

Notice to Fishermen.

On the 13th June, 1922, the Government reduced the Export Tax on Fish, viz: Cod, Haddock, Hake, Ling, Pollack and Halibut, dried or otherwise preserved.

On the 17th November, 1922, the Government removed the export tax altogether from the above named fish, and the amount paid as export tax was to be paid the Exporters and they to repay the fishermen.

This was found impossible because the Exporters could not be sure of whose fish was exported and whose was not, so on the 22nd January, 1923, the Government decided to pay 10 cents per quintal to all fishermen who actually caught any of the above named fish, provided he produced a receipt or certificate where it could be proven that the fish was sold between the 13th day of June, 1922, and the 17th day of November, 1922, both days inclusive, and thereby was entitled to the 10 cents per quintal that the Government had decided to give.

The following Committee:—
H. V. HUTCHINGS, ESQ.,
Asst. Deputy Minister of Customs,
W. H. CAVE,
Minister of Shipping,
HON. W. W. HALFYARD,
Minister of Posts and Telegraphs,
HON. ELI DAWE,
A. W. PICCOTT, ESQ.,
ROBERT PIKE, ESQ.,

under the direction of H. W. LeMessurier, Esq., Deputy Minister of Customs, has been appointed to go into the payment of this refund. As this work represents the payment of 10 cents per quintal on somewhere near one million quintals of fish to about twenty or twenty-five thousand fishermen, it must be understood that the payment of such a sum to such a number will take time. Therefore, for the guidance of the fishermen, and to facilitate the work and quick payment, the following is requested of those who are entitled to receive payment:

1st—Have you sold any fish either for cash, barter or credit of your

account to anyone between the 13th day of June, 1922, and the 17th day of November, 1922, both days inclusive.

2nd—If you have the original receipt from the person to whom you sold fish, with the purchaser's address, forward it to the Secretary.

3rd—If you have no receipt, get a sworn statement from the person to whom you sold the fish, stating the date of sale and quantity sold, with the name and address of the purchaser.

4th—A Shareman applying for repayment must get an account of the total catch as landed and sold and in each case a record of the vessel, and the name and address of each man composing the crew, so that he may get the payment direct for himself.

Owing to the large number of fishermen involved, the first payment will not be made until March 10th, and it will be for receipts received up to February 25th.

Second payment will be made April 10th and will be for receipts received up to March 25th.

Third payment will be made May 10th, and will be for receipts received up to April 25th.

Fourth payment will be made June 10th, and will be for receipts received up to May 25th.

Fifth payment will be made July 10th, and will be for receipts received up to June 25th.

Sixth payment will be made August 10th, and will be for receipts received up to July 25th.

Last payment will be made September 10th, after which date the accounts will be closed and no further applications will be considered.

Positively no payments will be made other than on dates named and it is useless for anyone to bring receipts to the office and expect payment.

Save time and expense by NOT coming, but address all communications to

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Over Eight Years In The Delivery

A letter posted in St. John's on November 18th, 1914 was delivered to its writer through the Dead Letter office on Wednesday, March 21st 1923. The writer was the mother of ex-Corporal Jack Brett of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and by a happy coincidence Mr. Brett who resides in Fogo, was visiting his mother at the time. The cause of the delay is not attributable to the local Post Office or to the British Postal authorities. It was due to one of those accidents that are fortunately very rare. "Mislaidd on board S.S. Adriatic" is the explanation. Presumably when the good ship was being overhauled the letter was found in some crevice in which it had fallen. How many are there who sailed so gallantly and hopefully in October 1914 now lying with Newfoundland's heroic dead, in alien lands. Happily return of the letter witnessed mother and son still active though on the letter were references to some brave lads, whose names have long been listed on the Honour Roll of Empire. The letter was addressed to Salisbury Plains, that rendezvous of brave men, which for many years to come will remain rich in precious memories, and for some, in painful ones. In it was a clipping from the Daily News telling of an incident in connection with the sailing of the first contingent that caused much annoyance at the time, the sale to the lads aboard of apples generously provided for them by some of our leading citizens—a fraud whose perpetrators so far as we are aware, were left undetected and unpunished, unless it be by the consciences of those who were content to gather unlawful gain from men who were fighting for them at the risk, and in so many cases, the sacrifice of their bright young lives.—Daily News.

Since reading the above account, a similar occurrence has been brought to our notice. The writer in this instance was Miss Bertha Hull, teacher in the Methodist Superior School here. Miss Hull wrote to a friend in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on November 18th, 1914. Nine years have passed since then, the brave Newfoundlanders, whom the postcard was addressed, fell in defence of freedom in that never-to-be-forgotten July drive, when so many of our best sons paid "The Supreme Sacrifice," and a few days ago the postcard, bearing the postmark of both Salisbury and Liverpool, was returned to the writer, having never reached its destination. The cause was that, with other mail, was mislaid on board the S.S. Adriatic. The account in the News is a happy one, for the writer and her son are living, but in this case, the brave soldier of Terra Nova lies sleeping on a foreign shore.

SEEK RELATIVES OF NAVY MAN
The following item from the Boston Transcript has been sent us by a friend in that city, as he thinks the deceased man might have been a native of this town and have relations here. The Navy Department is anxious to find relatives of Stephen French, who has died at the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. It was said that a brother lived on Jackson street, Somerville. At neither of the addresses given could the brothers be located and finally Mayor Webster of that city was asked for help. French was a retired boatwain. He was born in Newfoundland, Oct. 10, 1869, and was made a boatswain in April, 1918. He had a service record of more than twenty years. A number of young people of this town spent a very delightful evening in the form of a Basket Party in Snowden Hall, on Easter Monday Night, April 2nd. The evening passed pleasantly with games and music, concluding with the singing of the National Anthem.

AND STILL THEY COME, together with subscriptions, we receive letters of appreciation of the "old home paper"—the Guardian.
From K. M. Batten, Lamaline, Nfld. "I can assure you the 'Guardian' is very welcome to those of us who are away from the 'old home.' Every little bit of news is eagerly read and even the local advertisements have a certain amount of interest. I am glad to see the 'Guardian' again and trust it has come to stay."

THE ALPHABET.
"Pack my box with five dozen liquor-jugs," is one of the shortest sentences containing all the letters of the alphabet. Still the fellow gets caught doing it nowadays is apt to draw one of the longest sentences on record.
"The Guardian," a newspaper the people can trust.

Obituary

We regret to record the passing of Mr. John Bowering, of Coley's Point. The deceased was in apparent good health until a few days before his death, and on Thursday, March 22nd the news of his passing came as a shock to the community.

His quiet manner and splendid Christian character made him the friend of all who knew him. To the sorrowing, he was a ready sympathizer; to the needy he was at all times a friend; to the helpless, he was indeed a brother.

On Saturday followed by a large concourse of citizens, including the L. O. A. of Coley's Point of which he was a member, his remains were brought to the S. A. Citadel where the Funeral Service was conducted by Adj. Oake.

He leaves to mourn, a wife, two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Barrett of this town, and Mrs. A. J. Roberts of Wesleyville, three sons, Hayward, Amador and Bramwell, all in the United States, one little Grandson at Wesleyville, one sister Catherine also four brothers, William, at home, Thomas and James in United States and Robert in West Killdinin, Man., also a large circle of friends to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

NOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Littlejohns wish to thank all the kind friends and neighbours who helped them during their daughter's illness and at the time of her death. Also the members of the Duke of Schomberg Lodge for their kindness in loaning their hall, and those who sent wreaths to adorn the casket, viz: Miss Violet Bishop, Mrs. George Cave of Henry and family, Mrs. Augustus French, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Harold Morgan, Mrs. Capt. Arch. Mercer, Mrs. Nathan Ralph, Miss Lizzie Emma Bishop, Miss Sophie Bowering, Mrs. Arthur Bowering, Mrs. Edward Brown, Miss Myrtle Brown, Mr. Albert Mercer, Country Road, Mrs. Charles Samway, Miss Mary Badcock, Miss Fannie Samway, Mrs. John Mercer, Miss Clara Bradbury, Mrs. William French and Stella, Miss Mildred Bradbury. Also Mrs. William French, Country Road, for her letter of sympathy.

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A farmer wrote to the editor of an agricultural paper asking for a method of ridding his orchard of the grasshopper plague. In the same mail the editor received a request for advice from an anxious mother about her baby twins who were having a hard time teething. The editor's stenographer mixed the replies with the following: "Wrap flannel cloths around their throats. Rub their gums with castor oil and massage their stomachs twice a day." The anxious mother received this startling advice: "Cover with dry straw. Soak thoroughly with coal oil and apply a match; the little pests will soon stop bothering you."

A GENTLEMAN.

The word "gentleman" is defined in this way: A man who is clean both inside and out; who neither looks up to the rich nor down to the poor; who can lose without squealing and win without bragging; who is considerate of women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and who takes his share of the world and lets other people have theirs.

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THOUGHTS! Original and Otherwise

Don't stretch the truth. It may fly back and sting you.

Irregular work makes irregular workers and irregular workers makes irregular citizens.

Most of us live our way into our thinking, rather than think our way into our living.

Thomas Carlyle once said, "Experience is a teacher good and true, but he demands dreadful wages."

Many a man is "down" because he has ignored his best and finest instrument—that marvellous thing in which he lives.

Why borrow trouble when by a little effort you can make it? Does the hen stop scratching because the worms are scarce? Not on your life! She scratches harder!

A foreigner who had travelled extensively, was asked whether he observed that any one quality could be regarded as a universal characteristic. He answered, "Me tink dat all men lofe lazy."

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Antibes, France, March 15.—Former Queen Milena of Montenegro died early this morning, seventy-five years old. She had been suffering for some time from Arteriosclerosis and Chronic Nephritis.

Paris, March 15.—German nationalists, wearing French uniforms and posing as French soldiers are declared in French official reports to have committed robberies and other outrages, with their own people as the victims, their purpose being interpreted as aimed to excite the public against the troops of occupation and stiffen German resistance.

Ottawa, March 15.—That American employers are offering as high as twenty dollars a day to get workmen from Canada was a statement made in the House yesterday by the Liberal member for Montreal, S. W. Jacobs, who declared Canada is losing ten thousand people a month to United States.

Paris, March 15.—Poincare has in hand the text of the reply of the Angora Government to the Lausanne draft of the peace treaty, and experts will find a three days' task in interpreting its voluminous contents, after which the Powers will confer.

Boston, March 15.—The coastguard cutter, Tampa, set out yesterday to officially inaugurate the ice patrol of the North Atlantic, relieving the Seneca, which was sent out in advance, owing to the early coming of dangerous bergs. Reports say ice conditions in the steamship lanes are more serious than at any time since the Titanic disaster.

Hoboken, March 15.—Battling Siki who will fight Mike McTigue in Dublin to-morrow night is described as the wildest of all wild men, by the crew of the steamer President Adams, on which Siki and his party travelled from Cherbourg to Queens-town. It was reported that Siki was missing for four days before sailing time and was found drunk in a Paris apartment. When his wife tried to get him out he blacked her eye, but he was carried out and brought to the ship by six stalwart men, kicking like a roped calf. He left the boat peacefully.

Nice, March 15.—Madame Suzanne Lenglen, defeated Mrs. Molla Mallory in two straight love sets in their singles at the tennis match to-day.

Letters to the Editor must be written on only one side of the paper, and must be accompanied by the names of the writers, even if the names are not for publication. Anonymous letters will be destroyed. The Editor assumes no responsibility for the opinions of correspondents.

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