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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Price of Fish

SHORE TALQUAL FISH has now reached the figure of \$7.20 per qtl., while soft Labrador fish is being disposed off at \$6.20. Labrador shore is selling at \$7. talqual.

Cod oil is now past the \$125 mark.

Shore fish will sell at \$8 before the 15th of December, while cod oil will pass the \$130 mark before November 1st.

Best flour is now selling at \$7, while H.B. pork and the best beef can be procured for \$21.50 to \$22. Molasses has advanced to 50c. per gallon by the puncheon. Flour is now 90c. over the rock bottom price it sold for at the mills a month ago. Pork and beef have also advanced. The stocks of H.B. pork in the city are very small at present. The Trading Co. probably holds as much as all the other provision dealers in the city combined.

Some of the Labrador men have returned with \$4.70 marked on their receipts, while others on the lower part of the coast are mark-

ed \$4.50 and the rise; the rise being 20c. will of course be paid by the buyers.

A few days ago the fishermen of Carbonear were selling shore fish at \$6; we offered to buy at \$6.50. As soon as this was known the Carbonear Graballs gave \$6.50. The F.P.U., therefore, offered the fullest Outport value now being paid at Outport Union Stores of \$7 per qtl.

At Twillingate the buyers offered \$5.25 for Labrador, the Union Store offered \$5.50, and recently purchased at \$5.80.

At Little Bay Island the buyers offered \$6 for shore and \$5 for Labrador, and \$110 for oil. The F.P.U. set to work to buy and prices are now \$7 for shore, \$5.80 for Labrador and \$125 for bod oil. Very little shore fish now remain in the fishermen's possession and the quantity which has arrived here to date is less than it has been during 30 years.

There will be very short stocks of shore and Labrador by the end of the year, although the Graballs responsible for the Board of Trade Report places the catch to date at 120,000 qtls. over last year's catch; but they will be looking for that extra 120,000 by the 1st of December and wonder where it has gone.

Never during the past 25 years were stocks of oil so short; to-day the whole of the stocks in the city do not exceed 200 tuns as against 1000 tuns last year at this date. Cod liver oil is selling at \$1.50 per gallon, and the top price has not yet been reached.

The Union Trading Co. has received here 25,000 qtls. of fish to date, and has about 20,000 qtls. more to dispose off here. All this fish has been collected by the Union Stores—the largest collection shore fish for one firm in the Colony this season.

Muzzling the Press

WE HOLD a copy of Judge Johnson's charge to the Jury last Wednesday, which we will publish after the arguments on the motion to set aside the verdict are decided. The matter was before the Court to-day and will likely be argued on Saturday. Out of deference to the wishes of the counsel engaged we have withheld the charge.

Needless to say every fair minded man in the Colony will read it with surprise. It might easily be taken for the address of the counsel for the plaintiff. The verdict has aroused the North to a pitch of frenzy and the anger of the people is openly expressed. We hold some twenty strong letters received the last three days condemning the verdict.

We learn that six of the Jury

Chairman Catalina F.P.U. Council Calls the Bell Island Miner's Bluff

Denies Report that Catalina is Opposed to Prohibition and will give 'Miner' \$5.00 if it gives name of Correspondent. Coaker is stronger than ever, and has not as yet reached the zenith of his power.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

DEAR SIR,—I have read an article which appeared in The Bell Island Miner of last week, in which the editor states Catalina is opposed to Prohibition and also Trinity Bay, and that if carried Catalina Council will burst its bonds and endeavour to put a new President in the field next convention.

Catalina will vote for Prohibition on November 4th and seven-eighths of Catalina Unionists will stand by President Coaker's advice on Prohibition.

As for putting a new President forward at the coming convention, only a fool would state such a ridiculous absurdity, as President Coaker is more admired, respected, confided in and trusted than he ever was since the Union was established.

I challenge The Bell Island Miner to produce the name of any

Catalina correspondent who wrote such stuff.

As for President Coaker having reached the zenith of his success, I boldly state that if President Coaker is alive and well in 1917, he will, if he wishes, become the Premier of Newfoundland; and the zenith of his success will not be reached for twenty years after should he live.

It is only now Catalina is beginning to properly recognize President Coaker's great work.

If anyone wants to know how Catalina feels towards the Union and President Coaker, they better visit Catalina.

I will pay the editor of The Bell Island Miner Five Dollars if he will state the name of the Catalina correspondent whom he refers to.

Yours truly, DUGALD WHITE, Chairman F.P.U., Catalina. St. John's, Oct. 19, '15.

supported Kean, while three strongly opposed the contention of the six. Some asked for \$5000 damages, while some claimed 10 cents was sufficient.

The pros and cons of the sides are now being freely discussed along the street and even the names of the men who proposed the soaking of the Publishing Co. are being uttered along the street.

Scores of Outport men who arrived yesterday state that the Outport people consider the verdict timed to kill out the Fishermen's first and only paper—the only paper ever owned by poor fishermen since Newfoundland possessed a paper.

Everyone is asking on what grounds such a heavy verdict was awarded. The one great puzzle is to reply to such a question as only the nine men of the Jury can properly answer.

The evil effect of this trial upon the Outport mind will take years to eradicate. The Outport men are convinced that there is no fair play to be expected for Coaker or the F.P.U., from Graballs or Juries at St. John's. There is but one remedy, and that is to take away the power of administering the law in the North away from the Judges and Juries of St. John's and set up a Court that will deal solely with Northern cases and make the Northern Judges a part of the Supreme Court, which would hear appeals from the Northern Court.

This would enable St. John's influences to be cut out from soaking Northern interests and ideals of advancement and reforms in the public interests. The soaking attempted by the Jury last Wednesday will greatly promote the interests it was intended to destroy.

An element of bitterness has been implanted in the minds of the Toiling Masses by the indiscreet and foolish vanity exhibited by Kean in telegraphing his rejoicings to his dupes in Union districts, which those half fools have publicly revealed, thereby arousing a very bitter resentment amongst the people, as Kean is perhaps the most bitterly hated and despised man in the Colony, with the people of the North to-day.

BERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 14, via Paris, Oct. 14.—The federal authorities have been informed that Emperor William has pardoned the Swiss bicyclist, C. A. Doerflinger, who was condemned to death, by a German court-martial, on a charge of espionage.

The Aftermath

AN ENGLISH ESSALIST wrote recently regarding the Eastern situation: "It is not merely ingenuity that sees in the war that is devastating Europe to-day the outcome of the Berlin Treaty which Disraeli wrought the wrong that dazzled his countrymen."

The world remembers the story quite well, and it will be referred to frequently these days that after the fall of Plevna the bayonets of the Russian troops were visible from the minarets of Constantinople.

The Treaty of San Stephano terminated the war, out of which came the Bulgaria of to-day; but Disraeli saved the Turk in Europe, destroyed the treaty, gave Macedonia back, and at the Congress of Berlin "adjusted" in general the results of the war.

Bismarck, whose "blood and iron policy had produced Germany, steadily adhered to his policy of consolidation and diplomatic friendships for the isolation of Russia, and smiled grimly at the arts of the British Premier. It was about that time that Bismarck declared that the Balkans were not worth the bones of a single Pomeranian grenadier."

It was the crime which followed the war of 1877, says the same publicist, that "was the seed of the Balkan War of 1912, and the wars of 1912 begot in a large measure the wars of to-day."

The fatal mistake made by Disraeli and by Gladstone in his earlier years was that the nationalistic aspirations of the Balkan peoples were not regarded when came the division of the spoils of war; and as we stated some days ago, the Balkan States are jealous of the Russian occupation of Constantinople.

Must Go On

The planet would never be the same if the Germans succeeded in the war or made it a draw. The arrogance of the Germans was bad enough before. It would be intolerable if he could boast of having fought the world and held his own. He must, in the interest of mankind, be taught a little modesty. The war needs to go on until the advantages which he gained by stealthy preparation have been offset, the conquests he has made stripped from him, and his defeat made so evident that he will write an explicit request for peace on a scrap of paper.—Toronto Star.

There was a good deal of drunkenness in evidence yesterday and in the forenoon the police arrested four men while another was placed in the cells last evening.

Reid-Newfoundland Co. SOUTH COAST SERVICE S.S. GLENCOE will sail from Placentia on Friday, October 22nd, after the arrival of the 8.45 a.m. Train from St. John's, calling at the usual ports of call between Placentia and Port aux Basques.

Enterprise Rewarded

CAPTAIN JOHN LEWIS, our enterprising banking master, has certainly been rewarded for his enterprise in his venture of placing an engine in his schooner—the "Metamora." He is now closing up to 5,000 quintals of fish, after securing his last trip on the coast of Labrador, whence he recently returned.

When he undertook to introduce the new means of securing a banking voyage, some of the "wise ones" shook their heads and made all sorts of prognostications regarding the venture; but the progressive ex-member for the District of Harbour Main—the man whom boodling Bill helped to oust from the House of Assembly—had evidently given every consideration to his plans; and he now tells us that the money invested in the engine is the best spent money in his fishing experience.

What this country needs just now is a number of progressive men like Captain Lewis in the House of Assembly. Such men are the crying needs of this country at the moment. We have had enough of the other type on the Government benches; and we are now reaping the harvest of their failings.

A Raw Deal

THE CANADIAN Government railway system is certainly administering a very raw deal to the Newfoundland trade in every way. Since the larger steamers have been taken off the route, the boats from Port aux Basques arrive rather irregularly; but usually, the "Kyle" is never later than half an hour. It happens that in nearly every case the I.C.R. train pulls out of the station just about when the steamer arrives.

The inconvenience to travellers is great; but the financial loss is greater still. One cannot understand what this means unless you happen to have gone through it. Quite a number of women and children have been going to the United States and Canadian points recently; and these are held up in Sydney, often over night, and they are necessarily forced to get hotel accommodation and incur a good deal of expense which they really cannot well afford.

We think it is time for the Newfoundland Government to interest themselves in this matter. They only can bring about a change. We understand that the Reid-Nfld. Co. have several times tried to effect some arrangement, but they evidently have not been successful in having the train held to await the arrival of the steamer from Port aux Basques.

Execrations loud and deep can be heard regularly when the steamer arrives from Port aux Basques these days. The delay at Sydney is of course annoying to everybody concerned, but it is especially so to the second class people who are striving to make connections for American and Western Canadian points.

We urge the Government to get busy and attend to this matter at once.

NOTICE! To the F.P.U. Councils of Twillingate District: IN VIEW of the conditions prevailing in this District at present, I think it advisable to cancel our proposed Annual District Meeting at Exploits. The usual Annual Meeting will be held at the Supreme Council, which meets at St John's next month. W. B. JENNINGS, District Chairman.

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