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Dr. Grenfell's Contribution

TO THE TRAP BERTH QUESTION

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Mr. Editor,—I wrote by the last mail telling you of the difficulty of living anywhere around these outports since the seal herds that once visited the shores are ceasing to do so. But even a more serious danger threatens us now, that is to say, we can't even fish for cod. The first schooner to arrive here arrived the 24th of April, and had its trap out on the 4th of May. Of course there are no fish here yet and won't be for some time. It is far better for a trap to be in the store this time of year than to be out in the water. But by coming down early with an old leader and plenty of spare twine the schooners from the south can take every berth that it is possible to fish a trap in. It is impossible for our people here to bark and spread their twine yet. Nature has so arranged matters that while the water is too cold for the codfish the land is too wet for the cod net to be spread. By the time the cod comes in our men can be well ready, but by that time men supplied from the south with schooner gear have seized their berth, so that actually they keep their twine ashore and go without setting them at all the whole season.

While these same men with schooners are crying out for legislation to protect them against the capitalists who have steamers to go fishing in, and while they have succeeded in getting a law passed to prevent steamers coming down, they do exactly the same thing to our men. By having more backing or more capital of their

own they are able and actually are starving some of our people. Our people argue that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander; that they have just as much right to live as men with schooners, and that when they build their house near a trap berth and endure all the rigors of this northern part of Newfoundland they ought to have a prior claim over men who live in the bottoms of the big bays.

If you argue that this part of Newfoundland is not fit to live in and our people in the north ought to get out of it, you couldn't advance a better argument than by allowing this system to persist and refusing to allow a settler to have a prior claim to his own trap berth near his home. As our men point out very well, many of them have left these very bays in the south to live because it is better here. A fisherman from Bonavista Bay, who has brought his family to live here, is sitting by the typewriter listening while I dictate this letter to you. He says, as many others have said to me, that by living down here he can have that, which is the best asset of every good citizen, visible home life. He can live at home and can live independently also. The family life is everywhere acknowledged to be the true foster parent of all the higher virtues. This man, for instance, proves to me that while living in Bonavista Bay he had to spend many months out of every twelve away from his family. A meal of codfish couldn't be caught within twenty miles of his home. Two years ago a petition was drafted here for the very purpose of remedying this evil, but still we are left to-day without any protection. Men with blank faces come to me every day and say, "Doctor, another schooner has come from the south and has stolen my trap berth. How am I going to feed my children?"

We have been trying to afford this shore modern up-to-date medical and

surgical service. The fact that only yesterday the mail boat alone landed from southern ports a first batch of 32 people, to say nothing of petitions to send mission doctors to other stations, encourages us to believe that at least they need not leave this shore for lack of that kind of help. To foster a self-supporting, independent, home-loving and home-living people should be the highest honor of the Newfoundland Government, and we know it is of our patriotic people and its able Government. We believe it is only because their attention has not been called definitely enough to the great harm that is being done to the people who are among the yeoman fishermen of the island, that a plan has not been worked out to enable them to earn a livelihood.

The fishermen from the south who have come to live here say that those who own their own nets might as well put them in our trout ponds as put them out before the first of June. While when they came from the south they didn't put out their own traps, but those that were the property of capitalists who backed them, and who really made the big profits when profits were made. I have taken the trouble to compare the condition and financial status of patients coming from the south and patients from this northern district, and I find that there is a far larger proportion of those who claim to be unable to pay their passages without Government pauper relief than there are among our people. Never a batch comes here without some that have had even to borrow clothes to come in, showing how near the margin they are obliged to live as far as the ability to save money goes. In spite of the much larger amount of outlay they are able to make for catching fish. It must cost them five cents to catch a fish for every one cent it costs our men. The total capacity for wage earnings as a steady regular dependant income that codfishing affords is, as I have pointed out many times in my letters to you, not so large that it can be economical for this country to permit any plan to exist which fosters a larger outlay for obtaining a voyage.

Those who criticise these letters, sir, may say that I am not in a position to know the facts, or that my views are those of a sentimentalist who deduces his conclusions from those of the unfortunate who come under his notice as a doctor or as a head of a charity. This is by no means the case. After nearly twenty years of life on this coast I claim that no man has a better general knowledge of all the northern fishermen, and no one has a higher estimation of their splendid capacities of perseverance, endurance and sea genius, which is the best pride and of our race. But I say, sir, without any fear of contradiction that men living down here have a right to this rudimentary pro-

tection, which they are only able to voice humbly in a petition, because they are unable to come in large numbers to back it personally.

That there is a solution is clearly shown, directly one crosses the boundary line at Blanc Sablon and comes under the fishery laws of Canada. From Blanc Sablon west the sturdy French-Canadian families that grow up have always, by law, first right to the trap berths and fishing grounds in the immediate vicinity of their homes. They raise larger and healthier families approximately, probably, than any people in the world, while here consumption in its most pitiable forms finds victims in almost every family, not owing to the dilatoriness of the heads of the families, but directly to the poverty that ensues from the lack of protection they obtain. Without being a politician or partisan I can only say that our people are arguing from recent events when they tell me that they are most earnestly expecting their rights to be considered and preserved by the Newfoundland Government.

Believe me to remain,
Sincerely yours,
WILFRED T. GRENFELL, M.D.
St. Anthony, Nfld., May 10, 1910.

Rosalind in Collision.

When the Rosalind was in the harbor of Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Tuesday she was into collision there with the Canadian Government steamer Minto. The Rosalind had all the cargo shipped at Charlottetown taken on board and was just about to move out from her pier to proceed to Sydney the Minto steamed into port, and in making for her pier, which is next to where the Rosalind was berthed, the collision occurred. A gale from the S.W. with a heavy swell was on at the time, bringing the Minto rapidly down on the Rosalind, and despite every exertion to obviate the accident she collided with the stern of the Rosalind, smashing the tailrail and breaking the davits and stanchions. The Minto's midship section was badly battered, her bulwarks being stove and boats' davits and stanchions being burst up on the port side. The Rosalind shortly after the accident was surveyed and a claim has been presented against the Minto for damages.

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You have a cold, nearly everybody has. In fact it is becoming epidemic. You surely will not be silly enough to use tablets and powders. These often contain dangerous drugs that affect the heart. Sometimes they destroy life. What policy so poor to neglect a cold that may develop into Catarrh, bronchitis, and possibly into consumption. Just send to your lungs the soothing vapor of the pine wood, the rich balsams and healing essences that are contained in fragrant healing Catarrhazone. Let the air you breathe through the Catarrhazone Inhaler carry little drops of healing and distribute them throughout the whole breathing apparatus. It is almost like a miracle the action of Catarrhazone in such troubles. It at once soothes inflammation, quickly destroys germs that excite Catarrh, removes irritability that causes cough, hawking and spitting. Catarrhazone breaks up Congestion—it removes the cause of colds. Catarrhazone is pleasant to use, prompt in action, permanent in remedial effect. You ought to use it, and enjoy it, and prove by its healing and curative powers that it is the best remedy for throat, lungs and nasal passages. Complete outfit, \$1.00, trial size 25c.

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The many friends of Herbert Goudie, son of W. H. Goudie, will be glad to hear that he has secured a good position as engineer on one of the Lawport and Holt Line boats plying between New York and South America, and he wishes to be remembered to all the lads in the Red, Yellow and Blue.

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The Prospero Arrives.

The s.s. Prospero, Capt. A. Kean, arrived here at 3 p.m. yesterday from the northward, having got as far as Griquet. She had fine weather the entire trip with the exception of a little fog. She brought a small freight and these passengers: S. Dean, C. March, Clark, Pride, Blackmore, Taylor, LeMessurier, Elliott, Kne, Desvigne, Carey, O'Neill, McKnight, Moore, Ryan, Rev. Birchenough and Rev. J. Nolan; Mesdames Squires, Hann, Kean, Delaney, North, Moore; Misses Hallett, Stirling, Delaney and 44 in steerage.

A Narrow Escape.

As Mrs. W. J. Shortall was crossing Duckworth Street at the foot of Cochran Street last evening, she had not noticed an automobile coming towards her until it was almost upon her. She had her two little boys with her and they became confused and stood in the centre of the street. Mr. J. S. Munn was in the car, and put down the emergency brakes so quickly that an accident was averted. But that Mr. Munn acted so promptly the woman or children would have been run down.

Anglican Church Items Pouch Cove.

Improvements continue to be put forward in "All Saints" Church. Through the efforts of the C. E. W. during the past winter the church has been supplied with new (iron and brass) standard lamps, imported from England. Two bracket lamps (all brass) have been placed at the entrance of the Church, and two hand-made standard lamps (all brass) have been erected at east end of the choir stalls. These, in addition to the "corona" already in position, give abundant light in the chancel. Indeed the church is now well lit in every part.

Our men have also been busy taking down the old graveyard fence, and putting up a new one of stakes, rails and pallings.

The church has received an (external) new coat of paint, so now both church and surroundings look fresh and bright.

A Memorial Service was held in "All Saints" Church last Sunday evening, 22nd inst., for our late beloved King. Every seat in the sacred edifice was occupied. The service opened with Hymn (A. & M.) 373, and one of our deceased Sovereign's favourite hymns, "Lead Kindly Light," was also sung. Preaching from I. Chron. xxiii, v. 9, the Incumbent, Rev. T. G. Nettles, alluded to the seasons of affliction, through which during his life-time our late King had been brought, having been twice, through the good Providence of God, given back to loving remembrance and a grateful Nation from the dark valley of the shadow of death. Having been caused to know much suffering it doubtless, as a gentle chastisement of a loving Father, helped to foster in him that beautiful Christ-like spirit which could tenderly sympathize with the distressed and the sorrowful, and which led him to promote to the utmost of his power peace, happiness and good-will among all men. A remark made by the Bishop of London in his sermon preached at St. Paul's Cathedral, after the King's recovery from a second dangerous illness, on October 26th, 1902, seems to have been prophetic:—

"The life of a King must have been 'saved twice for Kingly service; for 'the stability of the nation's life; and 'for the greater happiness and prosperity of his subjects.'"

Doubtless the Bishop of London's forecast at that time of our late King's future career was verified. God also gave "him rest from all his enemies round about," and He gave "peace and quietness" to the nation "in his days." Could we venture to look behind the curtain which hides the sacredness of the home life of our deceased and beloved King, we would still see the same amiability of character, the same sweetness of disposition which marked that life he lived before the world, the devotion of a fond husband, the affection of a tender father, the steadfastness of a true friend, and there was much sanctified affliction.

Our late revered King was a faithful son of our Anglican branch of the Catholic Church, and in her communion he found comfort in times of trial and suffering. He loved peace when he lived, and through the tender mercies of our Divine Lord, the King of Glory, he has, we humbly believe, entered into everlasting peace.

We take our leave of him with the prayer of the ancient church hinging on our lips:—"Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and may light perpetual shine upon him!"

To our new King George V. our earnest wish goes forth: May he have a long and peaceful reign, led onwards safely by the strong Almighty Hand of the "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords"; and may he and our Queen dwell many years in the devoted hearts of a loyal people!

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City Council Meeting.

A full Board was present at last night's meeting.

Mr. A. R. Thomson asked leave to use Dillon's Brook on the South Side for the purpose of driving machinery. He offered to build a dam at the outlet of the stream and place a hydrant and tank for the benefit of the residents there should the Council comply with the request. Referred to the Engineer for a report.

T. A. Hall requested that a trap or grating be constructed on south side of the old railway track, Rennie's Mill Road to prevent the water from overflowing the roads there and entering his basement. The Engineer will be asked to report.

Geo. Parsons asked to be allowed to place a pipe in the drain at the entrance to his garage on King's Road to make it easy to get auto cars in and out. He will be allowed to put a platform there.

The Gas Light Co. asked permission to lay pipes in Hamilton Street, King's Bridge Road and Circular Road. Permission will be given.

The request of M. A. Bastow to have Beck's Cove sidewalk repaired was referred to the Road Inspector. T. J. Vavasour offered gravel for roads. The Road Inspector will see it and if the gravel is no good he will get into trouble for offering it and will have to remove it himself at once. The moral is this: "Don't offer gravel to the Council or you will likely get into trouble."

Thomas Bros. were given leave to make addition to house No. 8 Hayward Avenue.

H. V. Simms was given permission to place a board fence around his garden with an iron railing and concrete setting on the street side.

Geo. Halley asked permission to erect a fence in front of his house, Barnes' Road.

E. Langmead's request to build a stable at the rear of his property on the South Side was referred to the Health Officer.

W. J. Ellis will be given street line preparatory to erecting a fence on the South Side.

The Engineer was ordered to enquire into J. C. Ryan's application to erect a scaffold for the purpose of repairing his house at Casey Street. Plans of T. Brown and Boyd Crocker sent in, showing style of

houses they wish to erect on Waterford Bridge Road, were passed. They will be given the street line.

J. A. Winter wrote requesting that John Dunn's house on Victoria Street be not connected with the sewer there till his father returns. The Council would like to grant his father the privilege of being present at such an important function, but the Council had to be firm, and said: "The sewer must be connected with."

Reports of the Health Officer and Waste Water Inspector were read and adopted. The Engineer reported on the application of Mr. Harvey, South Side, who wants to build a house. He will have to allow openings for the public coves.

The Engineer reported on the work done in the various departments during the week.

After the pay rolls passed the meeting adjourned.

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