 1000 tons and they refused to take it." Hon. M. G. Winter (Chairman)—

"The point we want to clear up is why you did not send the 2000 tons?"

Mr. Coaker—"We loaded our vessels to send on to St. John's, and they refused to take it. It seems to me that the explanation is in this long message that Mr. Brooks referred to."

Chairman—"Who conducted your arrangements in connection with the Salt Pool?"

Mr. Coaker—"R. B. Job."

Chairman—"Mr. Job indicated in his message that they were to get 2000 tons."

Mr. Coaker—"My opinion is that there was no demand for salt after the steamer's arrival."

Mr. Coaker—"The previous evidence was here put in."

Mr. Summers—"You saw a copy of your evidence, and you made corrections. Is this your evidence?"

Mr. Coaker—"Yes, with the corrections made."

Mr. Summers—"In reference to the fish, this telegram placed in evidence by Mr. Russell gives instructions regarding the buying of fish. What did you mean: was it to be bought under the Minute of Council?"

Mr. Coaker—"No Minute of Council was made at that time. It was not done for some 7 or 8 days after."

Chairman—"How did you know you were going to load the President Cook?"

Mr. Coaker—"We had decided on this action days and days before the Minute of Council was passed. At the time the merchants in St. John's were keeping the price down to \$7 per qt. At least that is what it was reported they were offering. What we tried to do was to keep the craft at Port Union. I bought some cargoes at \$8 per qt. previous to the 18th, that afterwards went in the President Cook."

Chairman—"Owing to your position it is presumed you knew what the Government contemplated?"

Mr. Coaker—"Yes, the thing was decided three weeks before the Minute of Council was passed."

Chairman—"Yes, and a lot of fish was bought on the 10th. Was it then the decision of the Government?"

Mr. Coaker—"Yes, that is the reason why I did it."

Mr. Summers—"Was there any negotiation at this time regarding a guarantee?"

Mr. Coaker—"Yes, we took the matter up with Mr. Anderson of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Before the 18th I sent for him and tried to make arrangements for A. H. Murray to buy."

Mr. Summers—"Did the arrangement fall through?"

Mr. Coaker—"Yes, their legal advisers thought there should be Legislative authority."

Chairman—"Was there any arrangement that the Salt Pool was to get half the Tuckahoe's cargo?"

Mr. Coaker—"Nothing in writing that I know of. They must have told us they did not want it or else we would not have gone to the expense of putting up salt sheds."

Mr. Coaker—"This salt I understand was considerably cheaper than the Liverpool salt."

Mr. Coaker—"Yes, some 7 or 8 shillings."

Mr. Summers—"Do you know about the cheque for the President Cook's cargo?"

Mr. Coaker—"All I know is that Mr. Sellers wired me saying he had placed the amount to our credit in the bank. I did not see them."

Chairman—"Do you mean the cheque of Sellers or of the Department?"

Mr. Coaker—"I mean both of them. I was not here at the time and the first I saw of them was at the House."

There were no further questions, and Mr. Coaker withdrew, but he came back a few minutes afterwards. He had forgotten to state that he had tried to induce the captain of the Tuckahoe to come on to St. John's with the salt for the Salt Pool but he refused.

Chairman—"Do you give that as a reason why you did not give the salt to the pool?"

Mr. Coaker—"No, but it is one of the reasons. I remember having a row with the Captain and said I would compel him under the War Measures Act."

The hearing adjourned sine die.

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The Week's Calendar.

FEBRUARY—2nd Month—28 Days.

20—MONDAY. S.S. Hungarian lost with all hands, 150 miles from Cape Race, 1850. Princess Royal arrived Harbor Grace, 1875.

21—TUESDAY. Battle of Guzerat, 1849. Explosion at Springfield Mines, Nova Scotia, 117 killed, 1891. First battle Verdun began, 1916. British forces occupied Jericho, 1918.

22—WEDNESDAY. Geo. Washington born, 1732. French invasion of Wales, 1797. General Sir R. S. Baden-Powell, born, 1857.

23—THURSDAY. Samuel Pepys born 1633. (Not the Telegram's Samuel). Cato Street (London) conspiracy, 1820. Earl Brassey (Sunbeam) died, 1918.

24—FRIDAY. St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr. General Macdonald captured Kut, 1917.

25—SATURDAY. Sir Christopher Wren died, 1723. Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Bond, born, 1857. German retreat on Ancre, 1917.

26—SUNDAY. Quinquagesima. Shrove Sunday. New Moon. Troopship Birkenhead, lost, 454 persons drowned, 1852. First Salvation Army funeral in Newfoundland (St. John's), 1891.

Schr. Herbert Warren, Capt. Gerald Power, has arrived at Pernambuco after a splendid passage of 34 days from this port.

Schr. Nancy Lee, 45 days from Pernambuco, via Renew, was towed to port yesterday by the tug John Green. The ship is in ballast to Monroe & Co.

S.S. Mapledawn leaves St. John, N.B., for this port on Wednesday bringing general cargo to Harvey & Co.

Schr. Gordon E. Moulton has cleared for Pernambuco taking 3,549 qts. codfish shipped by G. M. Barr.

Just arrived, the famous Eastern Novel, The Sheikh, by E. M. Hull, \$1.25. GARLAND'S Bookstore, feb20.11

Sunday School Prize Distribution.

The fifth annual distribution of Sunday School prizes took place at Virginia yesterday afternoon. A large number of parents and friends of the children were present. The regular evening service was taken by the Rector of St. Thomas's. The service being ended the Rector called on Mr. H. R. Cook, Superintendent of the school to read his report. The report showed the school to be in a growing condition. The Rector then distributed the prizes, after which he preached a sermon long to be remembered by children and adults alike. The prize winners are as follows:

Class I.—1st, Victor Dowden; 2nd, Charles Cook; 3rd, Elsie Heale.

Class II.—1st, Rebecca Dowden; 2nd, Carrie Cook; 3rd, Lillian Trico; 4th, Florence Dymond.

Class III.—1st, Elton Cook; 2nd, Gladys Cook; 3rd, Alice Cook; 4th, Ethel Cook; 5th, Edna Heale.

Class IV.—1st, Phyllis Cook; 2nd, Winnifred Cook; 3rd, Edith Cook; 4th, Valance Cook; 5th, Bessie Heale.

Special Prizes—Highest marks for Boys, Victor Dowden; highest marks for Girls, Rebecca Dowden; for attending every Sunday, Victor Dowden.

Obituary.

MR. JOHN CRONIN.

(H. F. Shortle).

The sudden death of Mr. John Cronin, which occurred at his residence, No. 49 Gower Street, yesterday (Sunday) morning, came as a shock to his numerous friends in St. John's, and will be keenly felt by the people generally of Harbor Grace, amongst whom he was born, reared and worked for the greater portion of his life.

Mr. Cronin served his apprenticeship in the extensive cooperage, situated near the Point of Beach, Harbor Grace, owned and conducted by the well-known philanthropist, Mr. Thos. Higgins, grandfather of the young and enterprising merchants, John T. and Frank McRae. For many years he worked in the great firm of Messrs. Ridley & Sons, and was undoubtedly one of the most skilled mechanics in the island. John Cronin was a man of splendid physique and was noted for his herculean strength. In his youth he always took the deepest interest in the annual Regatta, held on Lady Lake, under the auspices of the Harbor Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade, of which he was one of the oldest and most prominent members. For years he rowed on the Pond, and was recognized as one of the best oarsmen in Conception Bay. This was in the days the gigs Weasel, Albert and Minnie Clyde competed for the championship. John Cronin was a gentleman in every sense of the word and an example of practical Catholicism. About a quarter of a century ago, he came to St. John's, and has since being employed at his trade in the firm of Job Bros. & Co., where he has been held in the highest esteem by all connected with this time-honored firm. Sprung from a good old Irish stock, he was one of the best of his generation now remaining in the island, and during his long life of 76 years, it is safe to say that he never made an enemy, but hosts of friends in whatever sphere his duties called him. By his demise St. John's has lost a highly respected citizen and Harbor Grace one of her oldest and most esteemed sons, and Newfoundland one of its most skilled mechanics. The remains will be taken to Harbor Grace to-morrow morning, when after the religious ceremony in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, they will be interred in the family plot of the cemetery in which rest in peace all that is mortal of his ancestors. Requiescat in pace.

Association of Herring Packers Needed.

Opposition is expressed very freely to the St. John's Board of Trade proposition to close out the small packer from the Scotch-pack herring industry. We note the Board of Trade report did not define the term "small packer" whether it would be those who did not go into the thousands or those who failed to reach the hundreds. In any case, it looks to our mind, dangerously near to restriction of progress and industry. A small packer one season might through successful venture become a large packer another season; while on the other hand one season's big packer might become but a small packer another season. And this rise and fall is not confined to the Scotch pack herring industry for have not a few of the one time big commercial houses of Water Street and elsewhere passed into oblation, while some of our most prosperous business people of to-day began with the little six-by-eight store at the corner, selling spoons of thread and shoe strings. What is needed is an association of packers for marketing purposes. This we intend dealing with in a subsequent issue.—Western Star.

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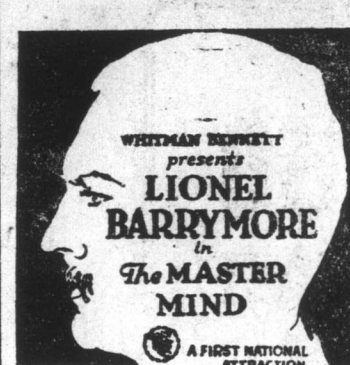
Tenor.

(A) THE BITTERNESS OF LOVE—(Dunn).

(B) THE IRISH EMI-GRANT—(Barker).

The Celebrated Operatic Duet from IL Travatore --Le Miserere.

Miss Chase, Mr. Dale, Mr. McCarthy.



RUTH CHASE

Soprano.

(A) A BIRTHDAY ((Woodman).

(B) FORGOTTEN (Cowles).

The Sealing Voyage.

(Trade Review.)

Preparations are now going on for the Seal Fishery and the ships are being made ready for the voyage. So far it appears that nine ships will prosecute the voyage the coming Spring. It is regrettable to record that the price of seal oil and skins at present does not offer much encouragement for the steamer owners to engage in this venture, but there is quite a likelihood that the price of oil will improve within the next six months. At present the only inducement would seem to be the turn over in goods and provisions required for the outfit, and the high price of coal makes the situation much worse than it would be when bunker coal could be had at less than half to-day's price.

We understand that the sealing ships will be allowed to sail any time this Spring after March 5th, and that a few other minor restrictions have also been raised. No matter how poor the inducement and the prospects of making a bill, it will be no doubt, found as usual, the coming spring that twice as many men will be looking for berths, as will get them, and many will go either for the pure sake of the adventure or for the spring's diet, which will be free, when no seals are taken.

This will apply the coming spring more than ever before.

Whether it will be an advantage to sail so early as March 5th, is contingent on the ease or otherwise, with which the ships will get to the seals. If there is no heavy ice barrier in the way, the ships sailing on the 5th will be able, under the favorable conditions, to get to the whitecoats on the 8th, and as they would not then be fit to take it they will wait a week for the young seals to mature, so that in an open easy course to the seals, the early date will rather be a disadvantage than otherwise, and the crews will grow restless waiting.

On the other hand, if it be a hard spring to get to the whelping ice the early date of sailing will be an advantage and will give a whole clear week to work out through the ice to the seals. Probably as an experiment, it is well worth trying, especially in view of the fact that we have now low power ships, and the ice conditions of recent years would, if continued, amply justify more time to get to the young seals.

Personal.

Mr. J. D. Henry, of Parson's Pond, who was visiting the Old Country on a holiday trip, returned by the Sackem yesterday.

We are glad to learn that Miss Bride Furlong, of Smithville, who left here by the last Rosalind to enter St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, to undergo a very delicate operation, is now on the road to recovery having undergone a very successful operation at the hands of Dr. Stewart.

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Officers' Ball.

INTRODUCING A NEW NOVELTY DANCE.

The musical programme, supper and decorative scheme arranged for the Officers' Ball to-night should prove a satisfying inducement to all dancers to participate in what is expected to be the Bal de Luxe of the season. The ballroom of the C.C.C. Hall has been beautifully decorated, the colors of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment predominating. Spot lights will be used in conjunction with a very effective and artistic Moon, and with the remaining lights lowered a very spectacular illumination should result. A new novelty dance known as the Glow Worm Dance will be introduced. The glow worm effect will be produced by Jose Sticks which give out a crackling spark, it being inflammable and quite harmless. These sticks will be distributed prior to the dance and a very pretty novelty will be seen. The ambition of the committee is to make this dance a jolly good time, formality and stiffness being out of order, and those attending are assured of a pleasant time as well as assisting in the discharge of the moral obligation for which purpose the dance has been arranged. Uniforms with decorations and dress with miniatures should be worn where possible, otherwise dress as you please.

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Buttons From Nuts.

The majority of the buttons we wear are not made of bone or horn. Most of them are of vegetable ivory, and much of it is obtained from the Tagua palm.

This palm grows wild in vast groves in Panama and Columbia. The clusters of its snuts, looking like coco-nuts, are cut green from the tree and dried in long open sheds. After some weeks' drying, the inside of the nut, which is milky in the green state, grows almost hard. Then the outer coating of fibre is stripped off, and inside there appears a glistening brilliant white substance which dries as hard as ivory. The stripped nuts are then shipped to manufacturers.

At the factory they are cut by swiftly revolving saws into rough discs, which in turn are put into the lathes and shaped by machinery. Machinery, too, drills them, reams them, counter-sinks and niches them, and makes them into all sorts of shapes and sizes.

These nuts of the Tagua palm become millions and millions of little pieces, which are dyed, mottled, and polished, and embodied, by machinery. Then human hands put them on cards, and pack them ready for use.

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Sacred Concert.

CAPACITY AUDIENCE PRESENT.

The Sacred Concert held in the Star Theatre last night in aid of the War Memorial Funds, was attended by a capacity audience. The concert was under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, His Grace the Archbishop, His Lordship Bishop White, the Prime Minister and His Worship the Mayor. The programme was very nicely arranged and the best of our local concert artists were among the performers. It is doubtful if ever before a St. John's audience has been privileged to hear such an array of talent. The songs were beautifully rendered, and the one instrumental selection was pleasingly played. Mr. A. H. Salter supervised the business arrangements in connection with the concert and he and all who assisted him are to be congratulated. A brief address was made by Padre Jangle before the conclusion of the concert. The programme was as follows:—

1—Solo, Angels Ever Bright and Fair.

2—Solo, The Cry of Rachel.

3—Solo, Rock of Ages.

4—Violin Solo, Selected.

5—Solo, With Verdure Clad, Haydn.

6—Solo, A Voice in the Wilderness.

7—Quartette Solo, Deus Fortis.

8—Solo, The Lord is My Shepherd.

9—Solo, Jesu, Del Viva.

10—Solo, Christ in Flanders.

11—Solo, Ave Marie.

12—Chorus, Ave Verum.

Accompanists—Messrs. King, Christian, Hutton.

Moscovian Secret Police.

TERRORISE PEOPLE OF CITY.

Moscow.—That the Cheka, or secret police, is no respecter of persons, in making arrests, may be set down to its credit. It arrests Communists and Cheka agents as freely as any others. The method of arrest often inconveniences friends of the persons to be arrested. If the person wanted is not at home, a guard is placed inside the door of his home, and every visitor is held until he appears. This is to prevent warnings getting to the persons to be arrested. If the visiting friends are not arrested, they risk being held several days. On one occasion a woman passing a house door heard a cat meowing hungrily and entered to pet and feed it. She stumbled into a Cheka net, and was held in prison for three months, when, finally, her explanation was accepted as to why she had visited the house. There are months when great numbers are in jail. The Cheka is not bothered by lack of prison space. If a prison room is intended to accommodate two or three persons, it often happens that in fact it is made to accommodate 25 or 30. People are just put in, in layers, and that's an end to the space problem.

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