

Newfoundland Should Raise Her Own Food.

LITERARY INSTINCT OF OPINION THAT WE COULD PRODUCE ADE- QUATE SUPPLIES.

Can adequate food supplies be produced within Newfoundland?—can the country be self-subsistent in food? The Methodist College Literary Institute is of opinion that she can, for at last night's debate the vote was very much in favor of the affirmative side. The sides were led by A. E. Parkes, R. Hearder and J. R. Smallwood (substitute) affirmative; and R. Cram and Joseph Moore, negative. Besides the set speakers the following members took part from the floor: A. E. Hayward, W. H. Peters, E. Bursey, Fred Moore, William Dwyer and William White.

AFFIRMATIVE.

By food supplies the affirmative meant those articles of food which were essential, the fundamental articles of food. They did not claim that Newfoundland could grow oranges and grapes, and coffee, for instance. We could, and in fact already did grow ninety per cent. of the agricultural products which we consume, with the obvious exception of wheat. We could grow more than 90 per cent., however, and more than 100 per cent. This country could support, agriculturally, a population twice or three as big as the present. Only the shores of the country are inhabited. The soil at present is cultivated in a higgledy, stiggledy way, along the sea-board. The thousands of acres of land in from the shores are lying fallow, unproductive because they are not cultivated. It is remarkable that with our primitive methods, we produce so much now. With intelligent methods and earnest attention this country could grow very much more than she grows now. It was possible to grow wheat in Newfoundland. A hardy type of grain had been evolved to suit this climate, just as it suited the climates of Northern Siberia and Canada. We could even produce our own sugar, by making it from beet. In fact, with the exception of certain articles not absolutely necessary, the country could support herself.

NEGATIVE.

The negative side claimed that by all the tokens Newfoundland was a fishing country, and would remain a fishing country. Geographically and temperamentally we were a fishing people, and not a farming people. In any case, contended the negative, what was meant by "adequate food supplies" was not only what people could get along with, but what they ordinarily used, whether they could do without it or not. Such articles of food as fruits, spices, peas, rice, tea, coffee, molasses, etc., could not be produced in the country. The negative doubted that either wheat or sugar could be produced in Newfoundland. To produce 14,000,000 lbs. of sugar annually would take a lot of beet. And yet that was the amount this country imported every year. Newfoundland imported roughly 400,000 barrels of flour. Could the country produce annually that much grain? The negative doubted it very much. The affirmative side had told of the fine hay and oats crop which Newfoundland produced. But the negative had yet to hear that the people of Newfoundland would eat hay or oats. There was one thing that could be done to make it possible for Newfoundland to grow her own food supplies, suggested the negative, and that was to dam off the Straits of Belle Isle and make a Florida of the country. Mr. A. J. Bayly, Secretary of the Agriculture Board who was present, was invited by the Institute to express himself. Mr. Bayly told the Institute some very interesting facts concerning the present agricultural activities of the country.

Mercantile Hockey.

CHAMPIONSHIP HONOURS.

The disputed Championship for the Mercantile League was decided last night, when a hockey team from Bowring Bros., Ltd., defeated a rival team from Harvey & Co., Ltd., by a score of 11 to 5. There was quite a number of spectators present and both teams played a game which aroused much interest. The special features of the game was the goal tending of Murphy and Rowe. For the winning team Gills scored six of the goals. For the losers Bally and Martin were the stars. At the conclusion of the game Messrs. E. A. Bowring and Mr. L. Outerbridge congratulated the winners on their victory and the vanquished on the splendid game they played. It is probable that matches between the Commercial Cable Co. and the Mercantile will be played before the season closes. Last night's line-up was as follows:

GOAL		HARVEY'S	
W. Murphy	Defence	A. Rowe	Defence
R. Field	Defence	G. Bailey	Defence
A. Feaver	Defence	Barrett	Defence
R. Power	Defence	A. Heale	Defence
G. Gills	Defence	F. Martin	Defence
G. Bartlett	Defence	E. Carter	Defence
Spence (Dwight)	Defence	R. Johnston	Defence
C. Martin	Defence	H. Pushe	Defence
Walsh, W. Arnes, E. Ellis	Defence		Defence

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The Daily Questionnaire

Sir Michael Cashin.—To ask the Hon. Prime Minister, in the absence of the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to lay on the table of the House a report by Inspector Howlett of that Department on cargoes of herring from this Colony landed at Halifax, and to say also (a) How many barrels of herring were shipped to Halifax from Green Bay last spring; (b) How many barrels did the Union Trading Company own out of the number, or did the Company export the whole of them; (c) What was the trouble with the herring when landed at Halifax; (d) Who owned the first lot of herring sent to Inspector Howlett went to Halifax to inspect; and was it by the Minister's orders that Inspector Howlett was sent, and what did Mr. Grimes say with him for. Was Mr. Grimes sent by the Union Trading Company's interest, and if so, how long did it take Inspector Howlett and Mr. Grimes to finish the Union Trading Company's herring. And did Mr. Grimes come home when their herring was finished with; (e) How long was Messrs Howlett and Grimes in Halifax, and if the Government has paid or will have to pay Mr. Grimes' expenses; (f) Did the Imperial Brokerage Company ask for inspection and how did their herring turn out; (h) Was it spring herring that the Halifax people bought and did we ship them spring herring and if Inspector Howlett found mixed herring in any of the above lots.

To ask Hon. the Prime Minister if he has received a petition or representation from Bonne Bay praying for the construction of a railroad from that place to Flower's Cove, and if so, what action the Government proposed to take in the matter.

To ask Hon. the Prime Minister to lay on the table a detailed statement showing the amounts represented by two amounts of \$200,000 and \$150,000 included in the Loan Resolutions under the heading of "Railway Commission Account."

Mr. Moore.—To ask Hon. the Prime Minister if Mr. Leo Murphy, of Bell Island, is in receipt of any payment from the Government, if so for what services, does he perform such services, and if so when and how?

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Lazenby's Chef Sauce.
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Mind's Liniment for Burns, Etc.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

FOOD IN PLENTY.

MOSCOW, March 31.
The peak of famine in the Volga Region has been passed and henceforward conditions will rapidly improve, says Colonel William H. Haskell, Director of American Relief Administration Work in Russia, in a statement yesterday. Barring unforeseen difficulties he believes all deaths from starvation in the Volga Region will cease within a month. The statement says Herbert Hoover, Director of United States Relief, now has enough food stuffs on the way to feed nearly ten million Russians. "No foodstuffs beyond the Hoover program for the Volga will be required to prevent starvation, until next harvest," he continues, "but the carrying out of that program will tax Russian transport to its utmost."

PACIFIC AGREEMENT.

LONDON, March 31.
The Free State Party in Ireland is enormously strengthened by an agreement for the Pacification of the Island, signed here last night, the commonsense was told today by Winston Churchill. Paying tribute to what he termed the statesmanlike courage of Ulster leaders, Mr. Churchill said the agreement gave hope for co-operation between N. and S. and opened a prospect for the future of Ireland, never before contemplated, "for by taking all measures humanly possible to bring about a cessation of religious partisan warfare in Belfast, and to remove the cause of friction Ulster has given the Treaty and the Provisional Government a far greater chance of success than otherwise would have been possible," he said. "There is in this agreement, the hope of co-operation between North and South, co-operation only forthcoming on the basis of the Treaty, co-operation which would be finally destroyed were a republic to be set up."

POLICE DEMOBILIZING.

BELFAST, March 31.
Demobilization of police in the six Counties of Ulster will begin today, and it is expected will be concluded not later than May first. Disbandment in twenty-six Counties begin at the same time. The above would indicate that the agreement, signed last night, was to be put into effect immediately. The agreement provides for re-organization of special police forces. In districts where the population differ in religious beliefs the forces are to be composed of half Catholics and half Protestants.

CHEERED IN COMMONS.

LONDON, March 31.
The signing of the agreement, by representatives of Southern and Northern Ireland came with unexpected suddenness, and the cheers with which the Commons greeted it gave an indication of the enthusiasm with which the majority in England heard the great news.

A PLOT WHICH FAILED.

LONDON, March 31.
It is widely believed in Dublin that the raid on the Freeman's Journal, yesterday, was part of a project for the seizure of the whole city, which failed through lack of forces, says the Daily Mail correspondent. The raid created a great sensation, and considerable uneasiness last night. The Daily Mail adds a note to the despatch to the effect that telephone operators in Dublin cut connections during the transmission of the message which is incomplete.

ALL DELIGHTED.

DUBLIN, March 31.
The agreement, in London, was given an enthusiastic reception by both Unionist, Irish and Nationalist Irish Independents.

WELCOMED BY PRESS.

BELFAST, March 31.
The sentiment of Northern Ireland, reflected by press comment, welcomes the signing of the agreement as aimed at suppressing disorder, but editorial writers point to some difficulties, which must be surmounted in the carrying out.

LONDON, March 31.
The decision committee on privileges of the House of Lords, which recently allowed Viscountess Rhonda a seat in that body, requires ratification by the House of Lords itself. The matter was brought before the Upper House, when Lord Chancellor Birkenhead moved that the decision be referred back for consideration. He did not commit himself either way, but said there will be a formidable case to be argued on either side. The motion was carried.

All entries for the Boxing and Wrestling Championships to be held April 6th must be in the hands of Mr. J. A. MacKenzie, Law Chambers, before 6 p.m. to-morrow, April 1st.

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A Trip Across Canada.

SIR PATRICK MCGRATH LECTURES AT LLEWELLYN CLUB.

At Canon Wood Hall last night Sir Patrick McGrath delivered an interesting lecture on Canada to the members of the Club and their lady friends, who crowded the hall for the occasion. The lecture was based upon the tour of the Imperial Press Conference across Canada in the summer of 1920, and was illustrated by a series of beautiful slides, secured by the speaker last summer through the courtesy of the officials of the Canadian Department of the Interior, who accompanied the Press party on their tour. Rev. E. C. Earp, the rector, presided and Rev. Mr. Moulton manipulated the lantern. Present also were Rev. Canon Bolt of St. John's and Rev. Canon Smart, of Heart's Content, the latter of whom was so impressed with the interesting slides that he obtained the use of them from the lecturer to show them in the "Cable" Town in the near future. Beginning with a view of the liner Victorian entering Sydney Harbor, which ship carried most of the members of the Conference to Canada, scenes were shown of the principal Canadian cities and objects of interest from there to Victoria, B.C. Slides depicting life in the big cities, such as Montreal and Toronto, pictures of the prairies and the harvesting of wheat, the varied scenic beauties of the interesting features of the Pacific slope of the Rocky Mountains followed each other and were described by the speaker, and similarly, the return trip through Northern Canada, was illustrated in the same fashion. The lecture lasted an hour and a half and was frequently punctuated by applause. At the close a vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. L. Colley and carried by acclamation. Before the lecture began Mrs. Worrell sang and at the close the chairman stated, among other announcements, that at the close of the winter's series, on April 27th, the speaker would be His Excellency the Governor, Sir C. Alexander Harris, K.C.M.G., who would on that occasion make his farewell to the Club as he returns to England during the summer on expiration of his term of office.

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