

SOME RITUAL WILL BE USED BY METHODISTS

Mostly in Connection With the Reception and Communion Service

MAKE CHANGES IN HYMN BOOK

Some Hymns to be Left Out—Amen to be Used at End of Hymns

Ottawa, Oct. 10.—For the first time in the history of the Methodist Church in Canada, some ritual will be embodied in the new hymn book for the church. The General Conference meeting in this city has decided on this. The ritual will include the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the question and answers of the reception service, and the general confession of the service of the Lord's Supper.

Discussion on the report of the hymn book committee, of which the Rev. Dr. S. P. Rose, Montreal, was chairman, and Dr. A. D. Watson, Toronto, also was a feature of the business.

The report of the hymn book committee provoked considerable debate. One of the first items to cause discussion was the recommendation that "amen" be sung only at the end of certain or suitable hymns. Some

LONDON READY WITH A WELCOME

British Airmen Promise Enemy Warm Reception

London, Oct. 11.—It was announced by Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, at a Patriotic meeting at Kingsway Hall, last night, that if Zeppelins raided London all the members of the British Flying Corps had pledged themselves to dash their machines right through the airships, even if both were brought to earth.

Anyone passing through London, continued the speaker, can see that we expect a visit by German aircraft.

of the delegates favored slinging "amen" at the close of all hymns.

Wanted Old Tunes.
The Rev. Dr. Salem Bland, Winnipeg, pointed out that some hymns were in the nature of a warning. The committee's desire prevailed.

The Conference favored embodying the new hymn book the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, the questions and answers of the Reception Service, the General Confession of the Service of the Lord's Supper. This is a new departure, as there is no ritual in the old hymn books.

There was a feeling amongst some of the delegates that the committee had, in selecting hymns for the new books, omitted to put in some of the best of the old tunes.

An amendment that the new book be sent to the annual conferences before it is approved was lost. An amendment to the amendment that an appendix be added was also lost. The report was adopted.

LABRADOR SLOPP

DURING last week about 25,000 qtls. of Labrador slopp fish arrived here and was disposed of at prices ranging from \$4.60 to \$4. Those who sold at \$4.00 are far from pleased with conditions that permit cargoes arriving three days earlier to sell at \$4.50, and although \$4.00 is a splendid price for slopp fish, yet already there is a strong feeling of resentment against the heavy cut in prices last week.

The \$4.00 figure ought to prevail—at least until the shipments already sold which are to go forward by steamer on the 28th—for much of the later fish to arrive will be a half-made cure that may be diverted to other markets than European.

Every buyer in St. John's can afford to pay \$4.00 for all the slopp fish to be shipped by the steamer chartered to sail on the 28th, and if a square deal is afforded, none will be mean enough to buy at a lower figure until it is apparent that fish will have to be stored as a speculation and the demand is much less than the supply.

The Government has passed a law to prevent provisions from selling at exorbitant prices and the same principle should be applied to the purchase of codfish and if no exporter was permitted today to buy shore fish at less than \$6.00 and Labrador slopp at less than \$4.00, those prices would be forthcoming.

We consider such action justified at such a time as this and if Sir Edward Morris issued instructions tomorrow prohibiting the purchase of fish here at less than \$6.00 for Shore and \$4.00 for Sloop, he would be absolutely justified in so doing in view of the power the Legislature has given the Government in respect to the principle of fixing prices for provisions. If justified in applying the law to one, it surely would be justifiable in the other case.

If a Union Party held the reins of power today such action would be taken. It must not be assumed that if those prices were fixed that they should continue throughout the season. That would be very improper and arbitrary as conditions change rapidly, and the situation should be carefully watched and prices fixed from week to week, either the same, higher, or lower, as the conditions justified.

It may be found that by the power conferred by the Act passed last month, dealing with prices of provisions, that the Government could deal with the fish situation, but we repeat again that today there is no reason why orders should not be issued covering the whole week, placing the price of Shore fish at not less than \$6.00, talqual, and Labrador slopp at not less than \$4.00.

No one could be compelled to buy at these prices, but none could buy unless those prices were paid. This would be an easy way of handling the situation and protecting the prices here and abroad, as well as placing every buyer on the same footing.

If any fish is sold the coming week at a lower price than named, the blame should be laid on the Government's shoulders for they can take action as outlined above and make sure that those prices are paid.

In Greece the Government fix the price of currants and the law works well and affords good protection to the country. Similar action can be taken here by the Government.

The Opposition Party are ready to back up any such action by the Government and the responsibility now rests with Sir E. P. Morris, for after all it is said and done he is the Government, especially in an Executive where only two or three members are representative and influential. There is not one representative member of the Executive who represents a district which has slopp fish to dispose of.

The Premier represents St. John's. Mr. Bennett, St. John's. Neither has any direct connection with fish or fishermen interests or the selling of fish. Mr. Crosbie represents a district that do not deal in slopp fish. Mr. Emerson's constituents don't handle slopp Labrador. Mr. Cashin's district don't know anything about Labrador slopp. The other four members of the Executive Government hold seats in the Dumping Chamber and as such are responsible to none for their actions. They are there to count and not to propose or condemn.

The only public man responsible to the fishermen who sell Labrador slopp fish is Mr. Coaker, and goodness knows he is doing as much as ten men to secure the best price for the article upon which the weal or woe of the people and country depend. Mr. Coaker's opinions are fairly well expressed in the correspondence published elsewhere which passed between him and the Premier.

If Mr. Coaker was a member of the Government today the price of fish would be fixed by the Government, of that there is no doubt, and if ever the people get chance to vote at another election they will make certain that a Government controlled by the Union Party will be placed in charge of the Government.

Outport men will grind their teeth as they recall the fact that the Executive Government of today do not represent the fishing industry and do not contain one man representing the North, and is stuffed with no less than five lawyers out of nine members, and out of the nine four hold seats in the Dumping Chamber, responsible to no one but their own self-interests. How can a Government of this stamp continue to rule Newfoundland? How can a Premier dare to continue in office under such circumstances? How can a Governor, who is intent upon faithfully performing his duty and living up to the practice of Representative Government, permit such a constitutional outrage to exist with impunity?

Does Governor Davidson want to see the people marching to Government House demanding the dismissal of a Government that did not possess the confidence of a majority of the electorate when the votes were counted

a year ago, and who did not represent the peoples opinions as provided by the constitutional practice laid down for the protection of Representative Government?

Is it any wonder the people are becoming intensely agitated about the conduct of the Governor and the action of the Government?

SIEGE OF TSIN TAU GOES MERRILY ON
Jap Warships Silence the German Forts

Tokio, Oct. 11.—The following official statement relative to Japanese operations around Tsin Tau, was given out to-day: "The German forts, warships and aeroplanes are trying vainly to arrest the Japanese advance. We are sustaining no damage.

The Japanese warships silenced Ittis fort and drove the warships out of range of their guns.

Our aviators announced an unsuccessful attack by German airmen on the Japanese mine druggers, by flying over Tsin Tau and dropping bombs.

S. S. Sjostad arrived Saturday night from North Sydney with a cargo of coal for Crosbie & Co.

FISHERMEN ARCHBISHOP IS VERY ILL
Don't sell Labrador slopp at less than \$4.00 per qtl. If all will demand \$4.00 for Labrador slopp fish it will be obtainable as the market price abroad justifies the price.

Don't sell dry shore fish at less than \$6.00, talqual, any one selling at less is injuring the fishermen and the country.

I will further publicly advise you in The Mail and Advocate of any change in these Prices. Hold on in the stream until these prices are secured.

W. F. COAKER, Pres. F.P.U.
Leg Fractured
Mr. P. Brier (truckman) in Sanitary Department, while attending to his duties Saturday evening on Georges St., received a nasty kick in one of his legs from one of the many ponies which congregate there. The Inspector had him conveyed to his Home on Boggan St.

LOST 45,000 MEN
London, Oct. 12.—It is stated that the Germans lost 45,000 men during the attack on the fortress of Waellhem. Attd. Wavre, and St. Catherine, at Antwerp, says a Central News despatch from Amsterdam.

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PRICE OF FISH

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to that extent the price would only then be the same as if no action had been taken by the F.P.U.

The shore catch is fully 250,000 quintals short of the 1913 catch and the \$6.00 figure means that war conditions are responsible for a cut of \$1.50 per quintal, for under normal conditions the price today for shore fish would be \$7.50 per quintal. Therefore the big shortage in the catch is largely responsible for what appears to the uninitiated as a holding back of fish, for it will be found that fully 70 per cent. of the shore catch North has been sold and delivered by the fishermen at from \$5.50 to \$6.00 per quintal in the outports.

I had been expecting that shipments of sixty to eighty thousand of Labrador dry would be offering, and in view of that expectation, I looked for a slump in the price of shore fish, but during the last twenty-four hours I have good reason to believe that not a fifteenth part of that amount of Labrador dry will be forthcoming. Consequently, the supply of shore fish will be very much less than the limited demand today.

The great problem then will be to handle the large offerings of Labrador slopp and to ensure for the fishermen a fair return for their toil.

Much of the lighter salted can be cured better than slopp and some of it dried in the driers for the Brazilian market. Some more of it might be sold to Nova Scotia buyers or a market found for it in England. The Government, therefore, can best relieve the situation by making an effort to aid the exporters purchasing Labrador slopp or to purchase for the Colony, and I respectfully suggest action in that respect.

As for the reference to The Telegram editorial of Sept. 30th, I have as much contempt for the opinions therein expressed as I have for your opinions of the fish situation. The editor of The Telegram is not in a position to know anything about the matter except from such information as he may get from interested exporters. In that respect he is about as well informed as yourself.

I thank you for arranging a conference for tonight and I trust that something which will memorialize your name will be the result. You have now an opportunity to confer a benefit upon the country such as none of your predecessors ever had, and if you can rise above party interest and private consideration and do for Newfoundland what Mr. Lloyd-George has done for England, your country will be more than grateful to you.

A bold and determined decision will save the situation, and if you possess the ability which the country believed you had in 1909 you will with our united support, be able to do what no other Premier will ever again be asked to do, viz.: carry the country through this ever-to-be-remembered world struggle without any serious commercial disturbance.

W. F. Coaker, President F.P.U.

President Coaker to the Premier.

St. John's, October 19th, 1914.

Dear Sir,—In view of the result of the conference which was held last night to consider the fish situation, I feel compelled to publish the correspondence which has passed between us in reference to this matter.

W. F. COAKER, President F.P.U.

The Premier to President Coaker.

St. John's, 10th October, 1914.

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of October 10th, which has just been handed to me, intimating to me that you propose publishing the correspondence that has taken place between us, in relation to the threatened slump in the price of fish.

You are perfectly at liberty to publish this correspondence. I know of no reason why it should be withheld.

You will please publish this letter also with it.

E. P. MORRIS.

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