

## UNDER THE HOME ROOF TREE

by Emma Gary Wallace

### OUR HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS

**K**EEPING household accounts is one way of helping solve the high cost of living and it is something every one of us can do.

Many times we hear housekeepers say, "I just have to have supplies and that is all there is to it, so I telephone in my order and it saves me much time"; while others who pay cash remark complacently, "The money is gone and that's all there is to it, so what is the use of my spending time going over and over the used pennies?" Now both of these women have stated facts as they see them, but there is another important side which has been overlooked.

It is true that everyone cannot take time to go to market each morning, yet it is possible to go sometimes. In cool weather, the marketing for several days may be done during an afternoon's outing, and market people are human enough to serve with more interest, the people whom they meet face to face occasionally and know to be particular, discriminating and careful buyers. Even purchasing the supplies in person once a week will help greatly. It brings us in touch with prices and business methods, and gives us a greater insight into the way of making one dollar go farther.

If we are wise enough to have a family budget, we are all at sea without accounts. If we know that ten dollars a week is all we can afford with which to set the table and keep the staple supplies replenished, we can plan to better purpose, and an extra good dinner may be balanced with a simple, nourishing one.

When you and I go on a journey, we are not so short-sighted as to buy souvenirs or bargains to the extent of leaving ourselves embarrassed for funds with which

to return home, and yet many a bright woman administers her housekeeping expenses in an equally blind way. There are food supplies which are scarce or out of season that we should not think of buying any more than we would clothing or furnishings beyond our means. Household accounts show us what we can afford if we are regular in keeping them. The very setting of the figures down is a check upon extravagance.

The woman who says, "The money is gone and that's all there is to it" has told but half a truth. If she is overspending, her accounts will bring her up with a short stop; and if, as is likely to be the case, her buying is prompted by fitful fancies, accounts will help her to an even course and will result in better balanced meals for her family. Forming expensive habits is regrettable, as is also the attitude of mind that we must indulge ourselves in things we cannot afford.

Slips accompanying merchandise-delivery should be checked up with the goods. Delivery boys often make unintentional mistakes. A pair of scales in the kitchen are a necessity and every short weight should be promptly returned. Monthly statements should be checked up with the daily items and errors courteously pointed out.

It is noticeable that a large number of successful people keep household and personal accounts with rigid accuracy. Ten minutes spent in setting down cash paid-outs each day and half an hour at the end of the week will usually be sufficient. A business man figures that there are two ways of enlarging his profits—first, by cutting down his expenses, and second, by increasing his income. Keeping household accounts is a certain and satisfactory way of holding our living expenses within reasonable bounds.

### The "Richard" Abandoned

Captain Lake Tells of Series of Misfortunes Leading up to His Abandonment of Schooner.

"Two weeks previous to abandoning our schooner we were reduced to macaroni and biscuits to eat and during the last week we had to cut this down to an allowance of half a biscuit a day to each man," said Captain Cecil Lake of the abandoned Newfoundland schooner Richard who, with his crew of six men, arrived here Tuesday night on a steamer from England.

"We left Cadiz, Spain on December 25," said Captain Lake "with a cargo of salt, bound for Burin, Newfoundland. During the first seventeen days out everything went fine. Then we ran into strong northeast and north-west gales and had three of our sails carried away. This slowed us down a bit, and the men were kept at work all night making a new set of sails."

"At one time we were within 120 miles of Cape St. Mary's, but were driven back by the strong headwinds. Our provisions began to get short and one day we sighted an Italian bark. It was about seven miles away, but three of the men rowed to the bark in a dory and the captain, although short of provisions, gave them what he could spare, of biscuits and macaroni."

"We had macaroni and biscuits as the only food on the menu and during the week we abandoned our vessel we had but half a biscuit a day to live on. A heavy southwest gale on the first day of February blew away our jib, jumbo and storm sails."

On February 5 we sighted a steamer and signalled to her. The steamer proved to be the St. Hugo bound from Newport News for Newport, England. As we could not get any sails for our vessels and we were out of food we decided to abandon her. This was in latitude 40.42 N. longitude 52.21 W.

"Oh yes, by the way, a few days after we were out from Cadiz we found a stowaway, a young Portuguese boy, 14 years old. We handed him over to the Portuguese Consul in England and he was sent back home."

"Going up the English Channel we saw a couple of rowboats with the crew of a steamer which had been torpedoed a short time before. The captain of the St. Hugo spoke to the men and they warned him to put the lights out. So we really had two close shaves."

The crew were mostly Newfoundland men. One member of the crew was left behind at Cadiz in hospital. Those who arrived here Tuesday were Captain Cecil Lake, Mate Richard Hagen, Boatswain Edward Bennett, Wesley Breton, Patrick West and Thomas Isaacs.—M. Chronicle.

### Buried Treasure

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest the article about the finding of buried money by "Historicus," under the heading of "Stories of Newfoundland." He tells of one case where money was found. I can tell him of many to be perfectly true, and knew the finders in every case. The first one was:

At Grand Bank, some years ago, an old man dreamed that some treasure was buried in a man's garden. He dreamed it three nights following, and, being troubled about the dream, went to the minister of the place, and told him of it. The minister suggested that he go and dig it up, but the old man would not. Shortly afterwards the minister met the owner of the garden and told him of the old fellow's dream. He (the owner) hurried home, dug up the money, and he and his wife carried it into the house. Soon after they came to St. John's, and left here for Canada, where, as the novels say "they lived happy ever afterwards." The minister has died, but his father is a man, who to-day, is not unknown in political circles.

The second: A man came to me and told me he knew where some treasure was buried. He said it was in a cask, lying on the bottom of a pond on Kelly's Island, near Little Bell Island, Conception Bay. I wanted to go, but circumstances prevented. So the man did not go. Shortly afterwards, a man and his three sons, who lived near Briggs, were out fishing, and being near Kelly's Island, landed to get some fresh water. The day being fine, and the water being clear, they saw the cask lying on the bottom. Getting a line off the boat, they hauled the cask ashore, and on opening it, what was their delight to find it filled with gold. They put it aboard the boat and went home. Later, after winding up their business, they came to the City, and left for Canada. I have not heard of them since.

And still another: Another man (for obvious reasons I withhold name, though I knew him well) left the City to go to a place about 30 miles from here. Gold was supposed to be buried in the sand of a shore some 20 feet wide, lying between the bottom of a steep cliff and the sea. He found the

## MR. COAKER'S DIARY

MARCH 19.—Spent 16th, 17th and 18th at Montreal. Had several interviews with the promoter of the "Newfoundland Fisheries Corporation," which proposes to export fresh fish from Newfoundland. Our part in the proposals consists of collecting the fish at certain stations to be established throughout the Northern districts. The Company will be incorporated in Newfoundland. It will take some time to work things out in detail, but a start in erecting the stations may soon be made. The weather during the past three days has been anything but good. Montreal will have no easy task in working out the problem that will have to be faced as time passes. The progress made is not as great as it might be. Divergent interests cause discouragement and lack of energy. Toronto will outrun Montreal as time passes, for Toronto is united in many questions that cause division at Montreal. Montreal by situation ought to be Canada's greatest city, but in my opinion Toronto conditions point to it becoming a greater, larger and more influential city than Montreal. The stores are up to date and well stocked. There is no shortage of anything. Goods that are hard to procure at St. John's are abundant here. The war feeling is not as patriotic as it should be, seeing that French-Canadians possess liberties and freedom to an extent that is not equalled by any race on the earth. Their appreciation of these blessings is placed at a discount by those who realize what this war will decide, and the response thereto of the French-Canadian race. If a stranger wishes to size up the tastes and patriotism of a city, nowhere can it be shown better than attending its public pleasure gatherings. When one finds an audience of thousands applauding incessantly the vulgar actions and utterances of a clown, and receiving in silence pictures and representations of the Empire and Flag that would cause a St. John's audience to applaud with delight and sincerity, one is inclined to consider such an audience lacking in patriotism, as well as in good taste. There is more patriotism in our own little Isle of Terra Nova with its 250,000 inhabitants, than exists in Montreal with its 750,000; yet Montreal has ten thousand times more reason to be true and loyal to British institutions than we have in poor old down-trodden Terra Nova. But whatever our faults, no one who knows us can truthfully assert, that we do not love and honour the Flag, the Empire and the King. The feeling in Canada after the war, over war sacrifices, will not tend to remove differences that exist. Quebec had an opportunity open during the past two years to accomplish deeds that could make it great and respected throughout Canada and the world; but alas! time has shown that it has failed to live up to lofty ideals and its great responsibilities. This feeling cannot be disregarded, for it is general throughout Canada. It is a pity, for Canada has indeed accomplished wonders in this war, and future ages will always mark 1915-16-17 as glorious in Canadian history. The appeal of Britain and France in their hour of bitter trial one would suppose could not fail on closed ears or cold hearts where French-Canadians were to be found; but alas, history must record the dishonourable and shameful reply that the Quebec response was what it is. We met ex-Mayor Ellis and his nephew, Mr. Wm. Quinn, on St. Patrick's Day at the Windsor Hotel, which was a pleasure we were not expecting. Mrs. Collishaw contracted a cold, which compelled her to keep to her room the past three days. Charlie Whitten—an old St. John's friend—did all he could to make our visit to Montreal pleasant and we have much to thank him for in the way of showing us around and explaining things. We met Messrs. H. D. and

R. G. Reid. The Reid Bros. hold the business office formerly used by the late Sir R. G. Reid, and H. D. can always be seen at his desk in the Montreal office when he is in the city. The office here is daily informed of all transpiring in Newfoundland and directs that business from here. Owing to the ill health of Sir W. D. Reid, Messrs. H. D. and R. G. Reid have assumed the full responsibility of the business, hence they are mostly found together during business hours and work together in harmony. Big developments may therefore be looked for respecting the Reid interests in Newfoundland. Orders for six new locomotives and one hundred freight cars have recently been placed, and the St. John's end is to build all the cars possible in addition. A number of those cars will be fitted with cold storage facilities to transport fresh fish from Bay terminals to St. John's. They are also giving attention to the erection of an Hotel at St. John's and the development of the timber areas they hold in the Gander Valley. Messrs. H. D. and R. G. Reid will now have an opportunity to prove the sort of business ability they possess.

### Seasonable Hints

Sheep.—Almost every farm should have at least a small flock of sheep. As a side line, more money may be made in sheep industry than any other class of stock. If you have not a flock why not start at once?

This is the season of the year when sheep need most care and labour. Reasonable attention in the lambing season will save a heavy mortality. A good shepherd will raise a 125 per cent lamb crop.

Don't forget the spring dipping. Although other work may demand attention, yet this is the one phase of sheep husbandry that should never be neglected.

Shear fairly early, at least before the very warm spring days arrive, and thus save the discomfort and loss in weight. With wool as valuable per pound as butter, the greatest care should be taken to produce the cleanest, best fleece and properly to care for the same after shearing. Co-operative marketing will add from two to eight cents per pound revenue from your wool.

Give the lambs an extra good start on grass. A lamb creep in the corner of the pasture and light grain feeding will usually be found most profitable. Swine.—The production of the largest, most thrifty litters at the least cost of feed and labour is the problem of every farmer in handling swine. A convenient pasture or grass paddock for the hogs where there is an abundance of grass, shade and water is usually most profitable. A self-feeder for the young pigs or even for the nursing sow or the thin brood sow will save much labour and feed.

It is essential that the brood sow be fed a well balanced, succulent, nutritious, milk-producing ration while suckling the litter. Dairy by-products, such as skim-milk, buttermilk or whey together with meals such as shorts, ground oats, barley, oatmeal and the like, are all highly suitable for the feeding of the sow at this season. These are also splendid feeds for the litter at weaning time. If dairy by-products are not available, Digester Tankage may to some extent supplement these feeds.

Buildings.—Give the live-stock buildings a thorough spring house-cleaning. Disinfection of the walls and floors with some cheap disinfectant will prevent the spread of any contagious diseases and will increase the

health and vigour of the stock. Barns which were foul and damp during the past winter should be overhauled and a cheap but efficient ventilating system installed. Dark, ill-ventilated barns are harbours and breeders of tuberculosis, abortion and other diseases which are annually costing Canadian farmers many millions of dollars.

E. S. ARCHIBALD,  
Dominion Animal Husbandman.

The past week there were four houses disinfected and released from quarantine in the city. A total of 29 cases of infectious diseases are under treatment, 24 of diphtheria and 4 of scarlet fever in the Fever Hospital, etc., and one under treatment at home.

### Pilley's Island

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines to let you know how the affairs of this place are running. We had our annual parade yesterday, March 15th, and had a grand time. We left the Hall and paraded to the S.U.F. Hall, where we listened to a beautiful sermon given by Adjutant Tuck. It was a fitting address for the occasion. After we paraded around the settlement, and back to the Hall where the ladies had a grand tea prepared for us, for which we thank them most heartily. I don't know where most of would be but for the ladies—I am, UNCLE JOHN.

Pilley's Isld, March 16, 1917.

## Steer Bros. Grocery

### FRESH GROCERIES!

15 Boxes BLUENOSE BUTTER.

50 Boxes CHEESE,

30 Cases DESSICATED COCOANUT,

100 Cases MACARONI—1 lb. Pkgs.

100 1/2-Chests

MOCHA,

CEYLON TEA,

60c. per lb. Retail.

EVAP. PEACHES,

EVAP. PRUNES,

EVAP. APRICOTS,

EVAP. APPLES,

All New Fruit.

300 Cases TOMATOES, 3's.

100 Cases TOMATOES, 2's.

600 Cases APRICOTS, PEACHES and PEARS, 3's.

PHONE 647 FOR PRICES.

## Steer Bros.

## THE HARVEST OF THE SEA.

Interesting and Useful to the Fishermen of the Colony

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

### Our Scotch-Cured Herring

**D**URING the week ended March 17th, trading in Newfoundland Scotch-cured herring was brisk in the New York market, so says the New York "Fishing Gazette." It is estimated that some 3000 barrels were sold to jobbers. This activity has given the market an unmistakably stronger tone, and higher prices are likely to follow. The quality of our herring now offering in the market is, says The Gazette, exceptionally fine, and because of the shortage in the supply it is a foregone conclusion that prices will advance.

The sinking of the "Pere Marquette" which went down off Nauset, on the Massachusetts coast last week will have an effect to boost the market, as the vessel had a large consignment of herring on board for New York. Numerous out-of-town buyers have been in New York of late and have been purchasing freely of our pack both for immediate and future delivery.

### The Big Fish Strike

The big fish strike which began in Boston some time ago is still on, according to recent advices from the Hub. A large number of fishermen, fearing presumably delay in, or an unsatisfactory outcome of the strike have left Boston for the Pacific Coast where prospects of making a better living are bright. This means that fewer fishermen will be available during the season. The necessary result of this must be to increase fish values, and our fish exporters should be alive to the prospect of increased demand. Then, another factor enters into our fish trade this season: a great deal of our Western Shore fish is being sold in the fresh state and is being shipped to points in Canada, where the market is brisk.

Some days ago a meeting of vessel owners and skippers was held in Boston to discuss the strike now existing there. Feeling that they had not had a square deal from the press they asked the Gloucester "Times" (which had given the men's side of the story) to do the same for the "interests." The owners and the skippers contend that the crux of the situation rests in the matter of the men paying 10 per cent on the fishing

gear, or trawls put on board the vessels. The owners declare that they are willing to concede several minor points in the demands of the fishermen, but as regards the gear and share for the engine they feel they must stand firmly for their continuance at present.

An Entering Wedge  
It is admitted that a few owners or skippers have made some money the past few years on gear, but taken as a whole, the great majority of firms and captains have not made any money.

They claim that the best proof of their contention that they cannot afford to make the concessions asked for by the men is the large number of vessels that have been sold the past few years because the fishing business was not paying. They admit that several vessels did well last year, but they also claim that there were several vessels which did not pay expenses.

The owners and the skippers depreciate strongly the flood of rumors regarding sharp practices, etc., which they claim are incorrect. It is also their opinion that the present demands of the Union are but an entering wedge for more to follow, the grafting of which would put the New England fishing fleet in the pitiable condition of the Pacific Coast where Union representatives control the voyage from the day of sailing to the shipment of the voyage.

### Grand Falls Notes

Many men here would like to see the Advocate sold at the Candy Store as well as the other papers. Nineteenth of the men here are Coaker men.

We are getting May weather here now. The streets are drying up. The town is growing and new streets are being added.

The Grand Lodge of the L.O.A. had good weather here. The arch erected for them looked well at night when the electric sign "Welcome" was lit.

The Exploits Valley Royal Stores has made some improvements to their building, and have also enlarged their store. Mr. J. A. House is to be congratulated on the way he has carried out his plans.

## THE RAMBLER SHOE

For Men.

THE RAMBLER SHOE For Men

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Sold by all reliable dealers in the Island.

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THE SHOE MEN.

## Reid-Newfoundland Co.

### EASTER EXCURSION.

Between St. John's, Carbonear, Heart's Content, Placentia and Renews:

ONE WAY FARE

Good going SATURDAY, April 7th, and good returning MONDAY, April 9th.

ONE WAY AND ONE THIRD FARE

Good going THURSDAY and FRIDAY, April 5th and 6th, and good returning MONDAY, April 9th.

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