



"IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE."

Evening Telegram

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Wednesday, January 5th, 1921.

Unanimous.

The meeting of the Fish Exporters Association, held in the Board of Trade Rooms, yesterday, was by far the most important session probably ever attended by the members of that body, inasmuch as the public was represented by the reporters of the various newspapers in the city, this being the first meeting which the pressmen had been permitted to attend, consequently yesterday afternoon's issues of the dailies were able to give lengthy descriptions of the proceedings, something which hitherto has been impossible because of closed door assemblies. No person objects to the right of any commercial association to conduct its deliberations with all the secrecy possible, as its business is its own peculiar possession and the conduct thereof its own inherent right. But when a national commercial question is involved, secrecy too often is carried to extremes. The public has a right to be made acquainted with certain outstanding facts, and it is the business of a newspaper with any push, go and initiative to supply such. That is recognized by all, but no newspaper has any desire whatever to pry into private affairs of either associations or individuals. Much of the misunderstanding of the past, arising between the press and certain sections of the exporting trade, was due to the lack of confidence shown by the latter to the former. Hence the press was obliged to collate its news from the best sources obtainable, and discuss daily questions from the information thereby derived. But this much can be said that in no case was the press many yards astray from the line.

As has been said the meeting of yesterday was probably the most important that has yet been held. How supreme that importance, can be deduced from the fact that His Excellency the Governor departed somewhat from vice-regal custom and acted as chairman. All will realize from this the gravity of the present situation. His Excellency's advice was given from a close study of both local and foreign conditions in the chief industry of the dominion, and it is advice worth following. The Prime Minister, at whose instance the meeting was convened, was satisfied that the time had arrived when certain policies should be reversed, and that was the consensus of opinion of the assembly. There was no dissentients when it came to a question of whether or not it was the hour for a reversal of the policy which had previously been followed, and the unanimous expression of the voting power of the members was convincing proof that the Regulations had not been in the best interests of the trade at large. It has taken over a year to make that discovery, one which unfortunately comes too late to save certain units of the commercial community, which have gone down before the financial storm let loose by the operation

of the regulations. No single person in Newfoundland or no body of business men, no matter what portion of the coastline they reside, desires or would assist in creating a slump in the foreign markets. Their aim, as is the aim of every true-hearted citizen is to keep the prices up that fishermen and exporters may benefit alike. The fortunes of all the people, merchant and producer, are inseparably linked. The gain of the one is the profit of the other, and as the time has now apparently come for unity of action and purpose by all, irrespective of calling or position, let there be no hesitation, no yielding, no surrendering to influences. The common cause has to be buttressed and supported by unanimity.

His Excellency's Address

TO THE FISH EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION.

The following is a verbatim report of His Excellency's address delivered at the Fish Exporters meeting held yesterday forenoon in the Board of Trade Rooms:

"It is comparatively rarely that a Governor is called upon to preside at a public meeting in the territory under his administration, and when he does so it means that he recognizes the definite public importance of the business to be considered at that meeting. It is with this conviction in mind that I gladly accepted the invitation of the Committee of the Board of Trade to preside at a public general meeting of all those interested in the export of Fish in Newfoundland, at a moment which requires their united and most careful consideration and counsel.

As I understand it, the object of the Board of Trade in calling this meeting is to ascertain the general opinion of the Trade upon the policy of relaxing certain Regulations which have been established for the marketing of the chief product of the Colony and I believe the Board have approached me in the matter because they know my strong conviction that it was the duty of the Governor to be ready at all times to forward by any means in his power the general welfare of the community.

Now I naturally know something about this question of marketing of the fish. I have, as many of you know, made a habit from time to time of visiting the wharves and informing myself of the conditions under which your industry is carried on, not only in St. John's, but also in the course of my journeys in the Outports, and not only this year but ever since I came here, and in the ordinary course of business in the last three years I have had to consider the difficulties which you have met and not least those which have attached to the Italian market.

Two years ago that market was giving you trouble; last year the trouble was repeated and again this year you are anxious on the same ground. Now please let me say that a great deal of the trouble is due to thoughtless action on the part of some of you who are assembled here. If you had at all times been very careful to send a good article you would, even though you were charging a very high price, probably have had little or no trouble with the Italians. As it is, successive Ministers in Newfoundland have had to face considerable trouble. First of all it was the National Government, then the Government that succeeded them and now my present Ministers. They all, I believe, recognize that combination on the part of the Exporters was the first element of successful business and I am conscious of the efforts which have been made by different men to obtain that co-operation and reciprocal confidence which would best have supported you in any crisis.

Now I should like to explain why that co-operation is particularly important at the present time. During the war Newfoundland had been in a very special position. She had very largely got control of the Fish Trade of Europe. She had had the advantage of very high prices and large profits, particularly to the fishermen, but also to the merchants, but it was inevitable, and some of us foresaw it at least two years ago, that a drop would come and that the danger of a drop was that it should be sudden. I myself most strongly counselled efforts by combination of the merchants to prevent a sudden drop in price.

It was in an attempt to obtain some definite co-operation or its equivalent that the Regulations of this year were made effective, and I suppose there can be no doubt they have had a good effect in staying the drop of prices, but it is at all times difficult to regulate a market. Since the war Governments in all directions have been driven to something of the sort and they have all met different difficulties and setbacks. Our Newfoundland has no exception and it is a longer desirable to hold up supplies or to sustain any measures which may interfere with sale. Some of us probably think one way and there are

certainly those who make no compromise as to the other view being the right one. My own feeling is that at such a moment one ought not to do anything in a hurry, but that the action proposed to you to-day should be taken with deliberation and firmness. If therefore you as a body are satisfied that the effort to avoid a slump in the market has gone far enough and that the time has come when free action should be permitted to exporters it is for you to say it. It is always difficult to foresee results. It may be that it would have been wiser to take the step earlier; it may be that it is even now too early, but the one thing I can commend to you is to strive honestly on this occasion to advise that which may be of the greatest good for the greatest number, not in any spirit of undue haste but as I have just indicated, but with deliberate effort to do the best for all interests and to keep a brave heart even if things do not answer all your expectations."

Export of Codfish.

Yesterday's Royal Gazette contains the following amendment to the Rules and Regulations previously recommended by the Codfish Exportation Board, and now in force under the Act applying to same:

- (1) All Regulations respecting the exportation of the exportation and sale to, in and for any market or markets of "Labrador" Fish are repealed.
- (2) All Regulations respecting the exportation and sale to, in and for Italy of "Shore" Fish are repealed.

Week of Prayer.

Owing to some unforeseen disorder in the hearing of the edifice, the service last night at the Congregational Church was considerably curtailed, and closed at a quarter to nine.

The topic, as announced, was that of the Church Universal, and all the hymns and devotions were along that line of thought. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Darby, B.A. and he was assisted by the Rev. D. B. Hemmison and also by the Rev. Mr. Baird. Though the atmosphere was a little chilly, there was a warmth in the service and the singing was very hearty and reminded one of the words of the Apostle when he wrote to one of the earlier churches about "singing with the spirit and with the understanding."

The service to-night will be held at Gower St. Church, and is to be addressed by the Rev. Mr. Baird. This Rev. gentleman, as already reported, is supplying the St. Andrew's-pulpit for a while, and until the pastor-elite arrives. During his short stay he has won golden opinions from our people; and his co-operation at the united services of the Week of Prayer has been very helpful and encouraging. We feel assured that a large congregation will greet Mr. Baird this evening, and if his address will be of the same deep and dignified character as have been his other contributions, then we have no hesitation in expecting a message that will be at once impressive and abiding, and helpful to all the people.

Oporto Stocks.

January 3rd.	
British	22.800
Consumption	1.143
Norwegian	35.372
Consumption	1.143
December 27th.	
British	19.943
Consumption	1.715
Norwegian	25.828
Consumption	2.285

Entered—Myrtle Piercey.  
Waiting Orders—Generals Plumer, Maude, Allenby and Ironsides; Frances Moulton, Russell Lake, Posidon, Carla, Neptune, Mary II, Dazle, Ellen Mary. These vessels have cargoes aggregating over 4,000 tons of codfish which with 22,800 in the stock report makes a total of 67,400.

Unique Diary.

We thank the White Commission Company for their 1921 souvenir, which takes the form of a series of pocket diaries, one for each month, designed to fit the vest pocket. Each book contains sufficient space for a complete diurnal record, there being a page allotted to each day, with the day of the week and date at the top. Twelve books make the series, and as a compact and appropriate pocket diary the White Company's 1921 reminder will supply the busy man with something that fills the bill.

C.C.C. BAND DANCE.

C. C. C. Hall, Thursday, Jan. 6. Lady Friends and others of the Band who may be anxious to show a little appreciation of the Band's work can do so now by either sending donations of Cake, etc., or by helping at the Supper, and if they would kindly communicate either by telephone 818 or write C.C.C. Band, P.O. Box 1253 it would be appreciated, as the Band have no decided Ladies' Committee to help them.

The Gift for Health from the East, "LES FRUITS" ELLIS'S. dec31

Supreme Court.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Chief Justice.)  
Matthew Penney vs. L. M. Trask Co. The Royal Bank of Canada Garbages—This is a garnishee proceeding. Mr. J. A. Barron, for plaintiff, is heard, and calls Parker who represents the garnishee and acknowledges having the sum of \$900.33 on hand belonging to defendant, Mr. J. A. Barron moves that the said amount be paid into court. It is ordered accordingly.

Officers Nominated.

The following officers of the Council of the Board of Trade for 1921 have been nominated: President, H. E. Cowan; Vice-President, A. E. Hickman. For Committee: Hon. Tasker Cook Messrs. Leonard Outerbridge, A. W. Piccott, Joseph J. Long and Wm. White. Four of the latter five gentlemen will be accepted at the annual meeting and election on the 15th inst.

KNOWLING'S

China & Glass Dept.

We begin in the New Year with some real live BARGAINS.  
Genuine English China Breakfast Cups and Saucers, pink band and gold lines, 45c. each.

Dark Blue Pattern Dinner Plates, large size. Worth 55c. each, Our Price 33c.

White and Gold Cups and Saucers, Job . . . . .26c.  
White and Gold Breakfast Cups & Saucers, Job, 30c.  
Glass Shaving Mugs . .10c.  
Earthen Mugs, Gold Band . . . . .25c.  
Best White Soup Plates, 25c  
Best White and Gold Soup Plates . . . . .30c.

TEA CUPS, 12c. Each.

Vegetable Dishes, best white, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.60  
Tea Sets, 21 pieces, \$4.30, \$5.10, \$5.50  
Glass Jugs . . . . .37c.  
Glass Berry Bowls . . .37c.  
Best White Cups and Saucers . . . . .23c.  
White Cups and Saucers, Job . . . . .17c, 18c.  
Tumblers, \$1.00, 1.20, 1.35 dozen.

Brown TEAPOTS, 45c., 50c., 55c.

Toilet Sets, best white, 4 pieces . . . . . \$3.90  
Toilet Sets, 6 pieces, shaded . . . . . \$8.90  
Toilet Sets, 5 pieces, printed pattern . . . \$9.00  
Fancy Teapots, 50c., 60c., 70c., 80c.  
Teapots, Decorated and Gold, 90c., \$1.00, \$1.10.  
White Earthen Mugs, 22c., 30c.

WATCH!

Our Crockery Department for BARGAINS during Stock Taking. All odds and ends in Dinner, Tea Toiletware MUST GO.

And please don't forget that we have the cheapest line of GLASSWARE in the city.

G. Knowling Limited.

Jan5,61

Will Press Resolution.

An effort is being made to have Mr. Fred Moore's resolution, which was on the minutes recorded at yesterday's meeting of the Fish Exporters, brought before a general meeting of that body. The proposer does not intend to let the matter drop, and has asked the President of the Board of Trade to convene an early meeting.

Union Men Called Out

AS RESULT OF RETRENCHMENT AT G. M. BARR'S.  
Yesterday morning some seventeen employees of G. M. Barr's were informed by Mr. Canning, one of the directors of the firm, that owing to the present financial conditions the firm was not able to retain their services at the scheduled rate of wages. These men have been drawing regular wages at from \$21.00 to \$30.00 per week and many have been in the employ for as long as twenty years. At the present time there was absolutely no work for them to do, but believing that a half loaf was better than no bread, Mr. Canning offered to keep them in the employ at half their usual wages, but the employees, except one, were connected directly with the different unions and the matter was forthwith brought to the attention of their executives. The result was that the men of the L. S. P. U. affected were called on to leave the premises, and also the Coopers' Union men, this in violation of the principles of both unions. Seen by a Telegram representative this morning, Mr. Canning had explained to him the reasons for keeping the men going for one hour a day, but that the firm would pay full union wages for hourly men when work was available. The reduction applied to permanent hands and up to New Year they had a staff on their wharves and in their fish stores drawing a large salary, but now they were unable to meet the outlay, and instead of sacrificing some and retaining the few, retrenchment had to be applied all around. It was the firm's regret that it had to be done, but no other course was left open. All these men were employed in the premises, and at least they should be considered in the times of adversity. Today all their stores were locked up and the men are without any employment.

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McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5, '21  
Shampoo preparations are many, and each type of preparation—powder, cream, liquid—has its particular clients, who prefer their own particular kind; but there is no preparation of the sort more popular or one whom popularity is better deserved, than McMurdo's Emulsified Coconut Oil Shampoo. Somehow, from the start—Coconut Oil Shampoo has been for some years in vogue—this elegant preparation "caught on," and is now used in almost all parts of Newfoundland and is well liked in all parts where it is used. Price 40c. a bottle; 45c. carriage paid.

Police Returns.

During the past year the police dealt with over 2,000 matters, these, 44 were Prohibition Cases and 128 larcenies. The total number of arrests made during the year was 611. In 1919 there were 119 larcenies and in 1918 there were 208, which tends to show that this particular form of crime is on the decrease.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Sable I. is due to-morrow morning from North Sydney. She is expected to get away again during the night, or early Friday morning.  
S.S. Rosalind has been delayed at New York and will not leave there for Halifax until the 7th inst.  
S.S. Sulu left port this morning, towing the schr. Molly Fearn to Catalina.  
S.S. Neptune sailed for North Sydney this morning for a coal cargo.  
Schr. Florence B. has cleared for Alicante, fish laden by S. Harris, Ltd.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Great War Veterans are holding their Annual Grand Dance Thursday, Feb. 3rd. Keep this date open.—Jan5,21

Susu's Passengers.

S. S. Susu sailed for northern ports at 10 a.m. to-day, taking with her a large freight and the following passengers: Mrs. Hoskins, Albert Oak, E. Bragg, J. G. Gage, Peter Gaulton, B. Blackwood, J. Barry, G. G. ter, Miss M. Hillier and M. Pomeroy.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply Wreaths and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavor to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE To-day.  
Wind West, fresh weather, dull; nothing sighted to-day; Bar, 29.65; Ther. 20.  
Minnard's Linctant For Garglet in Cows

Here and There.

RE-OPENS FRIDAY.—Bishop Field College will re-open after the Xmas holidays, on Friday morning.

Try our Special Cambridge Sausages. Made fresh daily at ELLIS'S.—nov10,21

ARRIVED AT LONDON.—The mate and crew of the schooner Ludwig which was lost at Malaga, have arrived at London en route to St. John's.

Unfalling in its results. A Pure, Wholesome and Delicious Laxative, "LES FRUITS."—dec31

EXPRESS DUE TO-MORROW.—The incoming express, which left Port aux Basques this morning, is due here to-morrow night.

See "Blundering Billy" save his sweetheart's life at St. Joseph's Hall Thursday night, at 8.15.—Jan5,11

SIGN OF THE TIMES.—Fish drums are now being offered in the city at 60 cents each; the usual price paid being 90 cents each.

Get your tickets quickly for "Blundering Billy" as they are selling very fast. Plan at Royal Stationery Co.—Jan5,11

PRICE DROPPING.—Rabbits, which have been selling for some time past at \$9 to \$9 cents per brace, are now being offered in the stores at 50 cents the brace.

"Blundering Billy" is a scream from start to finish. Come and enjoy a good laugh and help along a good cause.—Jan5,11

NOTICE TO ALL LOVERS.—See "Blundering Billy" and you will have no trouble to get over your love troubles.—Jan5,11

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following passengers are on the incoming express: J. Moore, R. Whelan, J. B. Moore, S. B. Fullerton, M. and Mrs. Smith, J. H. Baggs, Mrs. S. Shabat, M. Hicks, H. Joy, S. Bruce.

FOR SALE.—Some Choice Green Tomatoes. Limited quantity only; apply THE VALLEY NURSERIES, LTD.—Jan5,21

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Christian Brothers, Mount Cashel, beg very gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of fifty dollars, a bequest of the late James Finlay, St. Shott's, per Very Rev. W. O'Flaherty.—adv.

B.I.S.—There will be a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary in the B. I. S. Rooms on Wednesday evening at 8.30 o'clock. ELIZABETH H. PEDDIGREW, Sec'y. Jan5,11

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C.C.C. BAND DANCE, LADIES' MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the Lady Friends of the C.C.C. Band to-night at 8 o'clock, in the C.C.C. Hall, to make final arrangements regarding Dance.

WILL CONNECT WITH GLENCOE.—Passengers leaving St. John's on the 8.45 a.m. train Friday, will connect with s.s. Glencoe for the usual ports of call between Placentia and Port aux Basques.

CARD.—Mr. C. R. Pool is now in position to accept any office work, opening and closing of account books, keeping accounts and general office work. Apply 129 Gower Street. He is not now in the employ of Messrs. Gear & Co.—Jan5,21

(By Permission of Lieut.-Col.) C.C.C. BAND DANCE, C.C.C. Hall, January 6th. Dancing 9.15. Music by the Full Band. Tickets (including Supper):  
Double . . . . . \$1.80  
Gent's . . . . . \$1.50  
Lady's . . . . . \$1.00  
All the very latest music will be played by the full Cadet Band on this occasion.  
Tickets on sale at G. Byrne's Bookstore, Royal Stationery Store, and from the Bandsmen.

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S. S. SACHEM	Jan. 15th	Jan. 24th	Feb. 7th	Feb. 11th

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Maids' Blk. Cashmere Blouses . . . . . \$1.45 to \$4.25  
Maids' Blk. Poplin Blouses . . . . . \$1.50 to \$6.50  
Maids' Blk. Sateen Skirts . . . . . \$7.25  
Maids' Blk. Cloth Skirts . . . . . \$5.20 to \$10.00  
Maids' Blk. Serge Skirts . . . . . \$7.00  
Maids' Grey Zephyr Dresses . . . . . \$2.75 to \$3.25  
Maids' Blue Zephyr Dresses . . . . . \$1.75 to \$2.75  
Maids' White Aprons . . . . . \$1.10 to \$1.95  
Maids' Afternoon Aprons . . . . . \$1.10 to \$1.50  
Maids' Holland Aprons . . . . . \$1.30  
Maids' Aprons without Bibs . . . . . \$1.00  
Maids' White Overall . . . . . \$2.40  
Maids' Col'd Overall . . . . . \$1.95 to \$6.60  
Maids' Celluloid Collars . . . . . \$1.10 pair  
Maids' Celluloid Cuffs . . . . . \$1.00 pair  
Maids' Linen Collars . . . . . 27c. to 35c.  
Maids' Linen Cuffs . . . . . 40c. and 45c.  
Maids' Caps, several styles . . . . . 15c. to 75c.

Special Black Blouse Bargain  
From \$1.45 to \$6.50. Worth \$2.00 to \$8.00.

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