



Evening Telegram

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Saturday, February 14, 1920.

Fish Markets Gone to Pieces.

The contents of the letter sent, under instructions, by the Secretary of the Advisory Board to all the fish exporters of the Dominion, reveals a sorry condition of things in the Spanish and Portuguese fish markets. Whatever the cause of the bottom dropping out of these hitherto always open markets to Newfoundland codfish, the outlook is a serious one, and especially as a very large quantity of 1919 fish is being held in stores, without any present prospects for its disposition, and cargoes are en route which were cleared before the actual condition of the Peninsular markets were known. The only hope now is Italy, but so many harsh things have been said recently of the Consorzio that it is doubtful if much business can be done there unless on terms and prices of Consorzio's own making. And that's just what is going to happen. Consorzio now has an opportunity of getting even for all the insults hurled at that concern during the past three months, and the Italian spirit is not a forgiving one when its amour propre is offended or where dollars and cents are involved.

However it is now up to all to make the best of a bad job. Recriminations are useless and condemnation of whatever the Government did, at the instance of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries will not tend to improve the exporters' position, or create any extra demand for our fish in Spain or Portugal. Now is the time—if ever there was—when it is the prime duty of everybody, government, exporters, press and people to work in unison in order that the impairment of our original markets may not have a disastrous effect on the fishing industry during the year ahead. The existing situation is too important, too serious, to be discussed from the party politics point of view. It is now a dominion affair, because the whole dominion is affected, and all differences must be sunk in one supreme effort to solve the exceedingly intricate problem which has now presented itself. The shrewdest brains, the longest heads, the men with the far-seeing vision in matters financial have now to determine a way out of the difficulty, and all the assistance, all the support, all the encouragement that can be given them will be needed. The evil has been done and no amount of carping criticism will undo it. Only concerted action and whole-souled co-operation can assist in the adjustment of our present complications. Sincerity of purpose only and a determination to stand behind whatever is best to be done will carry us through.

The Western Bank Fishery is now at the point of commencement for the year. The Western Shore Winter Fishery has been going on since November, the landed voyage having been bulk salted for drying, and within the next two months,

the first of the shore catch of last fall will have been made ready for market, that market being now closed, the advice being that it will not be well to send any further cargoes for the next month or two. With this notice staring us in the face, and with so much of last year's fish on hand, the promise of any extra prices for new fish do not look very alluring, in fact if we are to judge by the conditions now obtaining, it will do well if the current price does not fall away down below present figures. Should such prove to be the case—and we sincerely hope not—the consequences will be most disastrous to fishermen, for it is well known that fish cannot be caught and cured, at the prevalent high cost of living and fishery supplies, with any profit to the fishermen at a price under twelve dollars per quintal. Should there be a decline to six dollars, the ruin of and cessation from the shore fisheries must inevitably follow. For this reason it behoves all to work together for the common good, laying aside all prejudice and animosity engendered of political differences, manfully and unitedly shouldering the responsibilities that are upon us and doing all in our individual and collective power to meet such other situations as may confront us. Early in the year of 1881 the price of fish dropped in one week from \$11/6 to 12/6 per quintal. Unless we want history to repeat itself we must work and reason together.

St. Valentine's Day Customs.

The decadence of the fete of St. Valentine—February 14—is one of the most to be regretted signs of the degeneration of the times. It is not of the mandarin sentimentality wrapped in lace-edge paper, or of the hideous vulgarity on cardboard, which swelled the Post Office receipts of nearly half a century ago that this is said. It is of the far more picturesque and antiquated observances with which this festival was observed in "the good old days" that we would write. The notion that one day in the year should be devoted to "bidding and to coining," that an opportunity should be afforded to young men and to maids to choose a partner when the promise of Spring tempts all creatures to find a mate, is both pleasing and practical. Whether the fate of St. Valentine is due to the decadence of young people's standard of affections or whether it is the outcome of the discovery that one day is insufficient for the purpose, the fact remains that the average young lady of to-day would as lief choose a lover on the 1st of April as on the 14th of February, and the observance of the night of the day is only honoured in the breach. But there were many quaint customs indulged in on St. Valentine's Day in earlier days, besides the dropping in to poetry, through the post. In "Peppy's Diary" there are several allusions to the drawing of valentines; and in a pecuniary point of view the result of the lottery often caused an enormous outlay. Lady valentines being honoured, not by anonymous verses, but by substantial gifts. When the Duke of York was chosen Miss Stewart's valentine, he gave her a jewel worth £800; and in 1667 Lord Mandeville, being that lady's valentine, presented her with a ring of the value of £300. Some days after Peppy had chosen Martha Batten for his valentine he took her to the Exchange, and there "upon a pair of embroidered, and six pairs of plain white gloves he laid out 40s." A remnant of this custom is kept up in Devonshire, where it is usual for a young woman thus to address the first man she meets on St. Valentine's Day:—

"Good morrow, Valentine, I go to-day To wear for you what you must pay—A pair of gloves next Easter Day!"—the person thus invited being expected to send the gloves on the day mentioned.

McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, Feb. 14, 1920.

Nut Milk Chocolate in bars is very much to the taste of some sweet-toothed people, and we do not know but that they are right in their preference. Some a good Nut Milk Chocolate has a satisfying effect beyond ordinary chocolates. But it must be a good specimen. Cheap Nut Milk Chocolate may very easily be nasty as well as cheap. In respect to quality, however, you can be quite sure of Nestlé's Milk Chocolate which ranks easily among the first in quality, and is of quite delicious flavor. Two sizes, 10 and 20c. a box. Laxor Toilet Talcum Powder is really luxurious, both in its put-up and in its use. Large package, 75c.

A Valentine.

In legends we're told
That a poet of old
With trembling soul worshipped a maid,
And the same legends say
That St. Valentine's Day
Came and went—yet his love was unsaid.

And they further proclaim
That that singer of fame,
In that far-away dream-haunted day;
So offended the Saint
By his heart's cold restraint,
That he cursed him with silence for aye.

And now Kitty, dear,
I am stricken with fear
Lest the fate of that bard should be mine:
So I ask, if I may
Call you sweetheart to-day,
Just to please the good St. Valentine.

St. Valentine, 1920.

SUNNY JIM.

Ice Conditions in Gulf.

A message from Quebec to the Minister of Marine, received yesterday, stated that at Heath Point there is heavy close packed ice everywhere. Magdalen Islands, Grosse Ile, heavy open ice everywhere moving north. North Grindstone: Heavy open ice; West Point: Heavy close packed ice everywhere; Pleasant Bay: About 2 miles of close packed ice inshore; Cape Ray: Heavy close packed ice everywhere; Flat Point: Light open ice distant about 10 miles; Sables: Light open ice, distant; Point Amour: Heavy close packed ice everywhere; stationary.

Prospero in Snow Storm.

Yesterday the Minister of Shipping received the following message from Capt. Field, of the s.s. Prospero: "Gale broke ice last evening, then steamed one mile S.W. ice heavy in large sheets; position 11 miles N.E. of Cape Fogo." The s.s. Sagana, with Capt. Job Knease as ice pilot, left yesterday with a supply of coal, and will try and reach the ice bound ship. This morning Capt. Field reported being 6 miles east of the Narrows. A strong east wind was blowing, with thick snow.

Supreme Court.

(Before Justice Johnson.)

Tobias LeDrew vs. A. H. Murray. The evidence of T. LeDrew was taken, also that of Martin Gorman, a culler for A. H. Murray, and W. Noftall also a culler.

Mr. L. E. Emerson appeared for Murray. Mr. Mews appeared for LeDrew.

Coasting Accident.

Yesterday afternoon a school girl and a little boy, while coasting over Prescott Street collided with a telephone pole. The girl was rendered unconscious for a time and the little boy had his leg injured.

Viking for the Front.

S. S. Viking in command of Capt. Wm. Bartlett will prosecute the sealing voyage on the front this year. Capt. Bartlett has commanded the Viking in the Gulf for many years, but this spring will try his luck with the front fleet.

Seals Plentiful.

The Marine and Fisheries Department received a message yesterday afternoon from Tilt Cove stating that seals were more plentiful in the Bay than for any time for 40 years past, at this time of year.

A Few Milk Facts.

Seven-eighths of milk is nothing but water—all the value and nourishment being in the remaining eighth.

All liquid milk contains bacteria which multiply rapidly unless refrigeration is resorted to. It is the bacteria in milk which caused it to sour.

Bacteria common to milk increase only when moisture is present. No bacterial action can be discovered in milk powder containing a low percentage of moisture.

"KLIM" which is pure, pasteurized, separated milk in powdered form, contains only about two per cent. of moisture.

It sells at all up-to-date grocery stores for 55 cents per tin, which makes a full gallon of delicious rich milk.

The particular advantage lies in the fact that you can make only just what amount of milk you require for immediate use. KLIM is not suitable for infant feeding.

BIG DANCE.—The Green Spring Club will hold their last Dance before Lent on Monday night, Feb. 16th, in the Blue Puttee Hall. A big time for all. Feb 14, 11

Court Hears

Essence Cases.

FORMIDABLE ARRAY OF LEGAL COUNSEL. FOUR K.C.'S ENGAGED.

The much talked of dope, prosecution cases were begun in Court this morning, when Messrs. Albert Soper, A. Joseph and Albert Andrews appeared as defendants. They were charged with a violation of Section 4 of the Intoxicating Liquors Act. Mr. L. E. Emerson, K.C., represented Mr. Soper; Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., appeared for Mr. Joseph and Hon. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., for Mr. Andrews. In each case the plea was "not guilty," but each defendant admitted selling the essences. The Inspector General and Mr. H. A. Winter prosecuted. Mr. D. James Davies, Government analyst, was the principal witness called. He testified to having received from Head Constable Byrne samples of "Shiriff's Imperial Vanilla," which, upon analysis, he found to contain 38.4 per cent. of alcohol by volume. This alcohol was the same as that contained in rum, wines and whiskey. It was Ethyl alcohol, whereas wood alcohol is methyl. Ethyl alcohol is the same as found in intoxicating liquors. It is poisonous but not as much as methyl. In all essences alcohol is used. In all cases the alcohol is the same as used in intoxicating liquors. The only difference in essence and rum is in the flavouring. In rum the flavouring comes while distilling, while in essence the flavouring is added after. Mr. Davies had a sample of vanilla which contained no alcohol, but had not analyzed it. As a rule all essences had to have alcohol, and the more they contained the better grade they were.

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Forward Movement Campaign

TO RAISE \$100,000.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's Congregation, held in the Presbyterian Hall last night, what is known as the Forward Movement Campaign was inaugurated. After devotional exercises by Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., Mr. D. Baird was moved to the chair to conduct the meeting and delivered an address outlining the objectives of the Forward Movement Campaign. Similar addresses were given by Messrs. Jao Clouston, Edwin Murray, Alex. Robertson, R. A. Templeton, J. J. McKay, Rev. Gordon Dickie and J. Boyd Baird. The object of the campaign is to raise \$25,000 for Church extension purposes, of which \$15,000 will be spent locally and \$10,000 be given to the mother Church in Canada as a contribution to the \$40,000 fund which is to be raised there for foreign and home missions and other church work distinct from local congregations. The \$25,000 will be raised immediately as a Peace Offering and is expected to be realized by July next. Besides this amount it is hoped to raise \$75,000 over a period of five years on the assumption that the inter-denominational education plans of the Protestant community will become a fact shortly. The drive will start on Tuesday next and is hoped to be finished in four days, or by Friday evening. The workers will report each night at 9 o'clock at the Presbyterian Hall. The general committee consists of Messrs. D. Baird, chairman; J. J. McKay, Secretary-Treasurer; R. A. Templeton, J. Boyd Baird, J. C. Hepburn, J. W. Morris and Rev. Gordon Dickie. The commanders of the four divisions are: A. W. Campbell; B. Dugald Munn; C. Mrs. A. G. Smith and D. Mrs. D. Baird. Each division has two teams, as follows:—

DIVISION A.

Team 1—C. U. Henderson, captain; H. Mitchell, W. Herder, C. C. Oke, J. M. Brown and Lachlan Macpherson.

Team 2—A. Munn, captain; W. Neil, Hugh Anderson, D. McIntosh, C. W. G. Tessier and K. M. Blair.

DIVISION B.

Team 3—John Clouston, captain; W. Watson, P. K. McLeod, Alec Oke, W. G. Martin and Roy Clouston.

Team 4—T. A. McNab, captain; A. G. Gibb, C. E. Jubien, H. H. A. Ross, D. McLeod and Eric Rankin.

DIVISION C.

Team 5—Mrs. J. J. McKay, captain; Mrs. Boyd Baird, Mrs. J. Clouston, Mrs. D. Johnston, Mrs. T. Curran, and Miss Anna Ledingham.

Team 6—Mrs. Hanlin, captain; Miss Glendinning, Miss MacFarlane, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. J. M. Brown, Miss Muir and Miss Nellie McKinley.

DIVISION D.

Team 7—Mrs. Crawford, captain; Mrs. (Rev.) Dickie, Miss Frew, Miss McLachlan, Miss Stella Robertson, and Miss Crawford.

Team 8—Mrs. Jas. Baird, captain; Mrs. F. Lumsden, Mrs. Hector McNeil, Mrs. W. H. Herder, Mrs. H. Slater and Miss Margaret Clouston.

Great enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting and it is confidently felt that though about \$60,000 has been subscribed to other educational drives, St. Andrew's congregation will reach the objective aimed at, \$100,000. The workers will meet at 8 p.m. Monday when pledge cards will be distributed and final instructions given as to the drive which opens on Tuesday. Following the meeting refreshments were served, songs given by Miss Herder and Mrs. Oke, and an instrumental duet by Mrs. (Rev.) Dickie and Mrs. Boyd Baird, the proceedings closing with the National Anthem.

Awarded Big Prize.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recently awarded the makers of Horse Over-Shoes a prize of Five Hundred Dollars, the only prize of its kind ever awarded. Horse Over-Shoes consist of the principle of the Weed Chain used on Automobile and Motor Truck Tires humanely adapted to Horses' Hoofs. They give secure footing on slippery streets, having forty-eight points of contact, twelve under each foot. The chains are so arranged that they cannot touch the "frog" of the shoe and they also prevent the "balling" of snow and ice under the hoof. On arrival of a large shipment now en route they will be on sale in St. John's when all sizes will be obtainable. Watch the Telegram for selling depots.—Feb 14, 11m

TOWED TO PORT.—The Barq. Gaspé was towed to port this morning at 1 o'clock.

DIED.

Passed away, on 11th inst., at his daughters residence, Spaniard's Bay, in his 72nd year, George Tucker, leaving four daughters and one son, George, of the R. N. C. Electrical Department, to mourn the loss of a loving father.

PICKED UP.—A Large Bunch of Keys. Owner can have same by paying expenses; apply this office. Feb 14, 11

LOST.—Last evening, two Keys tied with black string. Finder please return same to this office. Feb 14, 11

CADETS "AT HOME"—The C. C. C. annual "At Home" takes place on Monday night next, and promises to eclipse all former events of its kind. A special programme of music has been prepared for the occasion.

Important Announcement!

We are now ready to announce to the trade and to the public generally the opening of our Manufacturing Concern of Ladies' Readymades.

This is an enterprise which merchants will hail with joy, as Newfoundland has always been greatly affected by the lack of local made Ladies' Readymades, and at the present time this drawback is more keenly felt than ever before.

The severe rate of exchange, the high duties, freight charges and the uncertainty of safe transportation, which heretofore was a source of worry and trouble to you, we now shift to our shoulders and deliver to you at your door the finished product, in perfect condition, and at prices far cheaper than that of imported merchandise.

Another benefit that you derive from local made goods is that the local manufacturer strives to produce his merchandise to suit the needs and tastes of the Newfoundland people; a thing which foreign manufacturers cannot and do not do. We have made a careful study of the Newfoundland woman's likes and dislikes in the matter of Readymades and we are now producing Costumes, Raglans and Skirts to please your customers.

Advocate local made goods and increase your business. We are now showing samples. If you cannot call, drop us a card and our representative will call.

United Manufacturing Co'y,

Manufacturers of Ladies' Costumes, Raglans & Skirts,
Corner GEORGE & ADELAIDE STREETS,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Notice to Flour Importers.

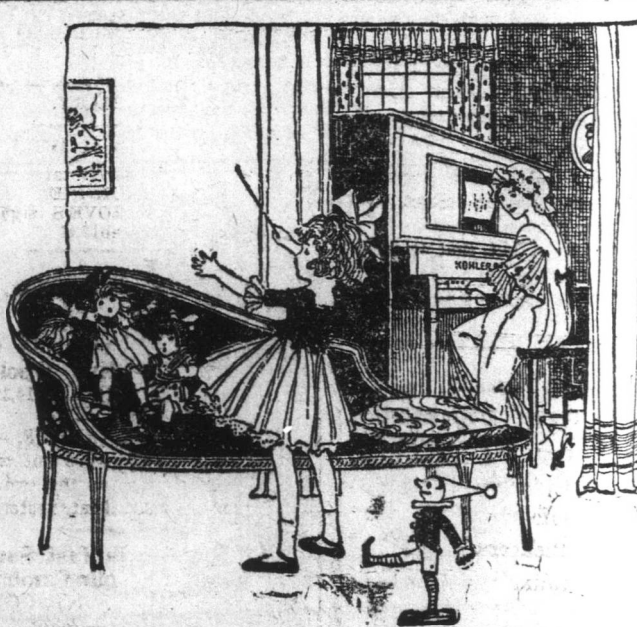
All Importers of Flour into Newfoundland are required to obtain permits for same from the Newfoundland Food Control Board at their office in the Justice Department.

Written applications for permits must cover the following information:—

1. Quantity of Flour.
2. Quality of Flour, whether pre-war (white) or Canadian Government Standard.
3. Where purchased, and from whom.
4. Date of Shipment.

In cases where the tax of two dollars (\$2.00) imposed on January sixth by the Canadian Wheat Board has actually been paid, the Board is prepared to present any claims to the Canadian Wheat Board if any difficulty is met with in the refund of same.

Flour can now be purchased by Importers on terms of shipment within sixty days. Feb 12, 3p



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Oct 23, 11a, t.

Weather Report.

SEAL COVE.—Wind Southwest, fine and clear; few seals seen.

more seals in this Bay than for years

FOGO.—S. West wind, fair; no water to be seen.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DANDEUFF.