



Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, Proprietor. C. T. JAMES, Editor. Friday, March 11, 1921.

The Truth About the Fish Markets.

Under this heading 'The Truth About the Fish Markets,' the Advocate published on Thursday, October 5th, 1920, a lengthy article evidently written by Mr. Coaker, the opening words of which are as follows:

'Every cargo of fish en route to Portugal has been disposed of outright at Regulation prices. Some cargoes for Portugal, loading, but not yet completed, have also been sold ahead.'

Advertisement for G. Knowling, Ltd. featuring 'All Milkmen Will Meet' and 'Butter Crocks' with prices and contact information.

ly and five cargoes are required for early shipping. All the old Brazilian fish has been disposed of and cash paid for the same. Not a cent's worth of claims has been made against Brazilian shipments since the Regulations became effective last November. Every fish shipped to Brazil since last November has been paid for in cash here before leaving St. John's.

To-day, five months later, we find that the Government has to reduce the regulation price of fish for Brazil to eighty shillings a quintal, this being the second reduction from the 102/6 originally fixed, and we find also that sales to Brazil lately have been the smallest in the history of the Colony. The following figures show the exports to Brazil for the first two months of 1919, before the present Government got in and the Coaker policy was put into effect; the exports for the first two months of 1920 after the present Government had got in, and the Coaker policy was brought into existence; and for the first two months of this year when the Coaker policy was in full effect and making its blasting influence felt on every aspect of our economic life. These figures tell the story of the collapse of our fishing industry better than a column of written material. They are:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Amount. Rows: Jan. and Feb. 1919 (\$7,000), Jan. and Feb. 1920 (\$41,000), Jan. and Feb. 1921 (\$6,200).

Here is an example which no man can mistake of the evil effects of the Coaker policy and the utter falsity of the claims of Mr. Coaker and his supporters as shown in the extracts above. Last September, when he met the fish exporters, the price of fish to Brazil was fixed at 102/6 a quintal. No sales could be made at that, and then the Government permitted sales 'on the quiet' at 100, at which figure several sales are reported to have been made, and then it was arranged to have the price cut, a report which may or may not be correct, but which was certainly current at the time. This, however, proved of little avail, and then the price was cut to ninety shillings, but few or no sales were made, and now the price is cut to eighty shillings and in the meantime the weeks and months are passing and great stocks of Brazil fish are still held in this market and cannot be got rid of. Everybody is too familiar with the story of Mr. Coaker's attempt to bludgeon the Italian Consorzio into compliance with his terms, for us to need to elaborate that humiliating episode in his career as a diplomat and a statesman. When he found he could do nothing else he wired to President Ragnoli, of the Consorzio, threatening to take up the matter with the British Ambassador, being evidently under the impression that the British Government would permit the Ambassador to be made an instrument to carry out Mr. Coaker's designs. Of course the British Government would not for a moment think of doing such a thing, and the only result of this blunder was to get this country 'in wrong' with the Consorzio and make Mr. Ragnoli more and more determined to have nothing to do with the Coaker policy. A sane practical statesman with a knowledge of his position, his duties, and his responsibilities, would not have been guilty of such a gross blunder and some satisfactory settlement might have been worked out, but as a result of Mr. Coaker's action, Mr. Ragnoli would have nothing to do with us, and at the end of last year even Mr. Coaker realized that the end was in sight so far as Italy was concerned, and he, though in London at the time, had to consent to the Regulations being taken off so far as Italy was concerned, and an abandonment of his policy of control in that country.

But it was too late! the mischief was done, the Italians had purchased enormous quantities of fish in other quarters and since the beginning of the year, although the Regulations were off, not a quintal of our fish has been sold in Italy and the most our buyers can do in that market is to induce Mr. Ragnoli and other traders to accept fish on consignment and sell it for whatever it will fetch, which will be a mighty small figure when all the expenses are paid.

Even Mr. Coaker himself had to send the schooner 'President Coaker' to Italy last week, and give her cargo to some traders there on consignment, although he has been for years denouncing the practice of our merchants selling fish on consignment as being ruinous to the interests of the trade and the country, but now, having failed in everything else, he has resorted to the same policy in the hope of getting something back of the half million dollars of public money put up to enable certain merchants to buy fish last fall at \$8.00 a quintal, because the Northern fishermen were beating down Mr. Coaker's door demanding that he make good his promise to pay eight dollars a quintal for Labrador fish, which price he paid, though now it is certain that there will be an enormous loss to the taxpayers in consequence. This, then, is the result of the Coaker policy, after having every opportunity to be properly tested out, for no people could be more generous in giving Mr. Coaker liberty to test what there was behind his scheme than our fish merchants, but the thing has been proved to be an utter fiasco, and unfortunately the whole people of the Colony will have to suffer the loss and pay the bill in misery and wretchedness and hard times for some years to come. Every elector in Harbor Main District, therefore, should on to-morrow go to the polls and mark his ballots against the Coaker Party and the Coaker candidates, because of the ruin they have brought on our common country, and vote instead for the Opposition candidates.

JONES AND LEWIS. Only twenty-four hours more. Warren made good on his promise. So far as the election of JONES and LEWIS is concerned, it is merely a question of majority.

Harbor Main is absolutely disgusted with the campaign of mendacity and vilification of opponents carried on by the 'twins' of the Coaker-Squires Party. No argument so convincing proof of statements made, nothing to show in support of the record of the Government, but falsehood and slander go to make up the contents of the special editions of the Star and Advocate.

Harbor Main men are too intelligent and too independent to be blinded by the appeals to passion made by the Liberal-Reformers. The sturdy voters of that district have the number of the Squires-Coaker articles, and will show their opinion of them to-morrow.

The action of the Minister of Justice, Hon. W. R. Warren, in removing the Fish Regulations as applied to Portugal, is deserving of the highest commendation. His short term as Acting Premier has been most prolific of results. As full Premier he could do a great deal more.

Warren called the Coaker game with regard to the schooner Eileen Lake. 'Checkmate,' said the Minister of Justice, when he ordered the vessel to be held, and clamped down his order by having a squad of police put on board. Well done, Warren!

Harbor Main has nothing to lose but everything to gain by voting against the Squires-Coaker candidates to-morrow. The election of JONES and LEWIS will be the first stroke toward the disintegration of the present Government, and it will not be long afterwards ere the whole administrative fabric will collapse. Therefore, men of Harbor Main, help Newfoundland and yourselves by your action to-morrow, and TURN THE GRAPTERS OUT!

Premier Refused Request.

WOULD NOT ALLOW AEROPLANE TO CLEAN UP MAILS. (Twillingate Sun.) Thinking that perhaps it would be no harm to offer the suggestion—since we are a strong believer in the possibility of an aeroplane winter mail-service for this country—this paper telegraphed on Monday to Premier Squires, suggesting that if the aeroplane at Botwood was in flying condition it be commandeered to clean up the three weeks' accumulation of letter mail. The following reply was received from the Premier: 'The Twillingate Sun—'

'Aeroplane under contract with sealing owners for sealing voyage, and under Government control. Have forwarded your message to Mr. Dunfield, of Job Ross, representative of sealing owners. 'R. A. SQUIRES.'

Of course this is nothing but official subterfuge. We were perfectly aware that the control lay with the sealing steamer owners, hence we deliberately used the word 'commandeer.'

The Government could commandeer the sugar supply, to our painful cost; it could commandeer the railway also to our sad loss; it could commandeer the whole codfish exportation machinery; but when it is such a simple matter as cleaning up a three weeks' accumulation of letters—it hands the correspondence to Mr. Dunfield! Nice easy way to avoid bothering!

McMurdo's Store News. FRIDAY, March 11, 1921. We have a very nice Campfire Ice at present which some men prefer above anything else of the kind for use after shaving. During March month especially, it is very necessary to have some simple application of this kind to use, which is instantly effective, and produces a pleasant sensation in use, and which is very moderate in its price—20c. a tin.

Scholarship Will Be Given. On the M.C.L.L. 50th Anniversary a scholarship will be presented by the President of the institution at the Easter closing exercises of the Methodist College. The scholarship presented this year for the first time goes to that scholar, who attending a Methodist educational institution in N.S., obtains highest marks in English and Arithmetic in Intermediate Grade. The scholarship will be presented year by year until a commercial department is opened in the college.

Tipperary Afloat. The following message sent by the operator at Trepassay, was received by Mr. H. A. Saunders, Anglo Superintendent, who very courteously passed it along to the press: 'Tipperary is partly afloat in back side Trepassay near land, about two hundred yards from shore. She is rotting, only one mast in her. She is on her side.'

Sealskinners' Meeting. The Sealskinners held their annual meeting last night, and re-elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—Charles Whitten. Vice-Pres.—William Noseworthy. Treasurer—James King. Secretary—C. J. Ford. Committee—Jobs, G. R. Cook, Bowring, James Ford.

Shipping Notes. S.S. Rosalind leaves Halifax at noon to-morrow for this port. Schooner Daziel, 25 days from Oporto, arrived in port this morning with a cargo of salt.

Supreme Court.

(Before Full Bench.) The King vs. William John Nolan for Murder. The prisoner, William John Nolan, is arraigned and pleads 'not guilty.' On Motion of Summers, K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice, the prisoner is asked if he has engaged a counsel to defend him. The prisoner answers 'No.' And when asked if he intends to engage one he answers that he has no money.

The Court took recess till 12.30 to consider what counsel the Court will assign to defend the prisoner. Summers, K.C., states to the Court that the prisoner had not yet engaged a counsel to defend him. The Deputy Minister moved that the trial be set for Monday, the 21st day of March, 1921, and moves for a special jury with a double panel.

It is ordered that the case be set for Monday, March 21st, 1921, at 11 a.m. It is also ordered that a special jury with a double panel be summoned. G. Jarvis Co. vs. A. E. Hickman & Co., Ltd. This is a motion by the plaintiff that an order of the Court do issue to the Registrar of the Supreme Court that he shall thereupon cause the order of His Majesty in Council, herein, dated 7th day of February, 1921, to be filed in the Registry of the Court and that thereupon the said order shall be entered and acted upon in such manner as any original judgment of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland could or might have been executed, and for the costs of the motion.

Crew of Barbara Barr Working Ship.

The following message has been received by the Minister of Shipping from St. Joseph's: 'A man from North Harbor reports that men from the schr. Retraction hauled a dory over the ice to North Harbor Point today and reported schr. Barbara Barr two miles south from there. The Barbara Barr's crew are on board O.K. The schooner struck Gull Rocks while driving in ice. She was leaking some but not badly. The Retraction's crew spoke to her when she was driving. The Barbara's crew can keep the schooner free and there is no one on shore from her. She is a long distance outside of the Retraction.'

From the Sealing Fleet.

The Marine and Fisheries Department had the following messages from the fleet: S.S. Sagona—Crew on board; all well. S.S. Diana—One stowaway on board named William Seivour, of 47 Mullock Street. The following messages came to the station this morning: S.S. Thefts—Cabo Island, N.N.W. ice conditions favorable; all ships in sight. S.S. Neptune—off Cape Freels with S.S. Seal; all well. S.S. Terra Nova (7 a.m.)—14 miles N.E. Bonavista; Eagle and Ranger 3 miles astern; open water; everything O.K. S.S. Vikings—In heavy sheet ice, making slow progress; steering N.W.; blowing gale from W.N.W.; nothing new to report.

Coastal Boats.

PORTIA left Marystown at 6 a.m. today, coming this way. Senet reached port at 6 p.m. from Westleyville. GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION. Clyde unable to reach Placentia account ice. Now at Petite Pointe. Kyle left Port aux Basques at 11.15 p.m. yesterday, going to Louisbourg. Meigle left Burin at 9 a.m., coming to St. John's.

Hockey Notes.

The game between St. Bon's and the Feildians will be played to-night and the winning team will play off with the Terra Novas for the Tie Cup. The line up will be: FEILDIAHS Goal. ST. BON'S Hunt. Defence. Higgins. Centre. Egan. Left. Callahan. Right. Cahill. SPARES, St. Bon's—Gibbs, Power, Sinnott. FEILDIAHS—Rendell, Alderice.

These two teams have clashed three times, the Feildians winning two of the games and the St. Bon's one. To-night's game will therefore prove very interesting.

IN LOVING MEMORY of Minnie O'Brien, who died March 11th, 1920, on whose soul sweet Jesus have mercy. —William and Mary O'Brien. Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Police Court.

Rum and Rabbits—Four witnesses were examined yesterday afternoon before Mr. McCarthy, J.P. in the 'Rum and Rabbits' case. Mr. Hunt then addressed the Court on behalf of the accused, and Mr. Winter was heard in reply. Judgment was handed down to-day. His Honour decided that the accused was guilty and in view of the fact that this was a second offence, a fine of \$100 and costs—the latter being quite heavy—was imposed.

Assaulting the Police—A youth was charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Constable Seward in the discharge of his duty. He was fined \$5 or 10 days. Case Postponed—The case of a young woman sued for obtaining money under false pretences was postponed. Several other postponed cases will be heard to-morrow.

Police Refused Shelter ON SCHOONER EILEEN LAKE.

It appears now that some friction has arisen over the detention in port of the schooner Eileen Lakke with a cargo of fish shipped by the Union Trading Co. The Minister of Justice, Hon. W. R. Warren, by whose orders the police constables were put on board the Coaker vessel, has again shown his authority. This time it is in connection with the treatment accorded the police officers. The last night when Mr. Warren has seen to it that better treatment will be meted out in future. Every precaution is being taken to see that the vessel does not sail. She is being held under the Customs Act and it is likely that an injunction from the Court to keep her here has been obtained.

Here and There.

Parade Rink will be open to-night. We beg to acknowledge receipt of \$5.00 received anonymously by mail. ARTEUR T. WOOD, LTD.—mar11.11

Mr. A. Macpherson acknowledges with thanks the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) conscience money.—mar11.11

NOTICE.—The T. A. Club will hold a Card Tournament on Friday, March 11th, for a very special object.—mar11.11

Please attend the Card Tournament in T. A. Armory to-night in aid of Holy Cross Schools.—mar11.11

Begin St. Patrick's Night with the 'Irish Night Concert', Methodist College Hall. Tickets at Royal Stationery Co.

C.L.B.C. OFFICER'S MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Officer's Mess of the C.L.B. Cadets will be held on Tuesday night next. Officers will be elected and a great deal of business will be discussed.

A very attractive programme has been arranged by Mrs. H. Outerbridge for St. Patrick's Afternoon, Methodist College Hall, in aid of the Cowan Home for Old Ladies. Don't miss seeing 'Five birds in a cage.'—mar10.21

PROGRAMME St. Patrick's Night DANCE, C. C. C. HALL. 1. Lancers. 2. One-step. 3. Waltz. 4. Fox-trot. 5. Waltz-Lancers. 6. One-step.

INTERVAL. Extras (a) Fox-trot. (b) One-step.

DIED. Passed peacefully away on the 11th inst. after a lingering illness, William H. Whitten, aged 76 years, leaving a wife, two sisters and a large circle of relatives and friends. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from his step-son, J. C. Butler's residence, 7 Southside. Friends and acquaintances please accept this the only intimation. Sydney and Boston papers please copy.

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Advertisement for G. Knowling, Ltd. featuring 'Phone 555' and 'The early bird catches the worm.'

Advertisement for A. Parsons, 184 New Gower Street, featuring 'The Big Four' cigars and 'A limited quantity of THE BIG FOUR'.

Advertisement for 'Will Connect With Kyle' featuring a telegram service and contact information.

Advertisement for Moir's Cake, Moir's Bars, featuring various confectionery items like Bovril, Pure Gold Choc. Icing, and Butter crocks, with prices and contact information.