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### Produce and Provisions.

(From Saturday's "Trade Review.")

**CODFISH.**—The total shipments from St. John's this week were 19,184 quintals dried codfish. Messrs. A. Goodridge and the N&D. Produce Co. sent 4,570 quintals to Bahia for Jean McKay. Messrs. Jas. Baird, Ltd., 5,857 quintals by the schooner Herbert Warren to Pernambuco. A. Goodridge & Sons 3,200 by schooner Nauta to Oporto and different shippers dispatched 5,557 quintals to Liverpool by the S.S. Digby. The shipments from the outports this week were as follows:—5,550 quintals by the schooner Union Jack from Messrs. Strong and Murrell, Little Bay, Islands to Gibraltar for orders, 3800 by schr. Russel Lake from Lake & Lake, Fortune for Oporto, 4,740 by schooner Rose from Lewis Dave, Bay Roberts for Gibraltar for orders; 4,507 quintals by schooner Gladys Hollett for W. T. Hollett, Burin for H. Fitz, and 2,800 by schooner Marie from Ambrose Eearn, Bay Bulls, for Oporto; making a total of 21,347 quintals for Oporto, which added to 19,184 for St. John's gives a grand total of 40,531 quintals dry codfish.

**CODLIVER OIL.**—This week 1,875 gallons were shipped to New York, in which market there seems to be indications of an improvement in the demand. The nominal local quotation is around \$1.00 per gallon, and

those who hold the limited stocks that are in the market are in no hurry to sell at such a price, as they believe that the demand will improve early in 1921 and the prices accordingly.

**COD OIL.**—The market continues dull with very little enquiry from abroad. The demand is expected to improve at the turn of the year, when activities in the United States leather making factories will increase and oil will be needed. The local price is down to around \$100 per ton this week, though a few sales have been made at lower figures.

**MOLASSES.**—The schooner Frances Louise arrived this week from Barbados with 325 puncheons, 65 barrels, and 116 half barrels to Messrs. A. S. Rendell & Co., which makes a total for St. John's this year of 7,500 puncheons, as compared with 12,000 the previous year. There is therefore, a shortage of about 4,000 puncheons. It will not be felt as the using of molasses has decreased about 30 per cent. The quotation is still \$1.45 per gallon for Choice, and \$1.50 for Fancy wholesale in the St. John's market.

**FLOUR.**—The import of flour to St. John's for the past week amounted to about 22,000 barrels, chiefly from Montreal. The price of wheat continues to decline and in the local market the quotation for leading brands wholesale is down to \$14.80 on the recent importations. Later purchased flour will likely be cheaper. The total importation for St. John's to date is about 208,000 barrels, as against about 260,000 barrels at this date last year, a shortage of 50,000.

**SUGAR.**—The sugar question is kept before the public so intimately in the daily papers, that there is very little left to say this week. We can only reiterate the prices fixed till February 12th. Viz:—22½ cents per lb. for 25 barrel lots, payment by certified cheque in advance. The retail price is 24 and 25 cents per pound, except in some of the shops in the back streets, where grocers do not appear to have yet received the news that the F.C.B. has made a reduction of 4½ cents a pound on sugar.

**PORK.**—No change in the Pork situation since last week. The fluctuations are within narrow limits, with a downward tendency. Heavy Mess has been the principal seller in the local market for the fall trade owing to its comparative cheapness. Ham Butt is still scarce, especially in light cuts. It is believed that all pork prices have passed the highest point, and the future will see a gradual reversion to pre-war prices, which event will be hastened with plentiful grain crop this season in the United States. To-day's St. John's prices are, Ham Butt \$53.00 (Choice) Fat Back and Short Mess \$45.00, Ham Butt (Independent) \$45.00.

**BEEF.**—The strong position of the Beef market is still maintained owing chiefly to the shortage of good cattle and the great demand from Europe for barreled beef. In the local market Boneless is in short supply. After this week the output demand will be about over, so that there will be no inconvenience felt by the shortage. Boneless Beef is now \$10.00 per barrel below what it was this time last year, so that it is pertinent to ask farmers and butchers why they do not make a commensurate reduction in their fresh beef cuts. Some are charging the war prices still. Local barreled Beef quotations are, Ros. Flank \$37.00, Family \$36.00, Boneless \$34.00.

**POTATOES.**—The price is firm today and likely to go higher. If the winter is frosty local farmers will not bring potatoes to town for sale, but if mild, prices will be easier. Imported potatoes are a little higher, following advanced freight rates by more circuitous routes than existed all the season. The quotations here today both qualities are, Imported \$5.00 to \$5.50, Home grown \$4.00 to \$4.50. These prices will likely hold all the winter under ordinary weather conditions.

**HAY.**—The market is strong as foreshadowed in our last review, and prices here will likely be higher by the end of the year and will probably go by gradual steps to about \$60.00 before next May. The stocks held in St. John's are large and there will be no scarcity. The St. Lawrence route being now closed down, the small lots that will come forward via Halifax or North Sydney will be subject to higher freight rates. The local price is \$55.00 to \$55.00 per ton.

**OATS.**—The market is unchanged. Large shipments are due from Montreal during the next few days by the Canadian Govt. Steamers, which will be sold at the lowest prices of the season. Importers here have held off from importing as long as possible, in order to get lowest quotations, and the public will now get the benefit of their action. White and Mixed will sell at about \$5.00 per sack, and Black oats at \$5.40.

**FEEDS.**—The feed situation is very weak and prices on all kinds of feeds to arrive will be a good deal lower than the rates prevailing all the season. In this connection we suggest to the Milk Farmers that the public are expecting that they call a meeting and reduce the price of milk, and reverse the position of advancing the price when feeds advance, as they always have done, giving this as a reason. Let them now be consistent and logical.

## A Funeral Seven Months Long.

After a funeral of seven months' duration, from October 28 to May 24, the body of Soawabha Phongal, the mother of King Maja Vajravada, of Siam, was, in accordance with the customs of the land, incinerated and the incinerated ashes deposited in a royal temple beneath the statue of Buddha, at Bangkok.

During the entire period of "lying in state" the dead queen's body was kept in a sitting posture in an immense golden urn at one of the royal palaces.

At the last stages of the funeral ceremonies a distinguished crowd, including the highest functionaries of the realm, ambassadors and legates from all parts of the world and their wives and suites, who had gathered in the plaza of the royal palace, heard the far-off booming of cannon at intervals of a minute.

This marked the start of the funeral cortege from the palace, where the body had reposed so many months, to the Buddhist monastery, Jetubon, where the big urn containing the body was transferred from a palanquin to the jewel-glittering car of state.

Two and a half hours later, the people in the royal plaza heard the majestically melancholy strains of the "Dead March in Saul." Military band after band lined the street the entire length of the procession and whenever the band which led the cortege stopped playing another one to which it had come abreast would strike up the music, so skilfully timing itself that the most attentive listeners along the route would have found it hard to tell when the notes of the first band ceased and those of the succeeding ones began.

Reference Due to the Dead.

The golden urn was the object placed highest in the procession, for the deference due to the dead person's rank required that no living person be permitted even to look out of the window of an upper story, lest it bring him or her to a level higher than that occupied by the passing queen.

Royal princes knelt in prayer beside and on steps below the urn, and it was they who were chief in removing the sacred vessel whenever in the course of the ceremonies it was necessary to transfer it from one place to another. And even they never touched the urn until they had pronounced a prayer and brought their hands to their own foreheads and breasts.

In the centre of the plaza was a large edifice constructed for the occasion—the funeral pyre, *phra meru*, as the Siamese call it. It looked like a temple of ample dimensions, containing four spacious rooms and capped with towers, on the four sides of each of which were faces of Buddha, to symbolize the Buddha's all-seeing power.

Here the golden urn with its body was carried by the royal princes, while the king, who with the other great dignitaries and the Buddhist archbishop and other prelates had descended from their equipages of state, stood at the door of the inner chamber of the pyre to receive the body.

During the night, when all had left except certain officials appointed for the purpose, the actual cremation took place. And on the following day just honors almost as elaborate as those of the day of the funeral were paid to the ashes, the king and crown prince especially being prominent in these.

## The Founder of Eton College.

Henry VI, who was born at Windsor on December 6, 1421, and succeeded his father, the victor of Agincourt, when nine months old, experienced the extremes of Fortune in the course of his troubled life of 56 years. Crowned King both of France and of England, he died in the Tower so obscurely that the manner of his death never has been known, although persistent popular tradition asserted that the Duke of Gloucester, "Richard Crookback," slew him there. Throughout the stars fought against him. In the time of his minority almost all

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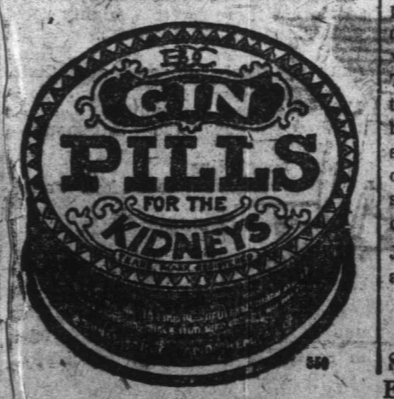
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## The Boy Bishops at Salisbury.

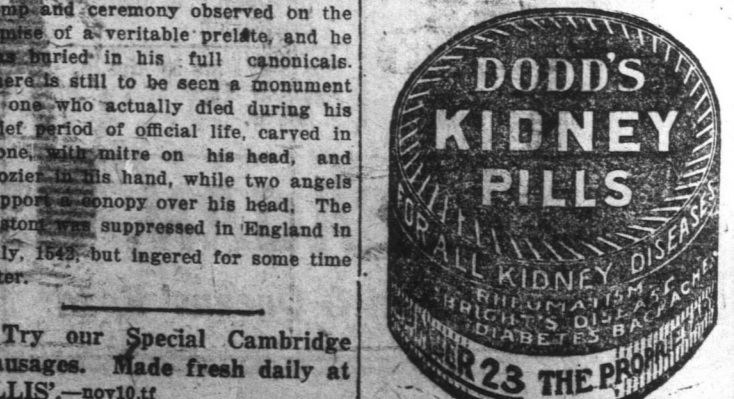
One of the most curious customs anciently observed in connection with the anniversary of a Saint's death was that which of St. Nicholas' Day—December 6—was formerly observed at Salisbury Cathedral, or Old Sarum, as it is called. This consisted of the choice of a boy Bishop from among the choristers, whose term of office lasted from the date until Innocent's Day, twenty-two days later. The boy was invested with the full authority of a genuine prelate, dressed in episcopal crozier. His fellow choristers, for the time named, acted as prebendaries, and were obliged to render him homage and respect as such. The evening before Innocent's Day there was a special service, attended by the juvenile prelate and his usual juvenile clergy in solemn procession, chanting hymns as they marched up the aisle to the choir. There the little Bishop took his seat upon the episcopal throne, surrounded by his juvenile clergy, when a service was rendered in remembrance of the massacre by Herod, of "all the male children that were in Bethlehem." Multitudes used to assemble to witness the spectacle, and so great was the crush, that special enactments were passed to prevent any undue crowding of the little fellows. If the boy elected as prelate died during his term of office, his funeral was conducted with all the pomp and ceremony observed on the demise of a veritable prelate, and he was buried in his full canonicals. There is still to be seen a monument to one who actually died during his brief period of official life, carved in stone, with mitre on his head, and crozier in his hand, while two angels support a canopy over his head. The custom was suppressed in England in July, 1548, but lingered for some time after.



## Will Not Enter Protest.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, declared yesterday that the embassy here would not protest to the United States Department on the Union Club incident in New York, Thursday last, when a mob of five thousand "Irish sympathizers" attacked and partially wrecked the Club building because a British flag was displayed from one of its windows.

Sir Auckland pointed out that the flag had not been injured, and said he regarded the incident as purely a matter between two factions of United States citizens.



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