



Evening Telegram

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What Thoughtful Men Are Thinking.

Thoughtful men are appalled over the deplorable financial and industrial condition to which this unfortunate country has been reduced by the bungling of Messrs. Coaker and Squires. The frothy, irate vapourings of the Acting Premier and the saturnine editor of his paper, may go down with a few people who allow others to do their thinking for them; but they serve not as an answer to the intelligent thinkers of the Dominion, who are to-day thoroughly alarmed over the situation, and who are asking one another the question, "Where is it all going to end?" Grim poverty is already hovering over the districts of Burgeo & La-Polle, St. George's, Fortune and Placentia Bays, and the young men are fleeing from the country as if from a plague. It is to be feared that this state of affairs will soon be common to the whole country, and we reiterate, without fear of successful contradiction, that this has been brought about, mainly, by the mad policy of interfering with free buying and selling, as embodied in the Fish Regulations. This fish control would be bad enough if done by a political leader who was not in the fish trade himself, but having been conceived and carried out by Mr. Coaker, who is a large fish exporter himself, the ethical aspect of the question is so disgraceful and indecent that we would be ashamed, for the sake of our own self-respect as a people, to let strangers outside the Colony know that such a thing is possible in a land of supposedly free, intelligent people.

Thoughtful men are watching the decline in the imports, and asking how is it possible, under existing and prospective conditions, to raise the revenue of some \$11,000,000, so buoyantly predicted by the Finance Minister in the House of Assembly last spring. There was a surplus of about \$3,000,000 left there by the late Government, put aside for the proverbial rainy day, but as far as we can learn it has been nearly all absorbed in (1) doubling up salaries which the recipients did not ask for and did not want; (2) throwing it away on old steamers and putting on useless coastal boats; (3) in bungling to the extent of some 300,000 in buying sugar off importers to get them out of a mess; (4) appointing some sixteen inspectors with big salaries, and a new Department of Education which was not at all necessary; (5) establishing nearly every week new commissions on every conceivable subject, and dozens of other expensive fads and fancies which will astonish the public by their totality of expenditure when the House next meets. There never was and probably never will be a Government that "threw away"—that is the most appropriate word—money more recklessly and got rid of more in so short a time. If a vengeful demon that had a particular spite

against this Dominion had said, "go in and wreck the country as quickly as you can," and they were willing and pleased to obey, they could not have succeeded better in ten short months.

This is cold, hard fact, and not written for the sake of politics. We can live without politics, but we cannot live and have a consciousness of having done our duty towards the public who have always stood by us, if we refrain now from speaking out the truth. Something will have to be done and done quickly, if we want to live in this country and keep it in a solvent and independent state, and what is of more importance, keep our people from the destitution and hard times that certainly are impending the coming winter. The people of Burgeo Island, in Burgeo & La-Polle, have given a warning of a condition that may become general all over the island before long. The Acting Premier turns around and tells them they don't know what they are talking about, and that they are the victims of political wire-pullers. This reply needs no comment beyond saying that it gives the public of Newfoundland a better and more correct idea of what kind of an individual is now running this unfortunate country, and what we may expect before his egotistical power-mad policy is played out to the end. Business of all kinds is at a standstill in the city and outports, and a want of confidence all round is fast bringing the country to the abyss of ruin. Is it a Tory plot to drive us into insolvency and confederation? An affirmative answer would fit in with all the circumstances.

Twisting the Argument.

The Advocate resolves and twists every argument and presentation of facts anent the fish situation that appear in the papers that do not agree with his policy, into one cry, viz., "you are trying to drive fish down to \$6 a quintal for the fishermen, while I am struggling to get them \$10 and \$11." This is so transparently hypocritical and unsound and so far from the facts that it will deceive no one but an idiot. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to see the fishermen get as good a price for their fish as they received last fall. It is Mr. Coaker's policy that is making it hard for the fishermen, and this will be made so plain before the catch is all sold, that the most hide-bound Coaker follower will see it. We alluded to 75¢ and 70¢ as the fixed prices for the Oporto market, in Wednesday's issue, not to make an argument that these prices were too high, as the saturnine editor pretends to believe, but to expose a piece of either blundering or rascality in as much as we say that all the Oporto fish should sell at 75¢ as long as there is a minimum price made, and that there should be no two qualities and no 70¢ price mentioned at all. The like was never known before in the Oporto market. They never asked nor expected two qualities and would be quite satisfied, we believe, to pay 75¢ for all the fish. The question naturally arises why is this gratuitous sacrifice of \$5 made in the case of Oporto fish? It is one of the glaring blunders of the regulations, and the answer to the question will, we have no doubt, be revealed later on.

Antagonizing Customers

The very important fact that Mr. Coaker seemed to ignore in his fish regulations, was that one cannot antagonize his customers with impunity. Necessity might compel them to submit to an arbitrary fixed legal price when they can get the commodity from nobody else, and you may put the gun to their heads and say, "you must buy at my price whether you like it or not." But when, as in the case of dry codfish, Norway, Iceland, France and other countries have got it to offer, our customers will say, "you cannot compel me to buy your fish, as we can get it from others who are free to bargain with us and will serve our turn just as well as you can." This is the feeling in all our former markets to-day, especially in Portugal and Brazil, and the fact that three large steamer loads of Norwegian fish have already arrived at Oporto, should be sufficient to make Mr. Coaker doubt the wisdom of his minimum price-fixing.

A Narrow Escape.

Shortly after nine o'clock last night Mr. John Kavanaugh, watchman with the Gorton Pew Co. heard the cry of children on the Southside Hill, and taking a lantern in company with two other men he made a search. Just above the premises on the edge of a precipice a woman and her two children were found. They had lost their way whilst returning from berry picking. They had a narrow escape as had they gone a few feet more they would have gone over the cliff and been killed. After being brought to safety the woman collapsed.

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Getting Alarmed.

The changes and modifications that the Advisory Board and the Exporters are compelling the Minister of Fisheries to make in the Regulations, indicate that the man is at last awaking to a sense of the possible ruin that is hanging like a dark cloud over the country. The exporters had shown this newly-awakened determination earlier in the season, they would not be in the state that they are to-day. The cull is going to be relaxed, and No. 2 is going to be divided into No. 2 and superior No. 2. We are glad that this concession is going to be made. It is something gained for the fishermen, and shows that the exporters who forced this improvement have a conscience, and that they are at last doing something to ameliorate the terrible injustice that is possible under No. 2, as far as the fishermen are concerned. The local brokers that send fish for our markets, are also to get their licenses to export, and these men are the ones who always, by their competition, helped to keep up the local price of fish. We congratulate the gentlemen who secured these concessions, and their success should encourage them to go further and bring about free shipments to all the markets as well as Spain. Now that Mr. Coaker seems to be getting frightened over the mischief that has been done and the condition to which the country has been reduced would it not be possible to get the Regulations re-export, dropped altogether for this year?

Holyrood Garden Party.

Holyrood Garden Party which was postponed Wednesday last owing to inclement weather will be held tomorrow afternoon. Should fine weather prevail it is likely that a goodly number will go out from the city on the 2.30 excursion train.

Motor Drives for Soldiers.

JENSEN CAMP.
Monday—Lady Outerbridge.
Tuesday—Mrs. B. E. Job.
Wednesday—Miss Helen Reid.
Thursday—Mrs. W. Piercey.
Friday—Mr. W. B. Grieve.
Saturday—Mrs. E. A. Bowring.

ESCASON.
Monday—Miss Mary Rendell.
Tuesday—Capt. C. C. Duley.
Wednesday—Mrs. Eric S. Ayre.
Thursday—Mr. Harold C. Ayre.
Friday—Mrs. E. A. Bowring.
Saturday—Miss Beams.

GENERAL HOSPITAL.
Monday—Miss M. Mitchell.
Tuesday—Mr. A. H. Murray.
Wednesday—Miss Delgado.
Thursday—Miss Ryan.
Friday—Miss Moore.

SUDBURY.
Monday—Mrs. John Leamon.
Tuesday—Mrs. J. J. Mackay.
Wednesday—
Thursday—Mrs. J. C. Marshall.
Friday—Mr. John Steer.
Saturday—Mr. F. W. Ayre.

Personal.

Mrs. J. E. J. Fox, who was visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fraser for the last couple of months, is returning to England by the S.S. Digby.

Mrs. P. H. Knowling and two children left by Digby on a visit to Mrs. Knowling's family.

Hon. John Anderson and Mrs. Anderson left to-day by the Digby for the Oporto market, and some weeks in the Old Country and in Scotland.

Mr. W. J. Allan of the Furness Works, who was on a brief visit to Halifax, returned by the Digby yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, who have been visiting friends here for the past three months, are returning to England by the S.S. Digby.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dickie arrived by the S.S. Digby yesterday. Mr. Dickie is the senior partner in the Dickie Construction Co., Toronto.

The Queen's Road Congregational Church have secured as supply for the months of September and October Rev. C. H. Johnson, M.A., B.D., of Berwick, Nova Scotia. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of New York University and of Drew Seminary, New Jersey. His subject Sunday morning, Sept. 12th, will be "The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ," commencing a series of eight sermons on the Lord's life.

In the evening the subject will be taken from Col. 1.24, "The element that was lacking in the sufferings of Jesus." Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are Master and Mistress of the Oporto market.

Mrs. Maurice Devine's, near King's Bridge, which were occupied by Dr. Pedley.

Miss Catherine Duffy, sister of Mr. J. P. Duffy of T. M. Winter's Office, leaves by to-morrow's express for Arkansas where she will enter the Novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy. We wish Miss Duffy every success.

Mrs. Nora Chapman leaves by the express to-morrow for Botwood and Grand Falls.

Mrs. Adams Ramsey, who was here on a short visit to her sister, Mrs. P. C. O'Driscoll, leaves by to-morrow's express for her home in Springfield, Mass.

Ladies' High Cut Boots and Oxford Shoes are still selling in St. John's at very high prices, but we were much relieved this morning to notice a display of very superior Boots in Black, Tan, Browns and Greys in BISHOP'S windows. The prices we noted were Four Seventy, Six Twenty, Eight Fifty, and Eleven Dollars and Thirty. These Boots deserve the inspection of every woman who desires good boots but still does not want to pay Eighteen Dollars or more for them.

MR. H. W. STIRLING will resume lessons in Organ, Piano, Singing and Theory on Tuesday, Sept. 14th. Pupils of all grades received. Further particulars on application. Studio: 29 Victoria St.—sep11,13,14,16

Police Court.

Two horsemen were charged with loose and disorderly conduct on the 9th. One of the defendants pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 or 10 days. The other case was withdrawn.

A wail on a charge of loose and disorderly conduct was given in charge of her father who was bound in bonds of \$200 to keep her off the street.

A domestic of Bonavista was charged with vagrancy. She promised to get work to-day and was dismissed.

A resident of Broad Cove was charged with vagrancy. She promised to get work to-day and was dismissed. The names of four business men were involved as was also two clerks and two others. Three witnesses were examined. Mr. George Ayre appeared for the defense. The case was postponed till Monday after the usual docket.

The Sugar Case.

In connection with the refusal of the Minister of Customs to issue a permit to A. E. Hickman Co., Ltd., for delivery of a shipment of sugar received by S. S. Rosalind, Messrs. Morine & Bradley, who are acting for the latter, took out a summons returnable at 11 o'clock to-day. The summons is directed to the Minister of Finance and Customs. This summons was withdrawn to-day on account of an error by the stenographer. Another has been issued for Monday.

Coastal Boats.

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GOVERNMENT.
S. S. Prospero left Little Bay at 1.50 p.m. yesterday.

S. S. Portia arrived at Lumsden at 3.20 and left again at 5.15 p.m. yesterday.

REIDS.

Argyle left Paradise at 4.10 p.m. yesterday, going west.

Clive left Port Union at 11 p.m. yesterday.

Glencoe left Hermitage Cove at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, going to Port aux Basques.

Home left Three Arms at 6.40 p.m. yesterday, coming to Lewisporte.

Kyle left Port aux Basques at 1.30 a.m. to-day.

Meigle left Humbermouth at 1 p.m. yesterday on way to North Sydney.

Petrel left Clarendville at 4.30 a.m. yesterday.

Sagana—No report since leaving St. Anthony on the 5th, going north.

Senel left Moreton's Harbor at 5.15 p.m. yesterday.

Watchful left Lewisporte at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Notes From Brigus.

Mrs. P. Delaney and her daughter Mary, left by Monday's train for St. John's, where Miss Delaney enters Military Road Convent, on Wednesday.

Mr. Mary Angella (formerly Miss Williams, of Bay Bulls), now of Mount St. Clair's Academy, Clinton, Iowa, that well-known boarding school, left by Monday morning's train, after spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. J. P. Hearn.

Mrs. E. T. Trevis is at present in St. John's on a business visit.

Mr. James P. Hearn and his youngest daughter, left by Monday's train for St. John's, and returned on Wednesday.

We are now looking forward to the shooting season, but, as I notice, birds are very scarce around the grounds.

Last week, at the Academy Hall, a nigger concert was staged by some of our talented actors, and with good success.

Mr. Hartley, defeated candidate for Ferryland district, and his stepson Douglas, paid a visit to relatives here recently.

Mrs. C. A. Jerrett is at present in St. John's.

Mr. Chas. Stanford, accompanied by his wife, formerly Mrs. William Wilcox, and her family, left by Tuesday's express for Hartford, Conn., where they will reside in future.

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