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## There is But One Way to Help the Fishermen.

The Government, we are told by the Advocate, are cognizant of the importance of the encouragement in a practical fashion of this season's prosecution of the fishing industry. We trust they are; in fact references have so frequently appeared in the press calling their attention to it, that even if they had not themselves realized its urgency, they could not plead ignorance of the existing conditions.

Now with regard to this practical assistance, we have heard certain rumors of the plans under consideration, chief among which are the bonus and the reduction of taxes on supplies.

We have expressed our opinions of the bonus before, but for the benefit of the fishermen who believe it is a remedy for all their troubles we repeat them.

Whatever is given as a bonus must first come out of the fishermen's pocket in the form of increased taxes on something that he and his family eat, wear or make use of in their daily work.

It is simply a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul, where the fishermen themselves will be both Peter and Paul.

It is an easy way for a Government to evade the real issue or to effect a compromise, which, with governing bodies generally, is a very present help in time of trouble. Happily the bonus idea is for the time being as dead as the Dodo, since the Advocate informed us yesterday that it would not be necessary this year.

In connection with the other suggestion, unquestionably the lightening of the taxes imposed on supplies will be of some benefit to the fisherman, but before jumping to the conclusion that it will put him in Easy Street, it is as well to put aside generalities and get down to concrete facts.

The following statement shows at a glance an average list of supplies required for a season, and the prices as they were in 1914, and as they are in 1924. We do not claim that they are absolutely accurate, but they are sufficiently correct for the purpose of comparison, and the figures are conservative:

	1914	1924
7 barrels Flour	\$5.00	\$29.20
150 lbs. Salt	1.20	180.00
14 barrels Pork	19.50	24.37
14 barrels Beef	15.00	18.75
110 lbs. Butter	18	18.30
30 gallons Molasses	28	8.40
100 lbs. Sugar	0.82	3.50
20 lbs. Tea	20	4.00
2 bags Bread	4.00	8.00
20 lbs. Ev. Apples	0.6	1.20
50 lbs. Rolled Oats	0.3	1.50
20 lbs. Rice	0.3	60
50 lbs. Currants	0.6	3.00
50 lbs. Raisins	0.8	4.00
1 sack Peas	3.25	5.50
1 sack Beans	3.25	5.50
50 lbs. Soap	3.12	3.00
100 galls. Gasoline	35	52.50
200 galls. Kerosene	17	51.00
10 galls. Lubricating Oil	1.00	10.00
30 Dry Cells	35	10.50
Total	\$447.94	\$736.45

The preponderating difference in the total cost only too clearly indicates how genuine is the fisherman's complaint, and how utterly impossible it is for him to prosecute the fishery to-day with any hope of making a profit out of the voyage.

Now supposing for argument's sake the Government gives him his supplies duty free, let us see to what extent he will benefit, and whether or not the reduced cost will materially affect him. The average duty on the articles enumerated above is about 12 per cent, which amounts in the aggregate to about \$88.00. Certainly this would be an advantage to him, but is a reduction of \$88.00 in the cost of a crew's supplies sufficient to affect to any extent the success or failure of the voyage? It is obvious that it will not, and it is equally obvious that such a method of meeting the difficulty falls far short of accomplishing the object in view.

In considering the fisherman's position, it is only misleading to confine oneself entirely to the question of supplies. We have deliberately omitted mentioning his gear, which in calculating his expenses, may or may not be a considerable factor, and in any case would not materially alter the result. But there are the expenses of his family and his home which must be included, and which are to-day even to a greater extent than his supplies the burden which is breaking his sturdy back.

We have referred to the question of public expenditure and taxation before, and we repeat what we have previously said—that the only possible way to ameliorate the living conditions in this country as they apply to those who are directly engaged in the fisheries and to those who are not, is by cutting the cost of running public affairs, particularly as they apply to the machinery of Government, and thereby making it possible to reduce taxation.

Great Britain has taken this step and is drastically continuing the policy, because it is an urgent necessity.

Canada is engaged in the same task, and the results were shown in yesterday's foreign message.

The Republic to the west of us, wealthy as she is, finds it imperative to do likewise.

Even in France, although the reverse policy is being enforced with regard to taxation, a system which has never been applied to the same extent as it has elsewhere, retrenchment is the order of the day.

Then what is the matter in Newfoundland? Are those in charge of our financial affairs incapable of tackling the problem? Or is it nothing to those who govern the country that we are carrying a burden too heavy for us to bear? Or is it that they prefer to live in a fool's paradise, trusting to their ability as occasion requires to negotiate another loan abroad?

If the Fishing Industry is to be saved from extinction and if the race of Newfoundlanders is to be preserved, the only course possible for the Government is to REDUCE EXPENDITURE and thereby LOWER THE RATE OF TAXATION.

## Collector Absconds With Company's Funds

### WARRANT FOR ARREST ISSUED.

It is stated that an employee of a local company supplying a public utility, who left the country about two weeks ago, has absconded with three of four hundred dollars. Engaged as a collector, he, a couple of days before getting away, feigned sickness, and his absence from work aroused no suspicion. When inquiries were made it was discovered that he had taken passage for Canada. A warrant for his arrest has been issued, but so far as can be learned his trail has been lost at Montreal.

## St. George's Day Parade

The St. George's Day Parade Committee have finalized all arrangements for next Wednesday week, April 23rd. The different Societies will meet at 9.45 and parade through the city by way of Theatre Hill, New Gower St., Hutchings and Water Streets, to Cochrane Street, where they will attend Divine Service at Cochrane St. Methodist Church, after which they will call on His Excellency the Governor and pay their respects to His Majesty the King. It is expected that a large number of members will turn out on that occasion.

Easter and wedding gifts, at the Schurig Studio, 1 Devon Row, Phone 1235, April 12.

## Sale of Work

LADIES ASSOCIATION NEWFOUNDLAND HIGHLANDERS.

Yesterday afternoon a sale of work was held in the Presbyterian Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Association of the Newfoundland Highlanders. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the stalls contained articles of every description. The sale was opened by Lady Allardice, who took occasion to refer to the Newfoundland Nursing Association, samples of whose work was on exhibition and was much admired. The goods shown were mostly articles of clothing and all showed fine workmanship. The sale was continued up to six o'clock and although not as well patronized as hoped for, a goodly sum was realized.

Wanted a Second Hand Fish Screw for cash. THE SOWAN BROKERAGE CO., LTD., April 12.

## Express Passengers.

S.S. Kilo arrived at Port aux Basques 6.10 a.m. to-day, bringing several car loads of freight, a large foreign mail, besides the following first class passengers, who are now on the incoming express: Miss E. Messervy, Mrs. M. Messervy, Mrs. M. J. Abbott, Dr. and Mrs. Abbott, Dr. and Mrs. Perkins, W. and Mrs. Molloy, G. and Mrs. Seed, A. Madick, S. Forsey, R. Rowell, Mrs. R. Parsons, M. Matheson, A. R. Cobb, W. Urquhart, R. Hunter, J. Barnable, Miss J. Moran, J. W. H. Flood, Major McEwan and J. Stodier. The express left the western terminus at 9 a.m.

## Supreme Court.

The hearing of the case of Charles Taylor charged with administering dope to a companion, will take place in the Supreme Court on Monday morning. The Burnstein case will come up for hearing on Tuesday.

## Government Boats

Clyde left Marytown 4.30 p.m. yesterday, inward. Gloucester left Pushthrough 12.30 p.m. yesterday, going West. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 6.10 a.m. Prospero sails for the South West Coast 10 a.m., the 15th inst.

## Train Notes.

The incoming express with the Kyle's mail and passengers, left Port aux Basques at 9 a.m. Thursday's incoming express reached the city at 10.40 a.m. Thursday's west bound express arrived at Humbermouth at 9 a.m. The regular cross country express will go out to-morrow at 1 p.m. The Bay de Verde branch railway will be opened for the season on Monday next, a train going as far as Northern Bay. The Trepansey branch railway will be opened up as far as Renew.

## Personal

Mr. M. A. Shea, who has been on a business trip to the West Indies for Monroe Export Co., during the past two months, returned home by the Rosalind yesterday. Mr. Whitford McNeilly was a passenger on the incoming express which arrived at 10.40 this morning.

## SEALING NEWS

### EAGLE AND SEAL BOAT HOMEWARD.

The sealing outlook during the past few days shows very little change for improvement both on the front and in the Gulf. The Neptune's crew hauled an additional 2,000 on board yesterday with 100 flags still out, and now has for 24,000 prime young seals. According to messages received from the Seal and Eagle last night, these ships are presumably bound homeward. Both ships are now forcing their way out of the Bay pretty well fished and an early arrival can be looked forward to. The Seal will discharge her fat at Harbour Grace. The following messages were received last night:

### JOB BROS. & CO.

Neptune—Position 12 miles South Williamsport, estimated number on board 24,000. Have about 100 flags still out. Ice very heavy, making poor progress, hauling on board to-day; many pans lost or broken.

### BOWLING BROS.

Yiking—20 miles W. S. half S. Deadman's Island, jammed, nothing new to report. Sagana—Position unchanged; wind W.S.W., ice broken outside ship. Dead seals about five miles away. Eagle—12 miles north of Horse Island. On board 22,000, coming south, wind south west.

### RAINE JOHNSTON & CO.

Seal—Light W.S.W. winds; ice slackened this afternoon, made about two miles. Trying to force out of Bay, towards outside water, which is about eight miles distant. The only message received this morning was the one from the Seal, which reads as follows:

Seal, (10 a.m.)—Total stowed 14,000, trying to force out of Bay, jammed, hope to get clear soon.

The respective ships reported to the Postal Telegraphs that all crews were on board and well.

### ESTIMATED CATCH STOWED.

Neptune	24,000
Eagle	22,000
Terra Nova	16,000
Seal	14,000
Ranger	11,000
Thetis	9,000
Sagana	5,000
Viking	700
Total	101,700

## Magistrates Court

The postponed case preferred against two young men residents of Topsail, charged with smuggling cigarettes into the country for sale, was heard before Judge Morris this morning. Both were convicted of the offence and fined \$50.00 with the option of 20 days imprisonment. An assault case was dismissed. We are informed that the celestial concerned in yesterday's assault case was not an employee of the Dominion Cafe.

## Weather and Ice Report

Catalina—Wind north, fair, no ice to be seen; vessel arrived from Carbonar yesterday. Bonavista—Light S.W. winds, fine; slack ice in Bay. Greenspond—Light W. winds, fine; ice moving off. Nipper's Bay—Light S.W. winds, fair; ice moving off. Tilt Cove—Light W. winds, fair; ice loose. Coachman's Cove—Strong S.W. winds, fine and warm; ice moving off. Seal Cove—Wind S.W., fair and warm; ice conditions unchanged. Hampden—Wind W. light and cold. Conche—Wind N.E., clear; no ice; no seals. St. Anthony—Strong breeze, West winds, fair and cold. Small strip of ice about one mile off shore. No seals. Griguel—Strong west wind, clear. Ice moving off. No seals. Cook's Harbor—Strong North West wind, cloudy and cold. No ice. No seals.

## McMurdo's Store News.

We have now on exhibition in our window, a beautiful display of the most popular toilet goods. Here you may find all your favourites and also one of the latest additions—Sartia Poudre Apres le Bain. This delightful powder, used after the bath, produces an extremely refreshing feeling and leaves the skin soft and smooth. Price \$1.00. Next week for Easter we will have a delightful display of Perfumes, Toilet Waters; also Bath Salts in Bowls, Cubes and Bottles, all of well known and popular odours. Just your choice for Easter gifts. This week we have our usual fresh, wholesome candles, at our special price. Choc. Cherries and Raisins; Pine-apple Cubes and Ginger; Choc. Brazils and Almonds. Our Extra Special O. K. Creams . . . . . 35c. Italian Mixture . . . . . 35c. Next week we are making special offers in our Toilet goods for Easter. See our window and our Store News.

## Off the Beaten Track

### IN THE WILDS OF LABRADOR.

There are absolutely no minerals in Labrador, so if any of you are ever asked to join a company to exploit them I advise you to consult a lawyer before doing so. "Was the injunction of Mr. D. M. Thomson, F.R.S.G.S., at the conclusion of a talk illustrated by lantern slides, on "A Trek Through Labrador," at the Liverpool Junior Reform Club last evening. Mr. W. P. P. Oulton, president of the middle section of Labrador, said Mr. Thomson, consisted of immense forests of timber suitable for the manufacture of paper, and these lay in the same parallels of latitude as the great wheat-growing areas of Canada, so that we, in our time, might see big developments in this area and might be able to travel into that part of the country by railway from the Quebec side. Labrador was the most wonderful sporting land in the world, both for fishing and furred animals, and it was a country that was awakening from an age long obliterating by ice. Though Labrador had an area of about half a million square miles—about as big as Europe—it only had a population of perhaps 5,000 people, about the same number of people who lived in Hovlake, and much of the country and coastline had never been explored and mapped.

### A GOLD STRIKE.

Explaining how he came to make his six months' journey, Mr. Thomson said that in February last rumours arose of a gold and in the St. John's portion, and he was sent out by some London mining people. By racy anecdote and lantern slide Mr. Thomson traced his journey, accompanied part of the way by an ex-naval petty officer and afterwards by a trusty Eskimo, from Newfoundland, through unmapped territory, cutting his way by river and rapid to extreme point reached.

Describing how he was compelled to abandon his expedition when in sight of his objective, Mr. Thomson said that he set out to visit the Gross-water Mountains, where, years before, a family of Indians, with muzzle-load guns, used to use what they called "yellow lead" for making bullets. There was no "yellow lead" and he believed it was gold and it was the place where they got it that he was in search of. With his Eskimo companion he managed to get within fifteen miles of the mountains, but, not knowing how far beyond he would have to travel, and being without food and the means of obtaining it—for they had been compelled to rid themselves of their kit, and even of their guns, to lighten themselves—they were compelled to return. However, his Eskimo companion was going to prospect there pending his return. Of the people who inhabit the more remote parts of Newfoundland Mr. Thomson told some good stories. Like all simple people, he said, they were intensely religious, generally of a Baptist or Methodist character. On one occasion a baptism ceremony was in progress and the water being frozen, the ice on the river was broken, and the pastor was immersing the candidates. He had baptised a number, and had become somewhat tired when a girl named Mary Morrison, who weighed about fourteen stone, came along. She slipped from his grasp, and was swept by the current under the ice. The pastor, so he was informed, said: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Pass along another sister."

With reference to the latter incident related by our esteemed friend, we are afraid his sense of humor somewhat overcame his usual veracity. We do not suppose the lecturer intended to fling a barb, but while his story may have been diverting to his listeners, it was none the less told at the expense of a people from whom he had received considerable hospitality (Ed.).

For Easter gifts at reasonable prices come to the Schurig Studio, 1 Devon Row, Phone 1235, April 12.

## Witnessed Cattle Landing

The recent agitation for thorough inspection of cattle and the appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. A. Bishop, in that connection, has aroused a great deal of interest generally. Yesterday afternoon His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Allardice, with Capt. Goodfellow and Mr. W. J. Higgins, M.H.A., Mr. R. C. Harvey, and a number of other prominent citizens, visited Harvey's premises to view the cattle being landed from S.S. Spee. Owing to rules and regulations not yet being formulated, only the usual inspection by the health authorities was carried out. The animals appeared to be in good condition and much above the ordinary run sent here for disposal by public auction.

Bakeapples preserved in glass jars—20c. at W. E. BEARNS. April 12.

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## STEWART'S FANCY BAKERY,

(Opposite King George Institute)

### WATER STREET EAST.

April 9, 1924

### Rosalind in Port

S.S. Rosalind, Capt. James, arrived from New York and Halifax at five o'clock yesterday afternoon after a good trip. The ship brought a large cargo and the following passengers: Joseph Chamberlain, Wm. McManus, Michael Shea, Wm. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. David Neal, W. A. Munn, Graham Parsons, John McGregor, Morris Sheffman, Sonya Sheffman, John Lanman, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pinest, Donald Campbell, William Irving, Charles Rogers, I. Holden, Emily Carroll, George Marshall, Leslie Marshall, Thomas Roberts, Anne Roberts, Berntha Roberts, Rita Roberts, Harold.

### IN FOND AND LOVING MEMORY

of 2343, Pte. John Squires, killed April 18th, 1918, aged 19 years. No more we'll hear his welcome voice, No more we'll see his smiling face; Our hearts are heavy for we know, That none can ever take his place. He lies in far off Flanders fields, Their scarlet petals gently fall, Upon each lonely soldier's grave. He gave his life for Britain's sake, No more his well-loved face we'll see; But in our aching hearts we know, He died to keep his country free.—Inserted by his mother, sisters and brothers.

# You'll Need a Camera for Easter.



Springtime's here, next week is Easter Week. Snapshots will be more the craze than ever. The camera users will be getting their equipment ready. How about yours? We have in stock all grades and sizes of Cameras suitable for Easter gifts, all the accessories that go with them, and we're here to give suggestion and advice to Camera users.

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