

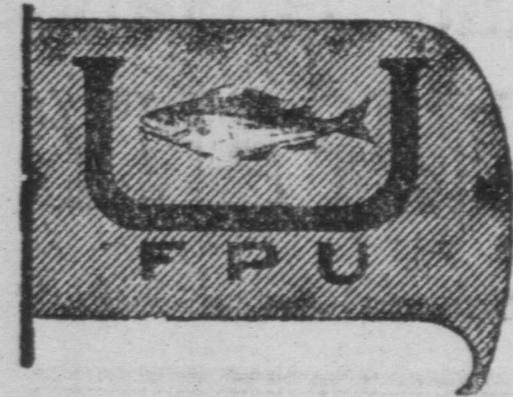
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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

SALMON LOSE WEIGHT.

SALMON if weighed at once after having been taken from the water will be found to weigh considerably more than they will a few hours afterwards.

We are surprised that newspaper editors who suggest dishonesty or scale inspection and adjustment, seem ignorant of this simple fact.

The vendor of salmon may be perfectly honest in saying his fish weighs 10 lbs. when as a matter of fact it weighs perhaps but 8½ or 9 lbs.

Fish lose weight very quickly after being taken from the water.

We are pleased to make this as a correction to the idea that the vendors of salmon may be dishonest.

MAD METHODS.

FROM Great Britain comes the news that mad militantism is going from extreme to extreme, the latest development of the movement being a disregard for the sanctity of human life.

A suffragette was found hacking pictures in an art gallery and when an attendant endeavored to stop the vandalism the woman turned on him with the hatchet she was carrying and inflicted severe injuries on the unfortunate man.

Suffragettes in Great Britain first became militant and now their militantism has developed into sheer madness.

What else can one call the destruction of national treasures; the burning of historic churches and of private property; the insults to the King and this latest, most grave outrage, the perilling of a human life?

But it is noteworthy that the suffragettes in Great Britain who employ these methods form but a very small percentage of the band of women who are leading the movement towards equal suffrage. In fact the great majority of those who are advocating votes for women have emphatically denounced the Pankhursts and their violent clique.

Discussing the suffragette movement in Great Britain, George Brand, Danish litterateur, compared it with that which had gained for women the

vote in Scandinavia and drew the inference that what the English suffragettes need is a little more patience and the exercise of some common sense.

"In Scandinavia," he said, "the women asked for the vote. They did so politely. We refused them nothing. We gave them the vote—not a window smashed, not a painting ruined."

There is obviously much justice behind the demands of the women for the vote but the mad methods of the militants will retard rather than hasten the consummation of this great reform.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

MR. J. W. MERCER, who recently threw up his position as Secretary of the Game and Inland Fishery Board, has received a roving commission from the Government in relation to the Post Office Department.

Mr. Mercer's little job is to tour this country, visiting all the post offices and gathering data on which to base a re-arrangement of salaries.

In the first place it occurs to us that the Government has given Mr. Mercer this job and pickings simply to turn him in a few dollars while, like Mr. Micawber, he waits for something—in the way of a new job—"to turn up."

Mr. Mercer, as far as we know, is an estimable young man but his estimable qualities do not include a fitness for the position into which he has just been pitched by the Government.

If—and of this we have many doubts—such a commission was necessary, it should have been given to some official familiar with post-office work and routine.

What of G. B. Lloyd; of Geo. LeMessurier; of W. Campbell? They have all been for many years connected with the General Post Office and one of them could have been assigned to this investigation which their experience would enable them to perform quickly, thoroughly and satisfactorily and without any additional expense to the Country.

But is it at all necessary to send any man hiking round this Country to obtain the information on which to base a readjustment of salaries? It is not.

Mr. Woods has been for many years Postmaster General of this Country and is assuredly well enough posted on the various offices, their location, the territory they serve and the amount of work done by the different postmasters, to be able to make the necessary recommendations without leaving his office.

Then Mr. LeMessurier, the Accountant, is a man of long experience, handling returns from offices in various parts of the Country. He could post the P.M.G. and the Government on these matters.

Mr. W. Campbell, who has acted as Inspector of Outport Post-offices, is thoroughly familiar with the subject and could report on it in full if required.

Then the G.P.O. receives from the various offices full returns as to stamps sold, letters registered and postal orders sold,—surely these returns would give much of the information necessary for judging of the amount of work the postmasters have to perform.

Looking at the question from every standpoint, we cannot come to any conclusion other than that the commission given Mr. J. W. Mercer is an unnecessary one and involves the Country in the expenditure of money that could be saved.

TO THE EDITOR.

TO CORRESPONDENTS—We are always glad to receive letters on matters of local and general public interest. Correspondents, however, should make their letters as brief as they possibly can, as we are receiving scores of communications daily and have only a very limited space in which to publish them.

We use practically every letter received, at some time or other, but there must, in view of our large correspondence, necessarily be some delay before some of these letters appear in The Mail and Advocate.

We are particularly anxious to receive notes of news from all round the Island. Let our young people particularly get busy and help us make our paper the newsmost in the country.—Editor.

CAPT. CONNORS' STORY.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—In connection with the letter published in to-day's News, from Mr. J. T. Meaney, of a story that "the ill-fated Southern Cross signalled for assistance when the Portia passed her westward bound in the vicinity of Cape Pine, the day of the gale in which she met her fate," I desire to say there is not the slightest truth in the rumor whatever.

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Had the Southern Cross signalled for help, I would have been the first to go to her assistance, and I am confident that every man of the Portia's company would also have been only too eager to render aid if the steamer needed it.

The Facts.

As I previously reported, the facts are as follows:

On the morning of March 31st at 11:40 o'clock, I was on the bridge of the Portia and saw the Southern Cross on the port bow. She was coming east south east. The Portia was going north. The Southern Cross passed close by the Portia's stern, about a cable's length away, and I could see her plainly. There were men on her bridge, and also on deck. We blew our whistle and she answered it.

At that hour the wind was south east, a point south, thick snow, but the wind was not high, and those on the Portia's deck could see the sealing steamer without the slightest difficulty.

Making Good Weather.

Judging at the time, the Southern Cross was making good weather and doing about three or four knots.

The chief officer was on the bridge with me, and I remarked to him that she did not appear to be a loaded ship, and he was of the same opinion.

The Southern Cross then passed out of view.

Had she shown a flag of distress there is no doubt but that all on the Portia who saw the steamer would have noticed it.

I saw her through the glass for several minutes, and I can assure you she displayed no distress signal whatsoever.

Mr. Meaney in his letter, also says: "It appears that the story emanated from a school teacher, a passenger on the Portia, who it is stated, said that one of the Portia's engineers drew the captain's attention to the signal, and to the fact that the Southern Cross was making bad weather, to which the captain replied she would be alright."

An Untruth.

This is also an untruth. Neither of the engineers spoke to me about the steamer making bad weather, and if Mr. Meaney will kindly furnish me with the names of the school teacher

and the engineer mentioned in connection with this report, I will be extremely grateful, as I am anxious to have the matter thoroughly sifted. I shall await Mr. Meaney's answer with interest.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I wish to state once more, and I beg of you to give it the widest circulation, that the report brought to my notice by Mr. Meaney's letter is totally false in every particular.

—THOS. J. CONNORS.
St. John's, June 10th.

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It must be remembered, however, that we cannot use in their entirety poems that run to twenty, thirty or more verses. Keep down to about half a dozen verses and your poem stands a better chance of making an early appearance in this paper. Lengthy poems have to be cut down before they can be used.

Readers desiring to see old favorites or new and striking poems appear in The Mail and Advocate are hereby invited to send along copies or clippings thereof to this office.—Editor.

THE DREAMER.

He sleeps!
He sought the distant heights to scale,
But he had dallied in the vale
And, couched amid th' eternal hills
Lulled by the babbling mountain rills,
He sleeps!

He dreams!
Borne in the chariot of the breeze
The Spirit of the Heights he sees,
"Wouldst thou the summit reach?" she cries.

"Then, laggard youth! Arise! Arise!"
He dreams!

He wakes!
Refreshed, rejoiced, he quits the vale,
Endeavour's rugged steeps to scale,
For she has clasped him by the hand
To lead him to the Perfect Land.

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