Evening Telegram

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Molasses Prices.

We presume the Food Control Board have made a thorough examination of the present conditions and future prospects of the molasses market before making the order published on the 19th instant. With probably smaller knowledge, we are unable to see either the reason or wisdom of the step, and we should be very glad of an explanation. We hope the one given by the Advocate is not the only one—that there is no need to "follow the market" with old stocks bought at a price not affected by the market charges. If the Board will persist in ignoring a practice followed by every trade the world over and a principle recognized by every economist, we can see only, trouble ahead. The position as we see it is briefly this. The old stocks of molasses here are being sold, or were before the order, at from 69 to 75 cents, or thereabouts. Molasses from the same crop is being sold today in Halifax and similar cities at 80 cents and upwards, and apparently the authorities there see nothing reprehensible in it. The price of this year's crop, which is very short, is, we believe, from 85 cents upwards in Barbados, so that the cheapest grade cannot possibly be sold here at less than 90 cents. We can almost hear the protest that will be raised about April, when this jump of 23 cents a gallon is made! The importers, making the smallest margin of profit, will be denounced in the most extravagant terms as profiteers and what not, as if they drew the molasses from a fountain in their warehouses and did not have to pay for it themselves.

But that is not the most serious aspect of it. The order also contains provisions clearly aimed at conserving the supply. The fixing of a maximum price is absurdly inconsistent with that very aim, since the natural rise in price is one of the most effective and best means of keeping down the consumption. Since it is not the price at all but the extraordinary smallness of this year's supply that is the serious matter, the Board should have given every possible encouragement to the importation of the greatest quantity, instead of which they have followed the exactly opposite course. The result can be predicted with absolute certainty. Not only will the price of molasses here soar suddenly and sky-high in a couple of months, but the supply will be exceedingly small, and much smaller than it would have been but for such interference. We shall be surprised if it does not end in the Government itself taking over the whole sale of this article and having to conduct it at famine prices.

Cowardice.

Tuesday's Herald flatly makes the charge that cowardice among our young men is the chief difficulty in obtaining recruits for the Regiment. What have the young men themselves to say about this? In order to make it clear that the charge is directly aimed at St. John's, we take the liberty of quoting the editor's own words:—

"If the Telegram editor is doubtful as to there being cowards or slackers in this country, let him go to the Clubs and look at the young men he will find there every night; let him go to the theatres and the movies; let him go to the rinks and hockey matches—or let him go into any other circles in the city."

We are not at all dubious that this challenge will be allowed to pass, unaccepted, by the young men aimed at. They will know better how and when to answer it, when the time comes. But can it be said that there will be any stimulus to recruiting by adopting such a style of argument? We think not. There has been too much of this kind of thing done ever since the beginning of the war, both from press and platform. If appeals to a man's patriotism fail to rouse him to a sense of duty; if he fails to respond to the Call of King and Country, voluntarily, strong measures must compel him. But to dub him Coward and Slacker will not have the effect required. The young men of the outports will not readily appreciate the stigma given them by the Herald, any more than will their city contemporaries, and we shall be surprised if this attack does not arouse a protest. Right here we wish to be distinctly understood that our attitude on the important question of the Regiment is not to be changed. We have not abused the Government, we have not attacked the ex-Premier, in discussing the subject. Our whole aim has been by straightforward argument and expression to evoke an action on the part of the Government which will have due effect in maintaining the effective strength of the Regiment. So far as our correspondent "Patriot" is concerned, we can leave him to deal with the Herald's strictures. The diatribe against the hockeyists will be replied to later, when the editor of the Herald will be shown that the Hockey League has given of its best and bravest, many of whom have made the supreme sacrifice.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Hun is responsible, according to an official statement, for doing to death by means of his U-boats, 14,120 non-combatant, British, men, women and children. We would not care to be in the Kaiser's place on that day when the sea gives up its dead.

Too bad that Jupiter Pluvius was unfavorably disposed toward us Wednesday.

Hope the visitors did not get a bad impression. If they did, perhaps yesterday's and to-day's smiling skies dispelled it.

The following frank statement of Britain's war aims will bear repeating—lest we forget: "Britain stands for restoration of Germany's plunder, reparation for ravaged and devastated countries, and a world security based on the extinction of the Prussian aim of a forceful world domination. Does not seek to acquire more territory and agrees that Germany's captured colonies might be disposed of by the Peace Congress, but is emphatic that Jerusalem must never be restored to the Turks."

First Company Promoter: "Darned insult, I call it."

Second Ditto: "What's wrong?"

F. C. P.: "See what the old rascal did! Carefully counted each of his fingers after I had shaken hands with him."

EXPLANATION. — The tobacco mentioned in our Notes and Comments yesterday is of foreign, not local, manufacture, and we make this explanation in order that no misunderstanding may arise.

Eat Wisely-Well Without Was e-

Grape-Nuts

being part barley is a wheat saver. Needs no sugar.

Not an Atom of Waste

Meeting of Recruiting Committee.

A meeting of the Recruiting Committee was held in the Board of Trade Rooms last evening. Judge Morris, presiding, Mr. H. A. Winter, acting Secretary. In addition to the Prime Minister and Minister of Militia, whom the meeting was called to receive, there were present: Colonial Secretary Halfyard, Hon. P. T. McGrath and Alex. Mews, Rev. Dr. Curtis, Drs. Blackall and Burke, Messrs. T. A. Macnab, J. Meehan, and C. T. James.

The Prime Minister at the request of the Chairman briefly stated the needs of the Regiment, and in the course of his remarks, announced that the effective strength at present, with the reserve at Winchester, was quiet sufficient to keep it at similar effective strength until late summer, but men were being constantly needed. Minister of Militia, who followed, submitted statistics (which will be published later) showing totals of men volunteering for Regiment, Forestry and Navy by districts; also a comparative table of the result of the last recruiting campaign. Following a discussion of over two hours a resolution, moved by Dr. W. W. Blackall, and seconded by Dr. V. P. Burke, was adopted, pledging the co-operation of the Committee with the Government and Militia Department, in the inauguration of a new campaign of voluntary enlistment in a fresh effort to obtain the necessary number of men to keep the Regiment at proper strength. A plan will be formulated by the Minister of Militia and submitted to the Committee which will meet regularly in future. Those taking leading parts in the discussion were: Rev. Dr. Curtis, Drs. Blackall and Burke, Hon. P. T. McGrath, T. A. Macnab, J. W. Withers, Geo. J. Adams and H. A. Winter. In addition to the resolution it was sugested that the campaign be aided by the press, by extensive poster advertising and by meetings.

Sales Are Good.

It is a sign that the public like it to see a food as rapidly introduced and used as Catelli's Milk Macaroni.

Only a month ago a carload of Catelli's Milk Macaroni reached St. John's—being the largest lot of macaroni that ever reached here at one time and it is selling fast. We are learning daily more and more of the value of Macaroni as a food, as a substitute for meat and yet to cost only half as much. Macaroni is a food that everybody should use, it will make you feel better and give you nourishment, and it is economical. Catelli's Milk Macaroni is a superior macaroni to the ordinary kinds, in that it is made of the finest and hardest wheat grown in Canada and milk.

Write me for a recipe book telling many delicious ways to prepare Catellis Milk Macaroni—order a package or two from your grocer now.

BERT HAYWARD,
Bank of Montreal Bldg.

Hockey Notes.

To-night's game will be played on Canadian style. That is three 20 minute periods with six aside, the rover being eliminated. Each team will have three or four spare men who can release a player at any time during the game. A fast game is assured.

King's College supporters (and they are numerous here) are looking forward to a defeat, for the city team to-night.

Winter, Pool and Gabriel did well for the visitors last night.

Ralph Herder and Munn, of Gallipoli and France fame attacked with their old time vigour.

Stick, Power and White also showed up well.

"Gus" and "Doc" in the back division where a whole team in themselves.

SKATES SHARPENED at shortest notice. J. CHANNING, Shoemaker, Long's Hill.—f2,tf

Magistrate's Court

The young lad Avery, or "the boy who won't stay home," who was taken to the lock up on Wednesday, for safekeeping, and sent home yesterday in charge of a police officer, was found wandering about the streets last night, and this morning was sent to jail for thirty days.

A Swedish seaman who deserted his ship recently was ordered to rejoin the vessel or put up with the consequence.

WILL CLEAR FROM CHANNEL.—The s.s. Viking, Capt. Bartlett, is expected to sail for Channel on March 2nd from whence she will clear for the scaliehery.

M. C. L. I.

At last evening's session of the Institute the resolution "That the present European War will be a benefit to mankind," was debated. The attendance, though not so large as expected owing to other attractions, was representative, and the debate was lively and interesting.

In opening for the affirmative side Mr. A. H. Edgecombe made an exhaustive summing up, the chief points of which were, that under moral benefits which might be derived from the war may be classed the great religious awakening which will come from it, as before its declaration people were living for self, and not regarding their neighbour. The world was as well being made safe for democracy. Under material benefits would come advancement due to alcoholic prohibition, the nationalization of industries, the advances of surgery, the closer relationship of Capital and Labor, the advancement of Woman Suffrage, and the end of militarism. Mr. Walter Moore supported the leader for the affirmative.

Mr. L. E. Curtis, for the negative, disputed certain of the alleged benefits as being mostly imaginary and merely conjectures. He held that no benefits had resulted from the war at all, and that some which had been considered benefits, had been dearly bought. He joined issue with the affirmative arguments. The loss to the world by the sacking of Louvain University and the destruction of Rheims Cathedral by the Germans could not be estimated. Men were being taken from universities and from their desks and were losing the education they needed. This war had ceased to be chivalrous. It was now a burning of hatred between nations which will live for half a century. It was as well bringing out the "brute" in man. The casualties were stupendous and such a toll of blood must result physically and intellectually to the disically and intellectually. Lastly, if war were really a benefit the German nation and the Kaiser were benefactors, as they having to bear the blame for the war, must so be accorded any credit accuring therefrom. Mr. Clarence Scott supported the negative.

Next week's debate will be: "Resolved that the poverty of this city is due more to folly, ignorance and selfishness on the part of the poor than to economic injustice."

The Salt in Demand To-day

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Methodist Institute.

The Institute met at Gower Street Church last evening to consider the subject announced for discussion: "The Quarterly Official Board as a Spiritual Agency." Mr. H. N. Burt was in the chair and the attendance of the Q. O. B's of the city churches was large. Dr. Bond's address on the subject was thoughtful and practical, pointing out the assistance of such a Board to the pastor as being invaluable, especially under the itinerant system, which necessitates the removal of ministers so frequently. As a spiritual agency it has splendid fields of opportunity and the efficiency of the Church and her impact upon the evils confronting her, depend largely upon the Consecration, vision and business ability of those of her members who constitute her Executive. In exercising their function members of the Board are called upon for information, suggestion, and even criticism; sympathy and co-operation they should give at all times. At conclusion of address a round-table discussion was conducted by the Chairman. Two suggestions met with general approval, (1) the great good that would accrue to the Church if the members of the Q. O. B's exerted their full spiritual influence; (2) That while Methodism under the present Constitution is a great democratic church, the giving to adherents as well as to members the privilege of participating in the election of representatives to the Q. O. B. would result in larger interest and greater efficiency. The subject for consideration this evening will be: "The Prayer Meeting as an aid to Spiritual Life." The address will be delivered by Rev. N. M. Guy, and a round-table discussion will follow. This will be the last meeting of the week of institutes and every Methodist should attend and make it the best of all. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses.

Food Control Board Takes Action.

In another column to-day will be found a series of orders issued by the Government through the Colonial Secretary's Department, and at the instance of the Food Control Board, regulating sales and prices of molasses. There being much danger of an unreasonable exploitation of this article, the Board decided to take this step. In consequence of market conditions, now and to come, it is alleged that some parties are unduly "putting up" the prices, while others are endeavouring to secure excessively large supplies, with the view of ultimately making larger profits. As the notice shows, the Control Board has framed the regulations with an idea of preventing this, and will be prepared to take similar measures regarding retail prices, should small dealers attempt to do any "boosting."

"Chill Chasers."

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Here and There.

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS'.

BOWRING'S BOAT.—The S.S. Napetpero left Trepassey at 7.45 a.m. to-day.

When you want Sausages, know why—get ELLIS'; they're the best.

BEVERLEY NOT REPORTED.—No word of the Beverley arriving at her destination has been received. The ship is well provisioned and so there is no need for alarm.

REID'S BOATS.—The Argyle left at Placentia. The Ethie left Harbor Grace 12.15 p.m. yesterday, going west. The Glencoe left Burgeo at 7 a.m. yesterday, coming east.

288 Vaccination Shields have just arrived for STAFFORD'S Drug Stores, only 20c. ea.—f

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Yesterday's outgoing express left Millertown Junction at 6.55 a.m. to-day. The incoming express is not expected to leave Port aux Basques till to-morrow morning.

NEW THEATRE — Excavating work on the new theatre to be erected on the sight where formerly stood the Callahan Glass building, has commenced. The contract for construction has been awarded to a firm in Conception Bay.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.

BODY PICKED UP.—The Justice Department received the following message this morning: "Body of man picked up at Paradise this morning. Papers found give his name as Alveradi, seaman, born at Molino. —Sgd. J. P. SULLIVAN."

A FROSTY SNAP.—The lowest temperature for the season was registered up country last night. At Gander the mercury dropped to 25 below zero; at Bishop's Falls, 11 below; Humbermouth 15 below, and at Port aux Basques 4 above. Early this morning the temperature dropped to 2 below in the city.

SEALING DOCTORS HERE.—Dr. Knowlton, who for the past few springs has visited the icefields to make the trip with Capt. W. Winsor in the Thetis. Dr. Bontecou will this year make the trip with Capt. Geo. Barber in the Neptune. They are now registered at the Crosbie having arrived recently from New York.

All the members of Gower St. Choir are requested to attend the service to-night at 8 o'clock. After the service there will be the regular practice.—feb22,i

LECTURED ON FORESTERS.—In the Aula Maxima of St. Bon's College last night Major M. S. Sullivan gave an interesting account of "Our Foresters and their Work." The attendance was large. Among those present were His Grace Archbishop Roche, Rt. Rev. Mgr. McDermott, Fr. McGrath, Rev. Frs. Conway, Kenzie and Conroy, and a number of the Christian Brothers. The lecturer spoke in glowing terms of the qualities of the men of the Forestry Battalion, whose equals can nowhere be found. We regret that space does not permit us giving a detailed account of this important subject.

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