

MARINE NEWS

MOON'S PHASES
First Quarter Feb. 8
Full Moon Feb. 11
Last Quarter Feb. 15
New Moon Feb. 18

TIDE TABLE
Water level at St. John, N. B.
High Water Feb. 9, 10.15
Low Water Feb. 9, 4.15

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.
Thursday, Feb. 9, 1922.
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BOOM UNION OF NEWFOUNDLAND WITH CANADA

Boosters of Project Claim Such Union Most Desirable from Several Viewpoints.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—The question of union of Newfoundland with Canada has been receiving some attention in the Atlantic Colony, according to newspaper of St. John's received here. One writer affirms that it is reasonable to suppose that the Canadian Government which has acquired railways from the Atlantic to the Pacific would, to assure the entry of Newfoundland into the Confederation, take over the Reid railway of Newfoundland and convert it into broad gauge line. Thus, by one stroke, the writer suggests, Newfoundland would be relieved of the payment of the subsidy of \$1,000,000 recently granted the Reid railway, and secure a railway service compared with which the present service is not worth mentioning.

Another writer recognizes that Canada is destined to become an important nation, but only by Newfoundland becoming part thereof, because "the island's geographical position is the key to Canada's future." Canadian statesmen are astute enough to realize this, he thinks, and will therefore be prepared to offer terms of union which it would be wise for Newfoundland to ascertain informally.

One argument advanced for union with Canada is that the Canadian Government would not be interested in helping Newfoundland solve her problem of shipping fish to the Mediterranean and other markets. In the early winter Newfoundland leads the bulk of her summer catch of fish on small sailing vessels, and rishes merchant to have his consignments across the Atlantic before the arrival of mid-winter and its violent storms. The consequence is that the markets are temporarily overstocked, and prices drop. If the Canadian Government provided a regular steamship service, with the Mediterranean, the movement of the fish could be regulated to the market requirements and prices thereby stabilized, it is argued. Shipment of the island's staple product by small sailing vessels, many of which are lost every winter, is not apparently satisfactory. Though the Ancient Colony had a large number of idle vessels, exporters last year paid the Norwegian and Danish \$1,000,000 to carry their fish to Europe.

Another argument for union is that it would enable Newfoundland to secure better connections with the steamship services which are being maintained between Canada and the West Indies and Brazil, and thus sell her fish in these southern markets. On the other hand, there are fish merchants who fear that if Newfoundland joined the Confederation, the large Canadian fish firms operating in Nova Scotia and Quebec, would invade the Ancient Colony and gradually gain control of the strategic position in the fish business.

Hon. W. F. Coaker, Minister of Marine and Fisheries and also president of the Newfoundland Fishermen's Protective Union, has recently expressed strong opposition to the idea of union with Canada. His view is that Canada is necessarily a competitor of Newfoundland in the world's fish markets, and a purchaser of Newfoundland products to any extent, and has no surplus capital to develop her own resources, much less to help develop those of the island. According to Mr. Coaker, Newfoundland should take warning from Nova Scotia, which he alleges, made a sad mistake when it entered the Canadian Confederation, because "it has been industrially stagnant ever since," he says.

CUNARD ANCHOR-DONALDSON

REGULAR SERVICES
Portland-Halifax-Glasgow
from Portland from Halifax
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