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The Fisheries

The Maritime Merchant, Feb. 14, 1924
Dried Fish.

Based on one standpoint, the dried fish market is not much in the dried fish market to inspire jubilation, but it is not from another there is reason to say that things are more favorable than they have been at other times within the past three years. In connection with the latter we have reached a point where it can be said that the world demand for dried fish equals the world supply, which is a situation to say the least, that the industry approximates the trading conditions of pre-war times. Of course, the old prices have not returned, but they will—but it would seem from now on fish will be sold at a basis that will have some nearness to production cost, which is a basis that has not been happening now for a number of years. In the war the fish like almost every other commodity was too high. Since the war, however, they have gone too far in the other direction, to the great detriment of producers, not only in this country, but in all other countries where fishing is an established industry. It is a great relief to the fisherman after long waiting a complete clearing up of world overabundance has been effected and that now there is a good prospect of steady and profitable markets being once more available. One of the signs of this change is the better prices obtaining in the Havana market for our fish. This indicates that other competing markets are able to sell their fish here and therefore find no necessity of cutting prices to secure buyers in Havana. The general feeling in the different consuming countries of dried codfish prices in Brazil is the different consuming countries of Europe is upward and with supplies as light as reports indicate there to be there should be a fairly good demand for supplies during the coming period, now near at hand. It is true that there are still moderate supplies of Lanesburg bank fish to be sold, but no one has any doubt that these will all be required for our local customers before the first of the new season's catch arrives and ready for shipment.

We have made some inquiries about the preparations going on at Lanesburg for the new season's catch. What we have received indicates that the number of the fleet will be significantly larger than last year. Many vessels have been sold to people in the run-around game and besides the failure to realize satisfactory profits in the past few years has driven a good many men into other walks of life. It is probably need a season or two of returns to the banking fleet to bring the number of vessels climbing to the total of a few years ago.

Pickled Fish.
Nothing much has happened of late in the West India demand for Newfoundland spring herring in light and heavy drag along at about \$4.75 per barrel ex store. The supply of Nova Scotia grocery herring is well nigh exhausted. A few are obtainable from wholesale grocers at from \$9 to \$9.50 per barrel. The price of West India and Scotch Cured is slightly lower in New York due to oversupply from Canada; the price ex vessel Halifax is now about \$16 per barrel. There has been no recent change in the price of spring mackerel. They are quoted ex store at \$9.50 per barrel. Stocks of fat mackerel are well covered up; the price to-day ex store is \$12.50 per barrel. A very good demand is reported for smoked salmon. The price for three and for barrels \$17 ex store.

Canned Lobsters.
A recent visitor to Halifax who has been studying the lobster situation in

recent years asserts that prices for canned lobsters were forced continually upwards during the war period. They advanced on this side from about \$20.00 per case to \$45.00, and double that, price while in Europe, on account of transatlantic freights soaring from 25c. to \$3.00 per case, with corresponding advances in insurance, exchange and other charges. The increase was even more marked. Dealers became apt to believe that there was no limit to the sum that a consumer would pay for a tin of lobsters, and many packers finding lobsters so easy to sell lessened their vigilance in the matter of qualities. No one dreamed, however, that a 6-oz. can of lobster would cost fifteen francs for the French, or some billions of marks for the Germans.

The larger buyers noticed the demand lessened in 1918, but freight reductions assisted European buyers to absorb their stocks, and the demand for the premium quality of lobster was too high. Since the war, however, they have gone too far in the other direction, to the great detriment of producers, not only in this country, but in all other countries where fishing is an established industry. It is a great relief to the fisherman after long waiting a complete clearing up of world overabundance has been effected and that now there is a good prospect of steady and profitable markets being once more available. One of the signs of this change is the better prices obtaining in the Havana market for our fish. This indicates that other competing markets are able to sell their fish here and therefore find no necessity of cutting prices to secure buyers in Havana. The general feeling in the different consuming countries of dried codfish prices in Brazil is the different consuming countries of Europe is upward and with supplies as light as reports indicate there to be there should be a fairly good demand for supplies during the coming period, now near at hand. It is true that there are still moderate supplies of Lanesburg bank fish to be sold, but no one has any doubt that these will all be required for our local customers before the first of the new season's catch arrives and ready for shipment.

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Coast fishermen are planning upon operating as usual. The buyers are looking for a better demand in Britain and America at the lower price levels. They are hoping for a betterment in European conditions, but all agree that the general standard of quality must be improved in order to revive the situation for all concerned.

Buried by an Avalanche

The avalanches in Switzerland which have been recently making some stir are looked upon as rather mild affairs in comparison with some of the avalanches which the annals of the Alps record. No one will trouble to write books about them; but a whole book, occasionally to be picked up in the auction room, was once written about an avalanche which fell on the village of Bergamotto, in Italy, writes Francis Gubler. Three women were working in the stable when the snow suddenly descended and buried them. Happily the stable was not entirely destroyed, whole valley which descends, like a

so that they were neither crushed nor suffocated, but were merely confined to a narrow snow prison, in which they had no choice but to wait until their neighbours came and dug them out. Happily, too, there was a milk goat in the stable, and they could drink its milk until the supply gave out. On the other hand, the neighbors, believing them to be dead, were in no particular hurry to rescue them, with the result that five weeks and two days elapsed before they were released.

A more disastrous kind of avalanche, however, is that which falls across a mountain torrent. Naturally, in such a case, the avalanche dams the torrent, the torrent accumulates behind the dam until it forms a lake, the pressure of the water eventually bursts the dam, and an immense flood pours down the valley. The most famous avalanche of the kind was one which fell, early in the nineteenth century, in the upper reaches of the Dranse blocking the whole valley which descends, like a



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A Sympathetic Executioner

About the famous executioner Calcraft Mr. Kingston writes:—"When Calcraft, the executioner, was asked if he had ever hanged an innocent man he replied that he could not tell, but he had had 'no complaints.' He was emphatic, however, in the opinion that many guilty men had escaped him. On one occasion he was found in maudlin tears complaining that, owing to the tender-heartedness of the Home Secretary in granting reprieves, he would soon be a ruined man. Calcraft occasionally wore a flower in his buttonhole when engaged in his ghastly and grisly duties, and when objections were raised, he said with dignity:—"It is to cheer my client up. I am not an undertaker, and decline to dress like one."

The Professional Witness

A shabby-looking individual, slumped forward at a witness for the defence in a London (Eng.) police court case. "I've seen you here before," said the magistrate, "and I don't want to see you again. You are one of those peeps who haunt the police courts and county courts and volunteer to swear to anything for a fee of half a crown. You can stand down, sir; I have no use for your sort of evidence." There are several London courts, to say nothing of those in the provinces, where the professional witness is a well-recognized auxiliary. He will come up for an extremely modest consideration to give testimony as to character, or who struck the first blow, or what the landlord said, or any other complimentary trifles calculated for procuring a weak case. Magistrates and county court judges know his type well, and are rarely deceived a second time by his plausible yarns. There is a certain class of defendant, however, to whom the professional witness seems to be indispensable, and for that reason there are few courts where several of the type cannot be found awaiting the opportunity of picking up a stray half-crown or so in return for doing "a good turn" to a fellow-creature in distress. A whispered colloquy between principal and agent by way of giving the latter the heads of his "brief," so to speak, and there is a prompt response when magistrate or judge asks, with an asperity born of long-suffering "Any witnesses?" The agent, prompted astutely by leading questions

THE HOSPITAL ZONE.



"Drive quietly,"—the sign is plain, in letters large and high, in your home, on one of pain, a lot of sick folks lie; the noise of traffic is a strain, which they moan and sigh. And most of those who see the sign slow down as they go past; their rusty axles cease to whine, their cylinders to blast; most men are kindly and benign, their sympathies are vast. They strive to make a little noise as their old cars can spring, and to their little girls and boys they say, "Don't yell or sing; for idle racketing destroys the sick ones' peace, by jing." The doctors and the nurses gaze, and say, in accents low, "May heaven bless those thoughtful lads who drive their vans so slow; our patients would have peaceful days, if all would like them go." But now and then the speeder feet goes by with noise dire; he drives his wheelbarrow down the street as going to a fire; the doctors then their bosoms beat, the nurses groan with ire. The sign is there for all to read, the words are bold and plain; and kindly men reduce their speed, and sigh for those in pain; but skates whose wits have gone to seed, a dizzy speed maintain. Spread buttered slices of bread with deviled ham, top with a plain buttered slice, dip in egg and milk and saute in butter.

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Scientists Study Sleep

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MUTT AND JEFF — THE INCOME TAX IS SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT. — By Bud Fisher.

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JEFF: ARE YOU AS HAPPY AS YOU LOOK, MUTT?

MUTT: SURE, MUTT! I JUST SLIPPED UNDER SAM MY INCOME TAX AND GOT IT OFF MY SHOULDERS! IT WAS WORRYING ME!

JEFF: YOU'RE LUCKY! MY INCOME TAX IS WORRYING ME, TOO, AND I'M BROKE!

MUTT: THEN COMPARED TO YOU I'M SITTING PRETTY!

JEFF: BUT LISTEN! WHAT WAS YOUR IDEA IN PAYING YOUR INCOME TAX NOW WHEN IT AIN'T DUE UNTIL NEXT MONTH?

MUTT: WHAT'S MEAN-NEXT MONTH?

JEFF: THE INCOME TAX I JUST PAID WAS DUE LAST YEAR!