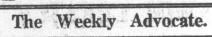
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CONSIGNMENT CURSE RESPONSIBLE MOST OF

FISHERMEN FACING SITUATION OF GREAT DIFFICULTY

As the price of no-regulations we have the spectacle o the Daily News printing the following this morning:

(Daily News, Sept. 27.) NO DEMAND FOR LABRADOR FISH—PRICE GOING DOWN "As a result of the prevailing unsettled state of the Mediterranean markets, and the fact that Greece is practically out of the market this season, it is now very difficult to dispose of Labrador fish. Sev eral cargoes have reached the city during the last couple of days, but the merchants don't seem over anxious to buy, while the price now down to \$4.25. It looks as if the man who god rid of his fish on the Coast early in the season, is going to be the better off, as at that time the price was around \$5.00 per quintal, with some firms giving \$5.20 in order to complete cargoes. A resident of Bonavista wh brought a cargo here on Monday was offered \$4.00 in cash by an East End firm, or \$4.50 in trade. With these conditions existing, with but a few of the fleet in port, the situation will not be very healthy when the schooners get here during the next couple of weeks. One business man stated yesterday that he had an offer for a quantity of Labra dor but the best he could offer would be \$4.00 and then his profits

And we agree that it will indeed be difficult for the fishermen to make two ends meet this season!

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would not amount to 20 cents per quintal. At this price the fisher

Speaking to an Exporter recently we asked about the fish situation and he said:

"It is a crime to see the way we are drifting in years immediately following the marketing our codfish. Here last year I had several cargoes sold outright at this time, but this year I have only sent across a few cargoes and it is all on consignment. What better can I do when Hawes has invaded prices equal to double present Portugal and is able to offer consigned fish in competition with all other fish. And how can I expect my fish merchants in Portugal to pay me outright for three, or four thousand quintals of fish, when they can get Mediterranean" when, if we reafish on the spot over there in any quantities they re- son along the present lines of

quire? The industry is being ruined." The Daily News may write itself black in the face in the tainly have declined to its present effort to blame "unsettled markets," "exchange" and the war for the poor outlook for fish, but no one who knows prove that owing to the policy anything about the matter will believe it. The exporter quoted above is an unbiased authority and is representative of the general opinion of the Exporters today. And it is criminal to remain quiet when we have had the remedy in our hands and refused to take it. It is late now to do anything, but it was not too late last Spring when Mr. Coaker, the London Brokers and Sir John Crosbie came out in the open and pointed out that something could be done to put

the industry on a firmer basis. The Advocate has kept hammering at this topic for years. We can claim that since the fall of the Regulations. the price for fish has continued to drop, simply because we have put ourselves in the hands of the consignment outfit,

which holds the strangle grip on Newfoundland today. We look abroad and in every direction see the producers of other countries paying strict attention to the marketing of their produce. Raisins, fish, fruit and other plain duty towards the fishermen commodities are feeling the good effects of cooperative was to support any measures enselling, yet we, with a comparatively small output of a acted to raise the price of fish. million or so quintals, cannot get together to market it to the best advantage. We are deliberately ruining the markets, mon people, was so tempting, that not only for ourselves but for our competitors. If the con-such gentry became Judases and

signment "heroes" want to depress the price, very little stock is necessary to do it, but this year we have dumped so semblance of sanity or system? much fish by steamer and sailing vessel into the Mediter- If the exporters' only object was ranean markets that prices can slump to the lowest without difficulty

The lot of the fishermen this fall is not going to be an enviable one. They realize that they are back to the days before the F. P. U. came into existence as far as the price of fish is concerned, and they know for a certainty that their or threw it over their wharves. only sure hope for the future is the fishery policy of Hon. As conditions are to-day, the W. F. Coaker. They are with him to the finish in the great prices cannot be given because fight for a progressive Newfoundland. They look to him as fish on consignment and, broadly the one who brought the Humber project into the limelight to see that no one is permitted to spoil Newfoundland's they feel like"; for they will not chances to get out of the rut of depression! The Tory want for fish. There are tens of newspapers will attempt to foil his every effort, but they will of thousands of quintals over not succeed when he is backed by the toilers of this old

THOSE WHO KNIFED **COAKER'S POLICY MUST** SHOULDER THE BLAME

are featuring the fact that Labra- foul treachery. dor fish has fallen in price here to

Mediterranean.

cause of the low price of Labra- dor and Shore fish. dor and Shore fish.

When the fishery regulations vere introduced, conditions were also very much unsettled in the Mediterranean. Europe had just emerged from the greatest war in history, a war which left economic desolation everywhere, particular ly in the markets to which Newoundland had to market her fish ry produce; indeed, it will be eadily remembered how Tory hypocritical newspaper writers pleaded the "impoverishment of some of the allied Mediterranean countries" as a reason for the cancellation of our fishery policy. It was argued that we should not demand high prices for our fish from the countries whose peoples fought in the great war.

Europe could not possibly be in a more unsettled state than in the cessation of hostilities. He who denies that fact is a fool or a selfconscious hypocrite.

Yet it cannot be denied tha prices for both Labrador and Shore fish were obtained by the fishermen at a time of such "unsettledness in the country of the Tory newspapers, fish would cervalues or less than its present values: all of which considerations which was attempted then as against the present lack of any policy whatsoever, prices were raised to double of prices now obtainable by the fishermen.

We sate advisedly that when the fishery regulations were attempted, those who were responsible for the introduction of the regulations had to fight the greatest odds imaginable against merchant and political traitors who were spies in this country for foreigners, and who were in daily communications with foreigners by cable or with their agents here. The regulations therefore, to our shame, was never given fair play by those Newfoundlanders whose The opportunity to play politics even at the expense of the com-

The Daily News and Telegram wallowed in the political gutter of

No one states that the regulafour and twenty-five cents per tions constituted all that was dequintal and ascribe the cause to sired. It was impossible to exthe unsettled conditions in the pect them perfect, immediately up on the introduction of the policy It is not to be denied that con- It may be said, however, that the ditions in the Mediterranean have policy, had it been given a fair an influence on the price of fish as chance or had it not been crippled may eliminate Greece from the and subsequently knifed out of market. Notwithstanding how-political jealousy and hate, would ever, it will not take the ordinary have resulted in still greater refishermen long to discover that turns to the country, would to-day these Tory newspapers are trying have been perfected, would toto throw dust in their eyes and day have prevented the spectacle conceal from them the greater of "starvation" prices for Labra-

Therefore, it is that Tory newspaper writers endeavour to explain why fish has declined value from regulation prices, namely, \$8 for Labrador and \$10 or more for Shore fish per quintal; but they were better occupied in explaining and confessing themselves as political hypocrites and asking pardon for their sins of base treachery towards the fisher-

The intelligent citizen realises that conditions among the people would have been infinitely worse had they not received in the regulation years comparatively high prices for their fish; and that they are as bad at the present time. that the Government are obliged to give so much employment to keep the people from actual want, are facts that can be immediately

prices when the fish exportation

chaos or without the least to secure the lowest possible price instead of the highest possible price, they could not pursue it in a more disastrous measure than they now do; unless they gave their fish to foreigners free speaking, "will pay for it what the hatches, racing their across the Atlantic; for all of which fish the regulations would have made them pay outright before it left our shores, and on Lodge of South Africa, or, failing

who lauded Mr. Coaker to the Grand Lodge of England, but there are 1875—Herzegovina rebels. skies when Mr. Coaker gave him altogether five English sub-jurisdica job and who is damning him tions in South Africa, with an aggreing him just what he wanted is men and explain away why fishermen will not make both ends

class him in the category in which so many of his political confederates have been placed. For fur ther assurance in that score such political firebugs may seek the

every quintal of which fish fisher- that, under a sovereign Grand Lodge men should not have been sacri- of Natal. The motion was lost by two ficed to the tune of several dollars. That is the correct position to- siderably day, the unchallengable position One definite step has now been taken seen by anybody with ordinary in Bloemfontein, where a Benevolent intelligence. By the blind knifing and Education Fund for Freemasons of a policy, which meant as much and their dependents has been organ-caption "Settling Turkish Question," by the foul satiation of the poli-the Craft Lodges and Royal Arch

to exporters as to the fishermen, tical appetite of Tories whose ac- Chapters of all four jurisdictions, but after the Crimean war by the treaty tions have disgraced the country also representatives of what is known of Paris, March 30, 1856, when the and brought us to a position of shame, our people suffer, our

have arrived to an opinion and will

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there and eight steamers, filled to which was a state of the steamers of the s

By to-day's News, an individual the second largest district under the sequent Turkish history.

He forgets that the fishermen Splendid Meetings Are Held There

> (Special to Evening Advocate) HANT'S HR., Sept. 27.—The Rev. F. B. Beone held public and Turks' proclaim establishment of con-Union meetings here last night, stitution and set up 'Committee of He is a great speaker and his words of chear and sunshine were gratefully accepted in these dark ence of Turkish suzeranity. Austria we shall soon see the dawning of Herzgovina the day that he has forecasted IATION PLAN REVIVED. for Nfld. Believe Mr. Coaker ent for the amalgamation will be greatly helped and aided by Mr. Boone in bringing about that day in spite of all the diffi-

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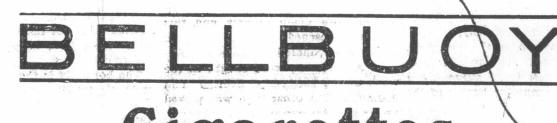
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1887-1897 — Uninterrupted peace

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