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Correspondence.

Nfld. Board of Trade,
 St. John's, Dec. 14, 1918.
 Dear Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith copies of the correspondence which has taken place between this Board and the Chamber of Commerce, London, in regard to the big advance in freight rates of the Furness-Withy Company, which took effect early in the year.
 I am directed by the Council to ask you to kindly give same publication for the benefit of those interested.
 I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your obedient servant,
 for and on behalf of the
 Nfld. Board of Trade,
ERNEST A. PAYN,
 Secretary-Treas.
 Evening Telegram,
 City.

Nfld. Board of Trade,
 July 27, 1918.
 President Chamber of Commerce,
 London, England.
 Dear Sir,—The Tonnage Question has reached such a crisis with the Newfoundland Trade for months past, that we have been endeavouring in every way possible to show the seriousness of the situation to the responsible authorities of the British Government, notwithstanding all our efforts the result shows no success.
 Under these conditions, we beg to advise you the following facts, with a view to asking for your assistance.

When the War started we had the Allan and Furness-Withy Lines making weekly communication direct with Liverpool and Glasgow, and a month-long steamer to London.
 The Allan Line was discontinued after the first year, and until February we had the Furness-Withy Company's steamers calling here occasionally, and taking freight for England and the Mediterranean.
 Since April the 4th, we have had no opportunity of shipping anything to England, notwithstanding the arrival here of several steamers from England, which, after discharging salt and general cargo returned again to England via Halifax and Montreal without taking a ton of our produce.
 It is needless for us to say that England is a most important market, and being the present food shortage in the Home land, we are ready to ship anything we have, irrespective of our customers elsewhere.

We appreciate the difficulty there is in procuring steamers, and were it not for our own sailing vessels, we would be cut off almost entirely from our Foreign Trade.
 Since 1916 our Trade has lost no less than 65 vessels—26 by submarine and 49 lost at sea.
 We have risked all dangers to Portugal, Spain and Italy with our sailing vessels, although Canada and the United States have prohibited their sailing vessels from crossing the Atlantic.

The articles of Produce which we require space for are as follows:
1st—Salted Codfish in Casks:
 This is wholly an article of food and is selling for about half the value of an equivalent weight of meat and pork shipped from Canada and the United States.

2nd—Cod Oil:
 This is used entirely for Tanning Leather and there is no substitute working like as good. British firms working on contracts for Boots and Shoes for Army and Navy as well as Harness and Saddlery for the Cavalry will be delayed in their work, and their product will be an inferior article unless Genuine Cod Oil is used in the manufacture of this Leather.

3rd—Cod Liver Oil:
 This is used entirely for Medicinal purposes and is absolutely necessary for both rich and poor.
 The British Government has paid as high as 25/- and 30/- per gallon for thousands of barrels of the similar Norwegian product to prevent its exportation to Germany.

During the past season the Norwegian Government took control of their own output for the manufacture of Butterine and Food Products for their own people. The need of this Oil by the Drug Trade in England is greater than ever this year, and the advanced freight means an increase of 2/6 extra per gallon. At the present time we are offering our Oil—which experts state is equal to the finest Norwegian product, at about half the price the British Government paid Norway.

The following table of statistics show clearly the volume of shipments to England, and the freight rates in force during the past five years:—

TOTAL EXPORT TO ENGLAND ENDED JUNE 30th OF EACH YEAR, FROM CUSTOM HOUSE RETURNS:				
	1914	1915	1916	1917
Wool (tons)	618	1421	3757	5895
Cod Oil (tons)	1026	1289	1443	1769
Cod Oil (tuns)	3129	1820	863	769
Cod Liver Oil (tuns)	23	44	223	276
	4796	4074	5885	8486

Rate of Freight per Furness Withy Line, St. John's, Newfoundland to Liverpool:				
	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Codfish in Casks per 112 lbs.	2s. 9d.	per 112lb	4s. 6d.	per 112lb
Cod Oil (Herring in barrels)	9s. per brl.	9s. per brl.	9s. per brl.	9s. per brl.
Seal Oil, Cod Oil and Cod Liver Oil, per Imp. Gallon.	4d. per gal.	5 1/2d. per gal.	5 1/2d. per gal.	3s. per gal.

From the above it will be seen that an advance of 1700 p.c. on Codfish and 50 per cent on Oil has taken place. The Rates of Freight since 1914, and the advance in April of this year is especially prohibitive.
 It will also be seen that the figures for 1918 are by far the largest, but we would especially point out that the freight was all shipped previous to April 4th on which date the new rates came into force.
 The Furness Withy Company tell us they are absolutely controlled by the Chamber of Shipping for the British Government, both for freight space and freight rates.

We cannot understand why the freight rates have been forced up to such extent this year, as the War Risk Insurance on value of these steamers has not advanced, but been reduced 1/2% in May, 1917.
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 1/2% in June, 1918.

It is hard to understand the action of the responsible Government authorities in advancing the freight rates on articles that are absolutely needed, and which there is practically no substitute obtainable, as it only means increased cost to consumer and Government alike.
 The Liverpool, London and Bristol merchants working with the Newfoundland merchants have had meetings and passed resolutions asking Mr. Morris, now residing in London, to stop this matter before the British Board of Shipping.
 The Board has already taken up this matter with the Minister of Shipping here, who has informed us that Premier, Hon. W. F. Lloyd, who is in England, is working in connection with Lord Morris, and has stopped the matter strongly before the British Minister of Shipping.
 Canadian Wheat and other food items are going forward to the British Government from Canada at the

old rates and as our food products are also of great importance, we are at a loss to understand our present treatment.

If any further information is needed, we would respectfully refer you to the following Firms, who are largely interested in the Trade of this Dominion:—
 Harrington & White, 80 Gracechurch Street, London.
 Holmwood & Holmwood, 17 Gracechurch Street, London.
 C. T. Browning & Co., Liverpool.
 Job Brothers, Liverpool.
 C. T. Bennett & Co., Bristol.
 Balne and Johnston, Greenock.

We may mention it is now approaching four months since we have had any opportunity to ship any of our produce to England moreover, the rates at present quoted or indicated are prohibitive ones, and we can only come to the conclusion that a careful investigation by the authorities in charge will find that there is good justification for readjustments.

In conclusion, we would respectfully ask for your co-operation with us in this matter, which is of vital importance to the Trade of this Dominion.
 We beg to remain,
 dear Sir,
 Yours very truly,
 Nfld. Board of Trade,
 (Sgd.) R. G. WINTER,
 President.

(COPY.)
 LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
 20th August, 1918.
 The President,
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Our Xmas Poultry

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Just opened:
250 Boxes Xmas Crackers and Xmas Stockings—a limited stock.
 By Express to-day:
16 Boxes Table Butter, 2 lb. prints
20 Boxes Selected Eggs.
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Almond Nuts—whole and shell-ed.
Walnuts—whole and shell-ed.
Pure Gold Icings—Vanilla, Pink, Chocolate.

Due by Str. from New York, Monday, 16th:—
Oranges—Calif. and Florida.
Pears—California.
Tangerines.
Apples—California—Boxes.
Grapes—Green and Purple.
Lemons—California.
Grape Fruit.
Cranberries.
Parsnips and Cabbage.

T. J. EDENS

Duckworth St. and Rawlin's Cross.

(COPY.)
 LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
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 The President,
 Nfld. Board of Trade,
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 Dear Sir,—Your letter of July 27th, addressed to the President of this Chamber was duly laid before the last meeting of my Executive together with other correspondence which we have had with interested firms on this side respecting the rates of freight on goods from Newfoundland, and also the replies received from the Ministry of Shipping to our representations of these my Committee felt that, while they fully sympathised with Newfoundland exporters as well as importers on this side who are members of this Chamber, the question has been gone into very fully by the Ministry of Shipping and they regret under the circumstances that they do not see their way to press the Contoller of Shipping further in the matter. I enclose for your information copy of the letter we received from the Ministry dated July 18th, which notwithstanding later correspondence with that Department it has not been found possible to vary in any way.
 Yours faithfully,
 (Sgd.) CHARLES E. MUSGRAVE,
 Secretary.

(COPY.)
 LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
 18th July, 1918.
 The Secretary,
 London Chamber of Commerce, Inc.,
 1, 2 & 3 Oxford Court.
 Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Shipping Controller to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, transmitting a copy of a communication received by your Chamber from Messrs. Harrington & White with reference to the rate of freight on Cod Oil and Cod Liver Oil from St. John's Newfoundland, to Liverpool and to acquaint you that the rate on oil has advanced only to the same extent as rates on other articles. The difficulties experienced by Messrs. Harrington & White are at present common to importers in all trades.
 While Sir Joseph Maclay agrees that it would be desirable to draw supplies from the Dominion rather than from a neutral country he regrets that the shipping situation does not admit of this arrangement.
 If the Oil must be imported, it ought, if possible, to come from the near source of Norway in present circumstances.
 The space of steamers which make the ballast passage across the Atlantic is thus reserved for commodities which it is essential to obtain from North America.
 I am, Sir,
 Your obedient servant,
 (Sgd.) GRAHAM THOMPSON.

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Market Notes.

CODFISH—Several cargoes consigned to European markets have left different ports in the island since last writing, and it has been learned that the S. S. Seal will be ordered to Italy with her load, in order to test the market conditions there. A telegram to the Board of Trade from a Genoa concern last week asks for inspection of all shipments to that port and a guarantee (certificate) of quality given by authorised inspectors before any demand is made for payment. The suggestion has been made that the Board of Trade send competent men. The Spanish market is very dull and Italy has supplies for the present. No price has been named by Greek buyers but advice cables are expected any day.

COD OIL—The market has been very dull, one of the conditions helping this being the efforts of United States buyers to bear prices. An improvement may be looked for shortly. English markets are about exhausted, and some are inclined to think that these should be given the preference. The correspondence between the Board of Trade and the London Chamber of Commerce shows just how much the British Shipping Ministry valued the Newfoundland products in the Cod Oil line during the past six months, and how eagerly they placed ships at our disposal to get them to market. St. John's last week quoted Common at from \$26 to \$280 per ton; refined \$250 per gallon.

HERRING—Reports of the fall catch in all the fishing centres do not show any big improvement, the Bay of Islands fishery being outside in the Arms. The price from the nets at Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay is \$6; at Springdale, N.D.B. \$9 to \$11. Splits are being quoted at \$7.50 to \$8; Norwegian pack, \$11 to \$11.50, at Scotch pack \$21.

PROVISIONS—Though the regulations providing for the use of substitutes with Flour have been lifted in Canada and the United States they are still in force in Newfoundland, there being in stocks the equivalent of 40,000 barrels, of coarse grains, which dealers were obliged to import during the past few months at the instance of the Food Control Boards of the countries named. Negotiations are in progress for a resale of these lots to shippers in Canada and U. S. for export to Europe, and we understand our Food Control Board is doing all in its power to have such negotiations end successfully. Standard is selling at the old rates, \$14.50 to \$14.75 wholesale. An increased demand in Europe has forced Pork prices up again, and there is no hope whatever for a decline. Local rates have not been made yet to meet the advance in America, but a readjustment is likely to come in with the New Year. Ham Butt is now \$47 to \$48, and Mess \$50 to \$50.50. Adding the stock market advance would bring prices to \$53 and \$55 respectively. Beef is also on the up grade but not so steeply as Pork. No. 1 brands are quoted as \$48.50 to \$47; Packet \$45.50 to \$46; Boneless \$47. Different conditions are now obtaining abroad and agreements are being entered into between North and South American stock raisers for exchanges of breeding cattle for the improvement of stock. The consumption of barrelled beef is likely to be greater now that F. C. B.'s have relaxed their authority somewhat, but prices will be maintained. With a large shipment of Sugar en route from New York and due sometime this week, prices are likely to remain stationary. Cheap sugar may not be expected during 1919. White is now being sold at \$12.71 and West India \$11.25 to \$11.50 per 100 pounds. There is nothing new in the Molasses or Potato markets.



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CAP AND SCARF SETS.
 We do not intend to say a single word about the desirability of these sets as Xmas Gifts. We rather that you come and see for yourself. Here are Wool and Angora Sets in all the popular shades. Prices, \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$3.50 per set.

BOUDOIR CAPS.
 Dainty Boudoir Caps in fancy Muslin, trimmed with fine Lace and Ribbon. We advise you to secure yours early as we have only a limited quantity. \$8 a l e Price, 20c each

CHILD'S WOOL CAPS.
 A big assortment of Child's and Misses Knitted Caps. All are well made and comfortable caps for winter wear; assorted sizes. Sale Price, each 75c

FLANNELETTE NIGHTGOWNS.
 Ladies' White and Cream Flannelette Nightdresses. One of our very best lines under-priced for next week only. Made of heavy material, neatly embroidered, and Ribbon run. Short and long sleeves—roomy. Regular price, \$2.60 each. Sale Price, each \$2.49

HANDKERCHIEFS.
 We make special mention of this lot. Particularly because of their value. These are made of fine linen, and embroidered in about twenty different designs. Sold in lots of three. Sale Price, 3 for 20c.

BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS.
 Of fine Cambric with hem-stitched hem and embroidered corners. Folded in fancy boxes for Xmas Gift giving. Three in each box. Prices, 40c, 45c, 55c, 60c. each.

Ribbons

A very special showing of Ribbons for Christmas Gift giving. In shades of Navy, Sky, Pink, Brown, Rose and White. They are in all widths from 1/2 inch wide to 6 inches wide; all strong Silk Taffeta Ribbons.

TOYS, DOLLS, etc.
 Motor Cars, Building-Blocks, Teddy Bears, Rattles, Clowns, Guns, Tea Sets, Drums, Animals, Etc., Etc.
 Dear Old Santa Clause has given us a goodly supply of playthings to amuse and satisfy the play time dreams of children. Bring the little ones along with you, they will help you as to what they would like best in the stockings on Xmas morning.
 Store Opens 8.30 a.m. **ALEX. SCOTT,** Store Closes 10 p.m.
 18 New Gower St.

Clark-Urban Co.
 Those who were prevented from attending the production of the play "Within the Law" by the above Company, on Saturday night, missed a dramatic treat. The play itself is a very powerful and realistic portrayal of the life of salesmen in city department stores and the temptations to which they are subjected and to which they often succumb, because of the meagre and inadequate wage paid them. That is the motif of the drama. The plot itself is too elaborate to be contained in an ordinary item. The various characters were ably sustained by the members of the Company, and the applause from all over the house was striking testimony to the able performance of the players. The climaxes were strong and appealing. We would, however, suggest that the principal "dramatis personae" put a little more strength into their speaking parts, their voices on Saturday night being so low as to be inaudible to the gallery and parquette and only superb acting saved them from being shown the disfavor of the gods. This has been the one defect all through

and it is to be hoped that in future appearances it will be remedied, and we trust that this only criticism will be accepted in the spirit in which it is made. The C.C.C. band musical programme was very much enjoyed. The Telegram hopes that the Company will have a very pleasant and profitable week at Harbor Grace and a reception from the people that will leave no room to doubt the warmheartedness of Newfoundlanders.
Express off Track
 The out-bound express yesterday met with an accident a few miles west of Kelligrews, four cars leaving the rails. Although three of the cars were filled with passengers, none were injured. During the afternoon and night a gang of men were engaged in getting the cars, which were not derailed, back on the rails, and at 2 o'clock this morning the train continued on across country.
 Afternoon Teas will be served at THE BLUE PUTTEE, Rawlin's Cross, every afternoon from 3 o'clock on,—dec9/18

Another Branch.
 We learn that the Bank of Nova Scotia is opening its 20th branch in Newfoundland at Western Bay, Bay de Verde district. The advantage of having a bank at this thriving centre will be at once important and necessary. Western Bay being centrally situated, is easily accessible to all people desirous of transacting business through regular bank channels, and we predict for the new branch a most prosperous and profitable business, which will be continued and increased as the years go on. We congratulate the Directors of the parent Bank on their progressiveness, and feel sure that the population of Bay de Verde district will be well pleased with the branch establishment at Western Bay.
 Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine at Stafford's Drug Stores for 20c. bottle. Postage 5 cts. extra.—nov25/18
 When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.

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MEN'S 4 BUCKLE GAITERS . \$4.20 and \$5.00
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