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### The Development of the Thomson Route

WOULD BE NEWFOUNDLAND'S OPPORTUNITY.

The Canadian Grain Enquiry Commission has just completed a searching investigation in the United States in connection with the charge that Canadian hard wheat while in transit to Europe through American ports has been de-graded by being mixed with American soft wheat. The proceedings were initiated by the London Corn Exchange, after complaints covering a considerable period had been received from the Liverpool buyers. The seriousness of the alleged practice is apparent when it is stated that about 80 per cent. of the grain exported from Canada finds its way to market through the United States ports, and that in the shipments complained of by the Liverpool buyers, there was a percentage of soft American wheat that the difference in price under the grade would have been not less than thirty cents a bushel.

This affair has emphasized strongly the advantages of a deep waterway up the St. Lawrence by means of which Canada could ship her products to market direct. The expense incurred, the delays due to transshipments, and the dissatisfaction caused by having to pass the grain through American territory have all tended to focus the attention of the Canadian authorities on the proposed deep water route, and will probably lead to a speeding up of the project.

On Thursday last Mr. H. C. Thomson laid before the Board of Trade the details of a plan to establish at Mortier Bay a transshipment depot, which would form a halfway house for goods enroute to the markets of the world, from the St. Lawrence basin and the Western Provinces; raw material and other commodities destined for these countries would also be collected there awaiting shipment. The plan was based on the advantages of water transport over conveyance by land, and it was claimed that it would obviate such drawbacks as transshipments, the high port charges and the congestion in the American ports.

In view of the dissatisfaction expressed by the Canadian Grain Enquiry Commission over the manner in which the grain has been handled between Buffalo and the ports of New York and Baltimore, Mr. Thomson's scheme appears to have much to commend it. If it materializes, it will certainly prove of the greatest benefit to Newfoundland, for it will at once open a market for our fresh fish in the inland towns of Canada and the States. The vessels which are to be used on the St. Lawrence will be equipped with cold storage, and at a minimum of expense to this country the facilities to handle fresh fish will be available.

We publish below an article which outlines the possibilities that such a route would offer to

Newfoundland for the disposal of fresh fish, and we thank the writer who forwarded it just in time to enable it to go to press with our editorial on the same topic.

Boston is the home port for a considerable fleet of "craft" engaged in supplying the American seaboard cities with fresh fish. But, even in Boston, the best of the fresh fish served, even in expensive hotels, would by us be considered poor. Our palates are educated to a critical appreciation of what constitutes really fresh fish. Our humblest homes can be served at any hour with fish that is unavailable, even to millionaires, in the large European and American cities. The fish supplied the Boston market is generally from two to four days in ice on the crafts engaged in catching it, and the water from the melting ice in which the fish is packed softens the fibre of the fish and carries off the palatable juice and leaves the flesh comparatively fibreless and tasteless. By the time the fish of a given catch reaches the cities remote from the seaboard it has a far from inviting appearance and flavor.

But in the great cities of the American Middle West there is an absolute dearth of sea fishes and there would be an instant and colossal demand for such, were a supply available. For many years we have been endeavoring to create a Cold Storage fish business. Our efforts have not been well directed and the results, of course, have been disappointing. We failed to grasp the underlying principle that alone could ensure success. All our frozen product has been dumped into seaboard cities of England and the United States, the very places where the home supply of these countries was greatest, and where it came into competition with fish in the natural state. It must be so kept until it goes into consumption. Our frozen fish could not be sent inland from landing points as ice-fish, as the home-catch fish of the English and American cities. The ice would de-frost the fish and then it would rapidly deteriorate.

We failed to realize the necessity for perfecting transportation facilities that would land our frozen fish at inland sources of demand where scarcity would ensure profitable prices. The writer knows somewhat of the American fresh fish business, and has for years known that the Middle West of the United States would give us the ideal market for our product, but the perfecting of the requisite transportation facilities was beyond our reach.

Now it would appear that the clever conception of a scheme for giving to the great American Middle Western States an efficient and speedy waterborne freight route to the Atlantic by specially constructed steamers for its enormous volume of exports will, if we grasp the opportunity, incidentally also give us access for our frozen fish to the most coveted source of demand, the Middle West of the United States—the home of over thirty millions of the world's most prosperous people.

The writer has not even a remote connection with the project conceived by Mr. Thomson and recently submitted to us, but he realizes the immeasurably great advantages it opens to us for the revolutionizing of our fish business, if we have the courage to finalize the proposed arrangement.

Should we avail of the proposition it will not cost us a dollar until our fish has left our shores for the market, but the scheme will open to us, and even then we need only pay in proportion to the volume of fish marketed.

For decades we have been crying out for and spending money in the effort to create new markets for our fish; yet now, when a comprehensive and practicable scheme is presented to us, we appear to be indifferent to its advantages.

The trade and public are becoming alive to the value of what is open to us through the materialization of the Thomson project. The Government alone seem indifferent.

It would appear that we are not prepared to admit that any project possesses intrinsic merits unless it asks for large concessions and a guarantee of, at least, a million dollars.

If we are not to lose the most promising proposition affecting our fisheries ever submitted to us, both press and public had better act promptly in demanding full enquiry into the merits of the Thomson scheme.

### A Distinguished Statesman Passes On

The announcement of the sudden departure of Britain's former Premier, Andrew Bonar Law, will be the occasion of general and wholehearted regret. His term of office, short though it was, was still of sufficient duration to earn for him the esteem and respect not only of Great Britain, not only of the far flung Empire, but of the whole world.

### Coastal Boats.

**GOVERNMENT.**  
Argyle left Argentina 6.45 a.m. on western route.  
Clyde left Lewisporte 11.20 a.m. yesterday.  
Glencoe left Argentina 3 a.m. to-day.  
Home left Lewisporte 11 a.m. yesterday.  
Kyle left Port aux Basques 8.45 last night.  
Meisje, no report since Catalina on 28th inst., going north.  
Sagana left Park Hr. 9.55 a.m. yesterday, inward.  
Malakoff left Princeton 4 p.m. yesterday, outward.  
Prospero left Trinity 11.15 a.m. coming south. Due in port at 8 p.m.  
Seneb left Seldom 4 p.m. yesterday, on her way north.

### Weddings

**SMITH-TESSIER.**

The marriage of Miss Annie Isabel Ruby, third daughter of Mrs. Charles Tessier, to Mr. Lewis Smith, Member of the Provincial House of Assembly, New Brunswick, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith, of Coverdale, Albert County, N.B., took place at the home of the bride's parents, Germundale at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. J. Power, M.A. The ceremony was held in the southern end of the spacious drawing room, which was a veritable bower, with its arch of lilacs and statice, from which hung a wedding bell of smilax and mimosas; the rest of the room was prettily decorated with ferns and yellow chrysanthemums.

The bride was charmingly gowned in white crepe de chine. She wore a tulle veil and carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations. Miss Elsie Crowdy, was attired most becomingly in a Georgette gown of sage blue, with black velvet hat and carried a bouquet of pink roses and pink carnations. The flower girls were Misses Lorraine Crowdy and Jean Tessier, nieces of the bride who wore pale blue crepe de chine, with black Dutch caps. Acting as best man was Mr. W. H. Harder, and as father of the bride, Mr. Cyril Tessier. The wedding march was played by Miss Elsie Tait, while at the close of the ceremony Miss Elsie Herder sang "Because."

After the ceremony a reception was held, at which, only the immediate friends and relatives were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will spend their honeymoon at points around Conception Bay, and will leave by the Sackem on Saturday for their future home in Coverdale, N.B. The bride going away costume was a navy blue suit. The only out of town visitor was Mrs. P. W. Turner, of Charlottetown, sister of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of the Western Hospital, Montreal, and served three years overseas at Netley Hospital, Southampton.

### WALSH-GREENE.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on October 24th at the Corpus Christi Church, Kilbride, when Miss Nellie Greene, daughter of the late Richard and Mrs. Greene, Kilbride, was married to Mr. A. J. Walsh, of Holyrood. The bride looked charming in a gown of white canton crepe and overlace, with bridal veil to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie Greene, sister of the bride, while acting as best man was Mr. W. Greene.

After the ceremony, a banquet was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The groom's present to the bride was a gold piece, to the bridesmaid a pendant; and to the best man, cuff links, while Mr. and Mrs. Walsh were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. The honeymoon is being spent at Holyrood.

### Highlanders "At Home"

**SEASON'S DANCE TO-MORROW NIGHT.**

The big attraction for this week will be the Newfoundland Highlanders "At Home" which event takes place in the C. C. C. Hall to-morrow night. For some weeks past the various committees in charge have been working energetically together to complete the necessary arrangements, and in this they have been successful. The dance hall besides being thoroughly renovated and cleaned from top to bottom has been artistically decorated for the occasion, and the scene on the night of dance will undoubtedly prove to be most spectacular. An important dance programme has been prepared, the music for which will be furnished by the well known Prince's Orchestra. With this in view the success of the "At Home" can be readily anticipated.

The ladies of the Highlander's Association who have at all times responded nobly to the good of the cause, have again undertaken to look after the catering. Invitations have been extended to a number of prominent citizens, as well as to representatives from the sister brigades. Judging by the number of tickets already disposed of the affair promises to eclipse all former records.

### Last Night's Concert

The Mt. Cashel Band gave another of their very interesting band concerts at the Prince's Rink last night, and upwards of three hundred people were in attendance. The dance programme which consisted of the latest musical airs proved quite popular and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### Ping Pong Tournament

The first of a series of Ping Pong Tournaments for the season will be played on Thursday night next in the Masonic Temple, when a team of Masons will try conclusions with Dunfield Club.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**—I beg to acknowledge the sum of \$28.00, taken on October 14th. MRS. GRILLS.—Oct. 30, 11

### Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Kent.)

In the matter of the petition of Bowring Bros., Ltd., merchants, alleging that Thomas Burton, of Bar de East, general dealer, is insolvent and praying that he be so declared.—Mr. H. Winter, petitioner moved for a declaration of insolvency. It is ordered that Thomas Burton be declared insolvent and that Walter Willis be trustee.

### Magistrate's Court.

A seaman belonging to Carbonara was charged with the larceny of one overcoat, valued at \$14.00, the property of another man who resides in the same settlement. The coat was stolen from a schooner in August last, and was identified by the owner in court this morning. The accused upon being convicted was fined \$20.00 with the option of 30 days.

A travelling salesman who visits this city periodically was arrested under warrant by the police yesterday afternoon on a serious charge of larceny in a city domestic. The case referred by a city domestic, the outcome of which resulted in the salesman having to give bonds in the sum of \$300.00.

### C. Y. M. L. A.

While it is to be regretted that so many of our young men are leaving the country it is encouraging to know that those who are standing by the "old ship" are manifesting a keen interest in her welfare. The Association is evidently not afraid to tackle some of our most serious problems, and last night's debate was, Resolved: "That Civil Service positions be filled on a strictly competitive examination system." An excellent discussion took place, showing that much thought and study had been given to the subject by all members. It was pointed out that under our present system of patronage, the Civil Service was not only overworked, but filled in many cases with men incompetent for their duties. The end could only be the minimum service at a maximum cost. Reform is absolutely necessary and that immediately. Reference was made to the systems of England and the United States. While education was necessary it was felt that it must also be added practical ability and health as the passports to the service.

### St. Joseph's Sale

The parishoners of St. Joseph's are holding their annual sale of vegetables in the Parish Hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock. A splendid display of all kinds of vegetables have been stocked in the various stalls and it is hoped that the prospective buyers will come early and avoid the rush. During the afternoon and evening the ladies of the parish will serve tea. The sale will be continued to-morrow, and will terminate with a concert at night.

### Meat Inspection Work

For some time past the Health Authorities have been given their attention to imported meats and quite a lot barrelled salt meat and cuttings intended for sausage making has been condemned. Some of this meat bears the stamp of approval of both Canadian and American Agricultural Boards. Inspector Courtney is doing good work in this line and is determined that all meats which are not fully up to standard will be destroyed.

### Fishing Boat Dismasted

According to a message received by the Assistant Collector of Customs from Inspector Dee a boat owned by George Brake of Marytown, became dismasted off Burin yesterday. The boat was rescued by the revenue cruiser and towed into Marytown.

### Digby Sails

S. S. Digby sailed for Liverpool at 11 a.m. to-day taking a very large outward cargo. In addition to the seven guns salved by the Strandhill from the H.M.S. Raleigh, 7000 barrels of apples were put on board at Halifax. From here the ship took a large quantity of fish and oil.

### Sable I. Outward

S. S. Sable I. sailed at 10 o'clock last night for Halifax direct taking a part freight of berries, oil, salmon and herring. The following passengers also went by the ship:—Mr. and Mrs. G. Grant, Miss Edie Harris.

### Waste of Coal

Attention is called to the waste of coal by carters during the transfer from the sheds to householders along the streets and may watch coal falling from the box carts in which it is conveyed and the loss in many instances is considerable. A number of these carts it is noticed are small size and many have badly fitting tail boards. The addition of wash boards would remedy the first trouble.

## BIG ALL-STAR PROGRAMME AT THE CRESCENT TO-DAY

### "Brothers Under The Skin."

Don't miss this one. It's the kind the whole world loves.

### ROBERT SHIELDS

(English Baritone)  
Singing Classy Ballads.  
"THE MAN WITH THE TWISTED LIP"  
(Sherlock Holmes Story.)

### AL PITTMAN

At the Piano.  
JACK CRONAN  
Bells and Effects.

Watch for the BIG AMATEUR CONTEST FRIDAY NIGHT.

### TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

**SUDDEN PASSING OF ANDREW BONAR LAW.**  
LONDON, Oct. 30.

Andrew Bonar Law, former Premier of Great Britain, died suddenly at 3 o'clock. He had been seriously ill for several days from a development of the throat trouble that forced him to retire from public life shortly after attaining the Premiership, but death was not expected so suddenly.

**SCHOONER RACES DELAYED OWING TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.**  
HALIFAX, N.S., Oct. 30.

With the sun struggling to break through a dense fog bank and scarcely a breath of wind, the conditions this morning were unfavorable for the second of the International Schooner Race series, and the Committee ordered a postponement of one hour in the start. At nine o'clock there was no wind, but the fog had lifted considerably and there was a slight possibility that the boats would get away at ten, but both schooners remained at their wharves.

**TRAGEDY CAUSED BY EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE.**  
TITESTVILLE, Penn., Oct. 30.

One man is known to have been killed and several persons, including two women, were seriously injured yesterday when a tank car of gasoline exploded at the tank car works.

**TURKEY A REPUBLIC.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 30.

The National Assembly at Ankara has voted the establishment of a Turkish Republic. Mustafa Kemal Pasha was unanimously elected President.

**THREE MEN ELECTROCUTED.**  
FARMERSBURG, W. Virginia, Oct. 30.

Three men were killed when an iron pipe which they were lowering into a well came into contact with a high tension wire yesterday.

**SUBMARINE RAISED; TWO MEN RESCUED.**  
PANAMA, Oct. 30.

The United States submarine which was sunk in collision with the steamer Abangarez, Sunday, was raised yesterday. The chief electrician Lawrence Brown and torpedo man Henry Breaunt were rescued alive. No trace was found of three others missing. It is thought that Brown and Breaunt may recover.

**BERLIN ACTS DRAMATICALLY.**  
DRESDEN, Oct. 30.

The ministry of the Seeliger Government were elected from their official headquarters yesterday, under orders from the Berlin Government.

**MAN KILLED IN HALIFAX BY EXPLODING SHELL.**  
HALIFAX, N.S., Oct. 30.

James S. Walker, 40 years of age, of 56 Almon Street, was instantly killed at Fort Clarence on the eastern side of the harbor yesterday when a six inch shell from which he was helping to remove the detonators and powder exploded. Two companions Henri Ryan and William Hall escaped with minor injuries.

**SIDNEY MACHINE RUNNER ELECTROCUTED.**  
SYDNEY, Oct. 30.

Patrick Prently, a machine runner at Mackay mine near Sydney mines was killed yesterday when going through a crosscut containing considerable water. He took hold of an overhead electric wire. Ordinarily there was insufficient current in the wire to kill but it is presumed the water made it fatal.

**BARON RYNG OFFICIATES AT OPENING OF DOCK.**  
ST. JOHN, Oct. 30.

With elaborate ceremony the world's largest dry dock at St. John, N.B., was opened yesterday by His Excellency Baron Ryng of Vimy.

### Oporto Stocks.

The Oporto market for the week ending Oct. 29th, shows a rather unusual feature in that there is no Norwegian fish on hand. The following report was received to-day by the Board of Trade:—

British ..... 2,572  
Consumption ..... 4,487  
Norwegian ..... 178  
Consumption ..... 178

It will be noted that the Consumption of Newfoundland here is nearly double that of the stock on hand. There are, however, about 15 cargoes on the way and nearly as many more loading so that stocks will be considerably increased within the next week.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.**

### Shipping

Schooner Inspiration, Capt. Kennedy, arrived at Pernambuco yesterday, all well, according to a message received yesterday by Jas. Baird, Ltd.

S.S. Canadian Harvester will make a special trip from Montreal, sailing direct for here on November 14th. S.S. Sackem bringing about 1500 tons cargo and 15 passengers, is due here on Thursday. The ship is scheduled to sail for Boston on Saturday.

S.S. Canadian Sapper sails direct for Montreal to-morrow morning. The return from Montreal will be November 5th, and Charlottetown November 8th.

S.S. Canadian Beaver is due on Thursday from Montreal with a full general cargo. The ship sails direct for Halifax on November 3rd.

S.S. Canadian Logger with a full cargo sails direct for St. John's from Montreal to-morrow.

S.S. Sackem sails from Boston on November 10th and Halifax November 14th, for this port.

Schooner Christie and Elinor with 1564 qts. codfish has cleared for Burin from Grand Bank to finish cargo.

Schooner James and Stanley has entered at Grand Bank to load fish for Oporto.

S.S. Alfred Nobel sailed Sunday from Bell Island for Sydney taking 3000 tons ore.

Schr. Helen Vair, Capt. Ashtford, has left Halifax for this port with a cargo of gasoline on board.

### Here and There.

Barratt's English Boots and Shoes for Ladies' and Gentlemen at SMALLWOOD'S.—Oct. 13, 14

BOUGHT HARMONY'S FISH.—The fish brought up by S.S. Harmony from the Moravian settlements has been purchased by Messrs. Jas. Baird, Ltd.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Eat CENTRAL BAKERY Bread.—Oct. 28

THE TRAINS.—Sunday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques 1 hr. late. The Carboneau train arrived at 1 p.m. The Carboneau express went out at 1 p.m. The Trepassey train was due to arrive at 2.30 p.m.

For quality and service in the Bread Line, ring 2093, CENTRAL BAKERY.—Oct. 4, 25

Members of Cochrane Street Choir will please meet this Tuesday evening at a quarter to eight in the usual place for special practice. Full attendance desired.—Oct. 30, 11

**CATTLE AUCTION.**—At the auction sale at Cliff's Cove to-day sheep sold in lots of four at prices ranging from 25 to over 90 shillings each. Several cows due to fatten in February were sold at from 50 to 70 dollars.

Mrs. James S. Ayre will receive at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ayre, "Northview," Circular Road, on Thursday and Friday, November 1st and 2nd, from 3 to 6 p.m.—Oct. 30, 21

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**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 endeavour to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

**VALLEY NURSERY LTD.,**  
Tessier Brothers.

**DIED.**

On Oct. 28th, Frances Loretta, darling child of John and Josephine Fahy, aged one month.  
On October 29th, at 11 a.m., after a long and tedious illness, Edward Pottle, aged 24 years, leaving a wife and four children, father, stepmother, a brother and sister. Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 3014 St. John Street, Toronto papers please copy.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

of our dearly beloved husband and father, William Cochrane, who died Oct. 30th, 1923. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.

—Inserted by his Family.

## WATCH OUT

for

OUR MONSTER

"RED MARK

SALE"

for

FRIDAY,

SATURDAY

and MONDAY

It's going to be a far greater event than any previous one of its kind. Greater in value, greater in variety, greater in opportunities for the saving wise. Don't miss it for anything. Thursday's Telegram will give you full particulars.

Watch out for it!

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