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**WEEK-END NOTES.**

(I. C. MORRIS.)

**CODFISH AS AN ARTICLE OF FOOD  
VERSUS AN ARTICLE OF COMMERCE.**

In his address at the Rotarian Luncheon, Mr. Walter Monroe made a strong plea for our fisheries and he emphasized the fact that some of our fishermen handle fish, as if it were a mere article of commerce, instead of an article of food. This sentiment is pregnant with importance to Newfoundland, and its trade; inasmuch as it contains the vital point upon which so much of our success or non-success depends. It would benefit Newfoundland if this sentiment could be printed in large headlines, and tacked up in every fishing stage throughout the country. For certain it is that we are entirely too careless in our preparation and curing of codfish; and because of this the value of our season's catch is reduced anywhere from twenty to forty per cent. This may be an extreme statement, but the facts of the case bear it out. This should not be, but seemingly there is no remedy for it. It is an acknowledged fact, supported by scientists and medical men, that codfish is a wholesome and nutritious food; and the species ranks amongst the most beneficial of the many which inhabit the deep. A codfish, taken clean from the knife, properly salted and cured, can scarcely be surpassed as an article of food. Why then is it that so much of our fish is salt-burnt, broken and slimy? Why is it that the face of so much of our codfish does not present a better appearance when ready for market? These questions seem very simple, and may be very easily asked, and perhaps may be laughed at; but they are nevertheless vital to Newfoundland as a fishing country; and they must be considered sometime, or Newfoundland will continue to play a losing game in the fish business. As to whether this defect in the cure of our fish can be remedied, may be a matter of conflicting opinion, but to those who know of our fisheries, and our ways of curing fish, and the hurried methods of marketing, and the quality conditions of some of our fishing stages, it is evident, that while the present system is continued Nfld. must be prepared to suffer, and to lose as she has so long done. This may seem a sweeping statement, but sweeping or not, it is the truth and unfortunately it cannot be contradicted. Mr. Monroe's statement touches the vital point, and coming from such an authority as he is upon fish matters, it is hoped that his words will be noted and acted upon. Our fishermen themselves are very particular about their food. When they buy flour they want it as good as can be procured, and in groceries they expect the best for their money; and so the same principle applies to all that they purchase. This principle also applies to our customers abroad, who purchase our codfish. They are buying food, and of course they want what is fairly good, and they have every right to do so. Their tastes and appetites are just as delicate as ours, and they are just as ready to reject and condemn a bad article when laid before them, as we are; and that is just what is happening. A lot of our fish deteriorates. It has been over-salted, and under-salted, and sun burnt and broken. We have caught it in a hurry, and shipped in a still greater hurry. Our chief aim seems to get clear of it, and get it off our hands, and get a receipt from the shipper. As far as we are concerned, the matter ends there. But that is not the end of it—the end is far distant, and sometimes slow in coming; but in the end we find that our goods are not marketable, and that they had a very poor face value—and it was all because of careless curing in the first place. As fishermen, we in this country may excel those who are catchers of fish, but as makers and users of fish, we do not excel; nor can we until some better mode, and more up-to-date plans of handling after it is landed, be adopted. In former times, those who prosecuted the voyage had shore crews, and those crews were fish-makers; but to-day we have no shore crews in that sense, hence we have not the fish-makers. In my note on "Tourist Traffic," I stated that it seems the fisheries have impoverished us. I repeat this statement; but it is not the fault of the fisheries, it is the fault of the careless, crude, neglectful manner in which we handle so much of our staple; and which, if continued, can easily result, as it so often has, in loss and bankruptcy. As a fishing country to-day Newfoundland is comparatively poor, and her fishermen are in great straits; yet they have caught their voyages. But somehow their voyages have not enriched them. Therefore in closing, we commend Mr. Monroe's words to our fishermen. They are worthy of consideration. They contain a truth which we do well to remember, and being acted by such a practical man as Mr. Monroe, they ought to have great weight with our people, and if acted upon, should result in much good to the country.

**Laid to Rest.**

All that was mortal of the late Herbert Pike, who met death by drowning under very sad circumstances at Topsail, on Wednesday afternoon last, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in the C. of E. Cemetery. The funeral which took place from the home of the deceased, McDougall Street, was attended by the male employees of the Royal Stores, a Guard of Honor from the S.O.E. of which the deceased was a prominent member, beside a large concourse of citizens. The funeral arrangements were made by Undertaker Carrell. The casket was draped in the Union Jack, while beautiful wreaths and floral offerings sent by friends and relatives literally covered the hearse, one of which included

**Drowned at Halifax.**

Many in this city will be sorry to hear of the sad drowning of John E. Barry in the harbour at Halifax on August 7th. The deceased left here some years ago and has since resided in Halifax. He leaves a widow, one daughter, Lena, and one son, Gerald; also sister and brother in Halifax and two sisters in this city, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald of Barnes Road, and Mrs. J. Ricketts.

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**In Memoriam.**

MRS. WILLIAM KING.

Yesterday at noon, at her late residence, Long's Hill, there departed from this world of care, (Katie McGrath), wife of our respected, well-known, and fellow townsman Mr. William King. The deceased lady had been ailing for some time past, and during the last fortnight or so had become weaker until it had pleased our Heavenly father yesterday to take her to His home above. Mrs. King was a member of one of the most respectable families of St. John's in years gone by. Her father, Mr. John McGrath, a blacksmith by profession, was a brother of the late Messrs. Thos. and William McGrath, the former a noted carriage builder and funeral director, the latter a blacksmith and founder of the T.A. & B. Society. A husband, two sons, one daughter and a sister, Mrs. (Capt.) Thomas Walta, of Boston, Mass., are left to mourn her sad loss. Her sons, Edward and Thomas, are well known in the community, the former being in the office of Hon. John P. Hand, Bismud, and the latter is in the employ of Mr. Frank Connors, the well known Harness Maker. Her daughter, Kitty, now Mrs. Lee, is a resident of Boston, but she has been residing with her parents the past month or more. Edward came to see his mother during her illness, but he is now on his way to Barmuda, having left by the Digby a few days ago. To the sorrowing husband and family the Telegram extends its sincerest sympathy. The deceased was a true daughter of the church in which she worshipped and a kind and loving wife and mother.

"A day will come in Time's long reign Such hopes hath heaven revealed, When graves shall render up again Those whom they once concealed. Then shall ere long our nighty Lord Bid every slumberer rise, And aneal tongues this truth record, The virtuous were the wise."

**C. L. B. Cadets.**

At Thursday's parade all ranks were not up to their usual pep. The gloom cast around by it being Major Tait's last official parade at Adjutant was clearly in evidence, as everybody loves the Major and there was no doubt but that Veteran of the old C.L.B. days and of the Royal Nfld. Regiment, loved his gallant command. At the close, Lt.-Col. Walter F. Randall, C.B.E., addressed a farewell message to the Adjutant on behalf of all ranks to which Major Tait replied. On Friday at the West End Restaurant 18 of his brother officers gave a luncheon in his honour and presented him with a silver cigarette case. The Vice-President of the Club, Capt. George Hester, was chairman, and Lt.-Col. Randall made the presentation.

Capt. House made an excellent address of appreciation of Major Tait's services to Newfoundland in the realm of sport, business and social circles and referred in glowing terms of his work as Adjutant of the C.L.B. and at Field College where 22 years he was a classmate, and of his services to his King and Country in the Royal Nfld. Regiment, Overseas. A few guests were present including former Lt.-Col. Goodridge whose Adjutant Major Tait was also, ex-Lieut. George Hunt, ex-Capt. Jeffrey and Mr. Ern Fox. Major R. H. Tait, M.C. is going, and the state of Massachusetts will be enriched by having him as a citizen. We hope some day with health in better shape all his old friends will see him back again in his native land using his great talents as a citizen of Newfoundland again. Bon voyage, Major, Au Revoir.

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