

Fishermen, Take Warning Read, Mark, Learn and Digest

The Proposition Made to the Premier by Mr. Trefethen---He Asked for Special Concessions to Handle All the Herring of Newfoundland---Syndicate Will Can Lobsters, Handle Boneless Fish, Bait and All Other Kinds Fish — They Will Get Special Exemptions and Subsidies for Doing So.

TREFETHEN'S PROPOSITIONS.

Croft Hotel,
St. John's, Nfld.,
Oct. 4th, 1910.

Sir Edward P. Morris.

Dear Sir—In accordance with our interview we are ready to undertake the building and installation of Cold Storage Plants in different sections of Newfoundland and Labrador as per a bill passed termed "An Act respecting Cold Storage." We are willing to undertake further operations along modern and scientific methods employed in our country, the United States, providing the right concessions can be obtained along the proper lines as a protection to our investment or any outside capital we might interest in the undertaking. While the effort is of great importance to us, it seems that it is of far greater importance to Newfoundland and in the next ten years entirely revolutionizing your business in the fisheries, obtaining new markets for your product and as a matter of fact it looks to us an income of at least double the amount of money for the same quantity of produce.

First. In addition to Cold Storage Plants and in connection with same, we would ask for a term of fifteen years to allow us the SOLE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING glue and fertilizing plants to take care of all fish waste, now practically worthless to your fishermen and which could all be used at a price.

Second. Would ask for the privilege of erecting smoke houses for smoking your product home, FACTORIES for CANNING CAPLIN, LOBSTERS in fact ANY KIND of fish, and cutting and packing your CODFISH and OTHER FISH you produce along modern lines.

Third. Would ask your Government to copyright and protect for us any new methods introduced by us in packing, preparing, preserving of the different brands of fish, our labels, etc. to the exclusion of all others.

Fourth. Would ask your Government to grant the lands on which buildings and factories are to be located free. Also timber lands of sufficient size to manufacture bins, barrels, tanks or in fact anything pertaining to lumber needed in the operation of the several plants which we might build and if necessary and convenient in the construction of the factories and plants needed for the carrying on of the business.

Fifth. Would ask your Government to grant water power wherever essential and obtainable where plants are located to be located, to furnish power for operating and lighting.

Sixth. Would ask the imposition FREE OF ALL DUTY oils needed for preparation of fish, TIN METAL FOR CANS, gasoline engines FOR FISHING PURPOSES, GASOLINE AND LUBRICATING OILS FOR ENGINES USED FOR FISHING PURPOSES, in fact any commodities essential and necessary to promote and bring about the best result for the fishing interests as a whole.

Seventh. Would ask SPECIAL CONCESSION after Refrigerator plant was erected at Bay of Islands or any

other bays or localities where herding were plentiful to HANDLE THE WHOLE PRODUCT for smoking, cold storage or OTHER PURPOSES, if it could be proven that we had made improvement in methods that had been of financial benefit to Newfoundland, and a large portion of product could be cured at home.

Eight. Would ask not as an agreement but to obtain the sentiment of the present Government, if they would favour the subsidy of vessels for the conduct of the business and essential to the successful carrying on of same, including transportation concessions by rail through Newfoundland to shipping points.

Ninth. Any reasonable concessions not embodied in this, would expect the Government to grant if necessary for the conduct of the business and essential to the successful carrying on of same, including transportation concessions by rail through Newfoundland to shipping points.

Tenth. We agree to erect at least two Cold Storage Plants of capacity of from one to three million pounds as necessary may require within the period of two years from date of concessions if granted, also smoke houses, factories and glue plants which would be needed to operate in conjunction with storages.

Eleventh. We agree further to erect at least one storage plant per year for the three years following up to a period of four years, with the factories for packing and cutting fish, glue plants, etc. that may be profitably operated during that period.

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Thirteen. In conclusion we agree to engage Newfoundland labour in the conduct of our enterprises herein mentioned with the exception of skilled labour which might not be obtainable.

We should expect the full support of the Government in carrying on the different enterprises mentioned. It is very necessary that an early option or agreement be entered into in order to have one or more storage plants in operation next year.

Very truly,
J. W. TREFETHEN,
By C. N. Trefethen, Owner.

JOS W. LORD,
Portland, Maine,
President of Lord Bros. & Co.

ADVISES PREMIER ABOUT RECIPROCITY.
Portland, Maine,
Dec. 23, 1910.

Sir Edward Morris,
Prime Minister's Office,
St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Friend—We have just received telegram from Mr. Palsen stating that the documents had been signed and presume that they will reach us by the time that Mr. Palsen arrives home.

Have been making all preparations to form our company and we are get-

ting together the best people connected with the different lines to handle the product. It is our intention to happily surprise you in the near future with new methods which we shall introduce in our enterprise which we hope to develop in the very near future in the carrying out of this undertaking.

We see by the Gloucester Times that you are contemplating going to Washington to take up with our Government matters pertaining to the free entry of your product into our country. While our country, we presume, will show a willingness to have green fish entered duty free, we would take the liberty of impressing upon you the importance of your getting the very best concessions you can obtain for your manufactured product; by this we mean boneless cod, fish prepared in Newfoundland, all kinds of canned fish, sardines, or in fact any prepared fish. The proper concessions made along these lines, as you can very well appreciate, means more labour for Newfoundland and better prices for that labour.

Our contention all along has been that a free tariff would be on food product the equitable difference between the cost of labour in our country and in Newfoundland. The difference in transportation, your country being so far away, would make in fact a difference in the cost of the product to allow a fair profit for the producer here. Even Mr. Lodge in a statement last week under pressure has come to look at these matters in about the same line, and you should avail yourself of the opportunity as it must mean much to your people. We trust that you will not think that we are taking any undue liberty in writing you along these lines, assuring you that we have only the best interests of all concerned in so doing.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and assuring you that we appreciate the courtesy and favours shown us, we remain,
Very truly yours,
C. N. TREFETHEN
and
J. W. LORD.

QUIT A BUSINESS IN LOBSTERS.

January 2nd, 1911.

Sir Edward P. Morris,
St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Friend—Your telegram came to hand saying that you had received my letter, but that you had not received documents. Replying I would say that after thinking the matter over it would have been impossible for you to have received the letter that I sent in the mail with the documents, which were forwarded by registered letter to insure safety, and it must have been a previous letter that you referred to. We had the documents executed and signed the very next day after Mr. Palsen's arrival and I presume they have reached you by this time.

I presume that Mr. Palsen informed you we have purchased the Lark Harbour property, and we shall begin to build our plant as soon as the spring season opens, so that we shall have it in readiness by fall. Expect to operate plant in buying halibut, salmon and other products as soon as the season opens, and are contemplating doing quite a business in lobsters as well. Also expect to erect a smoke house for curing spring herring, and shall undertake to do all we can at the plant before establishing the freezing plant as it would be impossible to complete that until later in the season.

I have been very busy since arriving here, and my other business has kept me employed and have been getting things in shape to start this enterprise right just as soon as the documents reach me, signed by the Governor and ratified by the Legislature. Wish that you would wire me

just as soon as the documents are completed, and hasten the completion of them in every way you can, as time is money and there is lots to do in getting our machinery and forming our company.

Wishing you and your people a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain,
Very truly yours,
C. N. TREFETHEN.

WM. MESSRS. TREFETHEN AND LORD ARE.
Office of the Postmaster,
Portland, Maine,
Oct. 26, 1910.

Sir Edward P. Morris,
Prime Minister's Office,
St. John's, N. F.

Sir—It is with pleasure that I write you on behalf of Charles N. Trefethen, one of our most reliable, energetic and successful business men.

Mr. Trefethen successfully carries on the largest Wholesale Fish Business, also was the starter of our Cold Storage Plant, which has under his management been highly successful. He also is interested in other storage plants.

He has made Portland successful as a fishing port, and has done more for the fishermen along this coast than any other man.

He has been Mayor of his City, and to-day is a tremendous factor in Republican Politics.

His word is as good as a bond with anyone here.

Joseph A. Lord is also well known to me and is also a successful, reliable business man in the SALT FISH line. Progressive, energetic and honest you will find him.

I am, sir,
Yours respectfully,
FRED. H. KING,
Postmaster.

The Government's Fishery Policy.

INCORPORATED, 1932.

Information for Depositors.
The following certificate is attached to the 97th Annual Statement, published January 16th, 1911:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Bank of Nova Scotia at its Head Office, Halifax, at the General Manager's Office, Toronto, and at seven of the principal branches, and we have been duly furnished with certified returns from the remaining branches and with all information and explanations required by us. The Bank's investments and the other securities and cash on hand at the branches visited have been verified by us and they are in accordance with the books and we certify that we have examined the foregoing general statement and that in our opinion it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Bank's affairs as at 31st December, 1910.

Toronto, January 12th, 1911.

The Books and Annual Statements of the Bank have been submitted to independent audit annually, beginning 1906.

Section 8 of the 1910 Act shall not apply to this Company. Why should they not apply? There could be no other reason than that the lessees be exempt from any restriction as to "the prices to be paid for fish" or as to "the countries to which fish is to be exported," or as to "the location of plants" or to any "regulation" of their business.

Mr. Robert next dealt with the question of the exemptions from duty. It had been contended, he said, that when the Agreement before the House was entered into it was the intention to alter the tariff and place the articles exempted from duty in the Agreement on the free list. He could not accept this as correct, for if reference was made to the third paragraph of the Resolution it would be found that it provided that the "articles when imported by the lessees were not to be sold." There could be no possible reason for inserting such a clause as that unless they were dutiable articles under the tariff, for there could be no possible objection to the Lessees selling what entered this Colony free of duty.

He then drew attention to an article published in this paper on the 14th February to the effect that Capt. Corkum, an American fisherman, was reported to be loading herrings for export in Fortune Bay. He read the report from the Evening Telegram, and asked the Government if the report was correct.

The Minister of Customs said it was not correct.

Are the Government, asked Sir Robert, prepared to state their policy in respect to the fishery question raised by Agreement before the House. Had the Government considered that acquiescence in this Agreement reversed the policy under the Treaty of 1818 as well as under the Bait Act.

In order to test the real intention of the Government, and to put the question of bait supplies to foreigners and exemption from duties beyond all doubt, he would on to-morrow move the following Amendments to the Resolutions, which he handed in at the table.

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Copper Smelting Bill.

Sir Robert Bond said yesterday that he heartily supported the measure if its operation was not intended to be limited to smelters erected after the passing of the Act. Some years ago the Tilt Cove Company, operating in Notre Dame Bay, had erected smelters at Tilt Cove at very great expense. He believed the company has not been utilizing them for some time, as it did not pay. It would be manifestly unjust to deprive that company of the benefit of any bounty now to be extended to encourage smelting, because it would place that company at a disadvantage to all others who may erect smelters in connection with their copper workings.

The Premier replied that the Act was intended to apply to all companies. Reference had been made by the Premier to the Messrs. Monbray. He, Sir Robert Bond, thought the country was fortunate in having a branch of that firm established in this country. He knew sufficient of the firm to say that a more reputable and reliable firm of Mining Engineers was not to be found in Great Britain or possibly in the world of engineering. He hoped the firm would be abundantly successful in their operations here.

The provisions of Cap. 129 of Consolidated Statutes, 1892 (Second Series) entitled, "Of the Expropriation, Sale, etc., of Bait Fishes,"

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On Frills—He Makes
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"It may be all right," says Tucker, "but to me it seems a waste of good English to be giving people a lot of Whereas to read in an agreement. Why 'twould twist the brain of any common man to try and unravel a bill up in the House of Assembly. Even the members themselves get bogged, and lose days and days trying to understand the meaning clear to one another."

"Supposing," says Tucker, "I wanted you, Delaney, to come to work for me for five years and you had to carry up wood and carry up coal, so look for stray hens and put in an odd pane of glass, and during your stay with me I asked you to run for the doctor for me one night when I was sick, would you be justified in standing there and telling me 'twould be your agreement?"

"Well," says Delaney, "I might be, but if you made out an agreement between you and me and I said I had to do anything I was told in respect to think that would cover the ground. My idea of these bills in the House is that we have too much frills on them, for you just watch a man describing them from his place in the Assembly, and he'll give you the bill with all the trimmings on it first, and then he'll say: "In other words" and will proceed to enlighten you by talking straight unvarnished language which every one can understand."

Now, why in the name of common sense don't they frame the Bills in the plain language? They are dealing with men like these lads, and the day for losing a war unwaveringly and wasting money in high and heat, cross-hiring over the construction of a paragraph should be over. We are living in a time when frills shouldn't count and we shouldn't get down to the modern idea of saying what we have to say in plain language.

"I see," says Tucker. "The outpourmen are having their members petition for the Government to discontinue in some of the Districts. Well, for plain, unvarnished gall that takes the cake. The next thing we'll see in the House is a member petitioning for some one to be appointed to wind the clocks in every house in every out such a petition should be ordered to go to the outport and dig the well himself. He will have plenty time in the summer to do it, and 'twould be a first-rate way for him to get up his muscle."

"I hate to see a member in the House presenting a big batch of petitions," says Delaney. "He makes me tired; for he generally gets up in a half-sleepy state of mind and keeps his hat on. Oh, is there anything that

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