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The Price of Fish

SHORE talqual has now reached the figure of \$8.00 per qtl., being the highest figure ever paid for shore fish. Labrador soft has advanced to \$6.50 per qtl., being an increase of 25 cents over last week's prices. Those prices will be maintained, as the supply arriving is limited and less than the demand.

There has been an advance in the price of cod liver oil or common oil during the past two weeks. The holdings of cod oil in the fishermen's hands are now very small.

Flour has now reached the \$11 figure. H.B. pork is hard to obtain in town and absolutely unobtainable abroad; the price is \$34. Beef \$27 for what's in stock at present, while new stocks to arrive will be \$5 higher. No reduction in provisions is possible for many months.

Some planters will make good bills while very few have been unable to make two ends meet. During the past week the fishermen have purchased \$10,000 worth of Trading Company shares and shares in the Electric Light Company are in good demand.

Catalina

THE F.P.U. schr. Heckman sailed yesterday for St. Pierre to load deal and pitch pine baulk for Catalina. The deal will be mostly used for joisting in the general store building which will be roofed in this fall. The main store is about completed. Carpenters will be employed finishing the interior of the general store building during the winter and spring.

"A Generous Sentiment"

THE Editor of The Telegram in his issue of yesterday is much worried over the fact that, according to his views, have shown a "lack of generous sentiment" in connection with anything.

Perhaps it is that lacking a university education we are unable to express our feelings over such matters as the locating of some of our "missing" soldier lads in language that would bring tears to the eyes of the general public.

Sentiment! We wonder was it genuine sentiment which prompted The Telegram Editor to glow eloquent in throwing bouquets to the retiring Editor of The News; or was it simply a case of "following the customs of the country."

The point that we wished to make clear in connection with Mr. Snow's letter was this: that the Government had failed to perform its duty in this respect, and it was left for a private citizen to perform this duty.

The Editor of The Telegram regrets that he cannot accept Mr. Snow's letter as positive proof that those three missing soldiers are really located, though he sincerely trusts his doubts are unfounded. Well; we with citizens generally sincerely hope The Tele-

**REVELLE
BY CALCAR**

WE have diverged somewhat from our subject of agriculture to speak of the havoc being wrought to our forests. Speaking of farming one is very naturally led to a consideration of our forest areas, because to a very great extent the future of agriculture in this country is bound up and dependent upon our treatment of the wooded sections.

There is very grave danger of not only the destruction of the forests, but also that the land itself will suffer degradation if the present insufferable antipathy of those in authority to act is permitted to endure. That large sections of this country once covered with magnificent trees and very promising as agricultural lands are at this very hour undergoing a process of degradation nobody with an eye in his head or a brain to understand or who has travelled the country can deny. We confess, that in the face of what is transpiring it is most difficult to understand the culpable sloth and indifference of the Government. Can nothing awake them, are they so absolutely blind that they cannot see or deaf that they cannot hear, or is it that they are so grossly stupid that they cannot appreciate what is going on?

What is the matter with the people themselves that they seem not to realize the condition into which our beautiful country is being so rapidly ushered. A state of almost absolute sterility is facing this lovely land of ours if present methods of wanton destruction are allowed to go unchecked. Can nothing rouse our people, have they passed that stage when like men they would rise in their might and indignation to demand some intelligent activity on the part of the ruling power in such an all important matter as this: the conservation of our forests.

Is the silence and apathy of the people to be charged up to ignorance of what the destruction of our forests would mean. Surely we have at least half a dozen men with intelligence enough to know the significance of our forest destruction. Perhaps they think destruction is not stalking the land. May be they think our cry of alarm is unreasoning. Then let them make enquiries at any rate, the question is sufficiently important to warrant some interest.

A strange thing to be noted is the completeness of the masterly inactivity and disconcerting sil-

ence of the Crown Lands Department. No reports come from the office of the Minister of Agriculture and Mines and there is very good reason for this because they are so stupid and somnolent that they know nothing to report upon.

It is shameful that a Government that has boasted of how it has increased the earnings of the Crown Lands Department should be so lacking in foresight as to permit affairs respecting our timber areas to drift along, heading to destruction, without making a single effort to know what effect milling and other forest operations are having upon the country.

Last session of the House we had the spectacle of the Prime Minister gulling the Assembly with a whole lot of senseless clap-trap respecting the inexhaustible nature of our forests, and boasting of how they reproduce themselves in short time, pointing to Emerson's Grove at Virginia Waters as an example.

No man in this country to-day has a right to speak as Sir Edward Morris spoke, if he does he is dishonest in his pretension to a knowledge not possessed by him and also dishonest in attempting to deceive the people. Sir Edward Morris does not know the condition of this country to-day, he has no means of knowing for there are no investigations being officially held to furnish him with reliable or authoritative data respecting our forests. His talk was mere idle bluster, he had an axe to grind, in all probability.

We cannot too strongly condemn such conduct on the part of any public man, much more would we condemn such twaddle, such idle and unfounded statements when they come from the Prime Minister.

How long are the people going to put up with this; how long are they going to keep silent while their country is being robbed of all her natural possessions.

In respect to our forests the condition is truly alarming to him who has the welfare of his country at heart. This is no invention of the mind got up for political purposes, it is sober truth, and if the people want to see their beautiful country reduced to that state described as "a howling wilderness" they will remain quiescent a little while longer, and the process will be complete.

There is no country however favored that can stand the terrible drain that is being put upon this land of ours to-day. This talk of reproduction is all clap-trap and meant as a soporific to the public mind lest it be aroused and demand investigation. Investigation into the workings of the Crown Lands office or into the state of our forest areas is not a consummation to be greatly desired by the Morris Government. This is all the more reason why the people should demand inquiry.

**GLEANINGS OF
GONE BY DAYS**

OCTOBER 28

St. Simon and Jude. Sir Walter Raleigh beheaded, 1618. Bishop Fleming consecrated (in old chapel, near present Star of the Sea Hall) by Bishop Scallan, 1829.

Rev. J. H. Whyte, D.B., Superintendent of Missions for British Columbia. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Bond, will occupy the pulpit at the evening service, taking as his subject, "The cash value of Character." Visitors are especially welcome.

WESLEY—The morning service will be especially for the young. The pastor will address the tots and adolescents. The Sunday School and Epworth League members and officers parents and friends are asked to be present. At night Rev. Dr. Whyte, Superintendent of the Methodist Missions in British Columbia, who arrived in the city by last night's express will preach. The rev. gentleman is a very able speaker. He does practically the work of a Bishop, travelling and superintending the work from Vancouver to the Skeena River, which is nearly down to the Yukon, and the missions to the Indians on the Pacific coast and the interior. Will all pew holders be in their places early. Everybody welcome.

THE KIRK—The call which was extended to the Rev. Gordon Dickie by the Kirk is to be signed by the members and adherents of the Church. A large number signed it at the meeting on Tuesday evening, and those who were unable to attend that meeting will have an opportunity of doing so on Sunday, as it will be in the vestibule of the Church in the morning and in the Hall in the evening. It is hoped every member and adherent will avail of this opportunity as the call is to be sent in a few days' time.

C. M. B. C.

The Cathedral Men's Bible Class will meet to-morrow afternoon in the Synod Building at 2.45 instead of 3 p.m. This change in the hour of meeting has been found necessary in order to observe the lighting regulations. Subject—"Just Dealing."

The S.S. Sable Island arrived here yesterday afternoon from P. E. I. and North Sydney with 5,900 sacks oats and general cargo and leaves again this evening.

The Home yesterday brought up from the Straits the last of the fishing crews which had been operating in the Straits the past season landing them at Humbermouth.

Fire on George Pender's premises, where T. A. Hall now stands; coopeage and five dwelling-houses destroyed (no insurance), 1860.

The Masonic body presented W. T. Parsons with purse and address on his departure for Canada, 1873.

Rev. F. Smith ordained, 1881. Fishermen's Hall, Queen-street opened, 1861.

Mass meeting of Anti-Confederates on Queen-street; Renouf, Talbot, and Brennan chosen candidates for West-end against Confederation, 1869.

Local Option carried in Bay St.

George, 1895. Father St. John's bazaar opened in Star of Sea Hall, 1891.

"Wild West Show" election parade; 200 men on horseback, 1893. Polling day; every district contested, 1897.

William L. Thorburn died, aged 73, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hutchings presented with tea and coffee service by Masonic body, 1873.

OCTOBER 29 Public Ledger registered; H. D. Winton, proprietor, 1836. Newfoundland registered, Jno

Shea, proprietor, 1836. Ploughing match at Allendale, 1894.

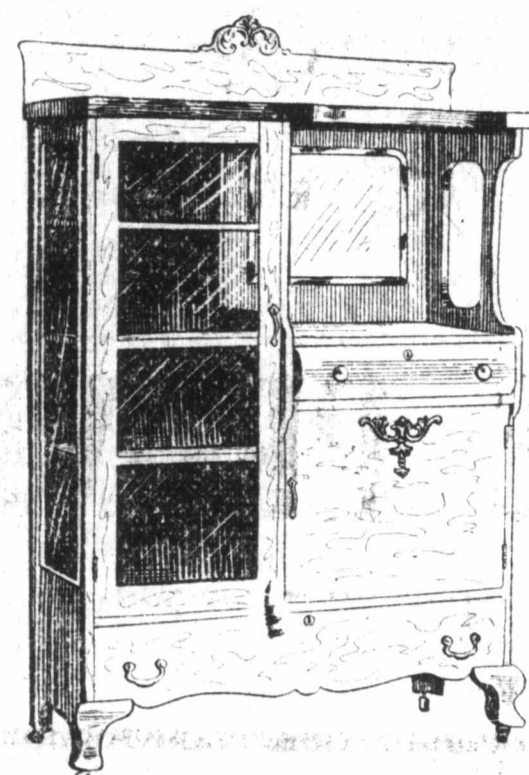
Big meeting of Anti-Confederates in Mechanics' Hall, 1869. Governor Hill's first wife died, 1870.

The Phoenix Fire Office, London, instructed its agent here to raise premiums on temporary buildings to eight guineas per cent., and no risk to be over one thousand pounds, 1898.

Two men found guilty of participation in the death of Lieutenant Lawry were this day hanged, 1794.

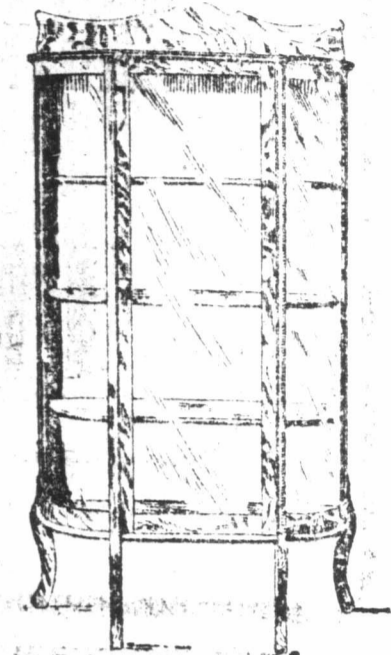
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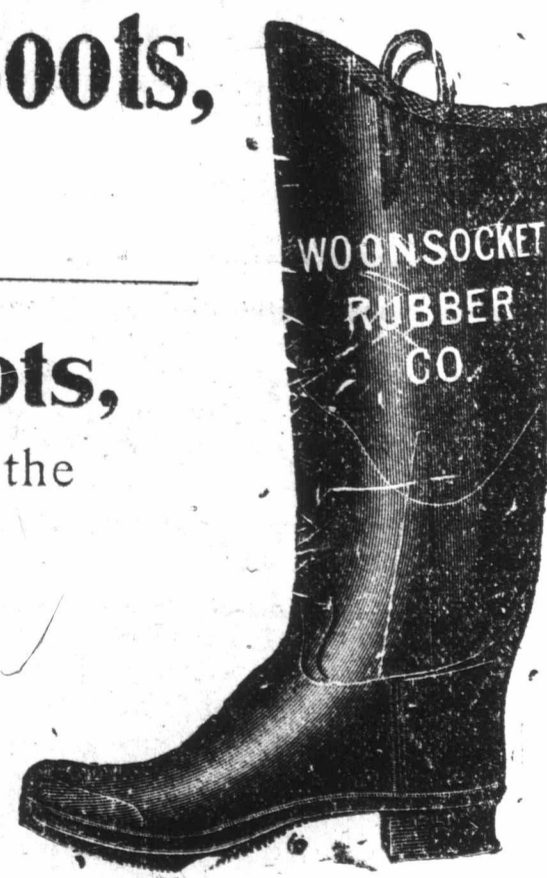
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CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England Cathedral.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m., also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 11 (Choral). Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church (Casey Street)—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. C. H. Barton; Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher, The Rector; subject: "The Gospel for Doubling Men."

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi.—Holy Communion, second Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer, third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel.—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m. St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's West.—Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m. Other Services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

METHODIST. Gower St.—11 and 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.

George St.—11 and 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy.

Cochrane St.—11, Rev. Dr. Whyte; 6.30, Rev. Dr. Bond.

Wesley—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. Dr. White.

Presbyterian—11 a.m., Mr. W. F. McKay. Subject: "The Temptation." Congregational—11, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

Salvation Army—7 a.m., Kneel Drill; 11 a.m., Holiness Meeting; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Great Salvation Meeting. Adjt. Sheard will be with us. COCHRANE STREET.—At Cochrane Street Centennial Church to-morrow morning the preacher is to be the