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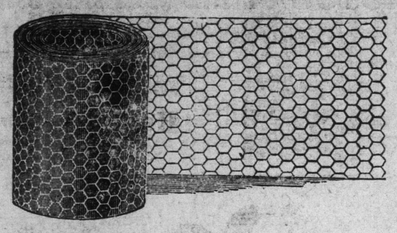

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Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, - - Proprietor
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TUESDAY, March 30, 1915.

Royal Commission's Report on Nfld.

The Dominions Royal Commission visited Newfoundland, it will be remembered last summer. The Commissioners report they have completed their enquiries about Newfoundland. A copy of that report has been sent to us by the Deputy Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Mews. As might be expected, there is practically nothing in the report which is new to Newfoundlanders. The value of the report depends on the probability that a report from a Dominion Royal Commission will bring facts that are well known here before the world of investors. The report shows that the oversea trade of Newfoundland is large per head of the population, due mainly to the fact that most of what we produce we export and most of what we consume we import. The per capita oversea trade of Newfoundland is given as £25.5; that of Canada as £29.7 and that of the United States as £9.9.

The Commissioners remark that "The importance of adequate steamship communication to a community thus dependent on oversea markets and sources of supply is evident." Incidently, we may remark it shows how dependent Newfoundland is on the Royal Navy in keeping sea routes open.

Figures are given showing the marked increase in this trade from 1903-4 to 1912-13 which draws from the Commissioners the statement: "This remarkable development has been attained without any considerable increase of population. It arises in the main from the more intense occupation of the people, due to the establishment of new, and the expansion of existing industries in the island."

A very interesting analysis is made of the import trade of Newfoundland, but it affords nothing new to us, as the points have been brought out in former and fuller analyses of our imports, but it may serve to stimulate the attention of manufacturers in the British Isles to Newfoundland.

In 1912-13, 28 per cent of the imports were shipped from the United Kingdom, 32 from Canada and 37 from Foreign Countries. "Almost the whole of the imports from foreign countries into Newfoundland came from the United States. Regular steamship communication with New York, and the proximity of the New England markets for the fish of the Colony, all tend to increase trade with the United States, and the United States has carefully cultivated this market."

"Complaint is made that British manufacturers make no organised bid for fresh trade in Newfoundland; their commercial travellers seldom visit the island, and their catalogues are drawn up with prices in sterling instead of in dollars and cents. For example, within the last year or two the United States, by means of judicious advertising and canvassing, have succeeded in creating an extensive business in the sale of various types of motor engines for boats, which are now becoming extensively used in the Newfoundland fisheries. United Kingdom manufacturers have made no serious attempt to enter the trade, though it is satisfactory to observe that last year Canada was putting up an effective competition with the United States in these engines.

We were also told that the British manufacturer makes no effort to suit the requirements of Newfoundland in tools, and articles of the hardware class, those coming from the United States being more attractive and saleable.

Though Newfoundland in itself may not be regarded by the British manufacturer as offering opportunities for large or lucrative trade, we call attention to these complaints, as we found that they were also extensively made in the Maritime Provinces of Canada. The combined field which the lands lying on the eastern seaboard of British North America offer to the trade of the Mother Country is not inconsiderable, and we are of opinion that the manufacturing and merchant houses in the United Kingdom could regain much of the commerce which has been captured by the United States. Instances have occurred in New Brunswick of successful competition by British firms with the American manufacturer of boots and shoes, and a similar result should also be possible in this and other trades in Newfoundland, which are now in the hands of the United States."

We shall continue our review of the report to-morrow.

Books—Food

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Nfld. Boys Arrive all Well.

His Excellency the Governor received a message this morning from Capt. O'Brien, stating that the troops had arrived in England this morning at 11.30; all well.

Police Court.

A 15 year old laborer, convicted of the larceny of six packages of tea, valued at 75 cents, was fined $10 or 30 days.

A drunk and disorderly was fined $2 or 7 days.

The defendant in an assault case was fined $10 or 30 days and give bonds to keep the peace.

A number of civil cases were disposed of in the Central District Court.

Cape Report

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind W. fresh, weather dull; no field ice in sight, ten bergs, all grounded; schr. Mabel B. Hynes passed in 12.30 p.m., and S.S. Portia in at 9.40 p.m. yesterday; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.04; ther. 31.

COAL CARGO.—The s.s. Coban, Capt. McPhail, is expected to leave Louisburg to-day with a cargo of coal to the Reid Nfld. Co.

Sealing News.

To Bowring Bros. from S. S. Terra Nova (yesterday forenoon).

"Drifted 50 miles since Saturday; ice tight; nothing new to report."

S. S. Florizel (last night).

"Still jammed; wind N. W."

S. S. Viking (last night).

"Ice tight; ship jammed; ice tight as far as can be seen; position 20 miles west of St. Paul's; Erik and Diana, north west, jammed."

S. S. Eagle (last night).

"Steamed one and a half miles to-day; ship jammed; nothing new to report."

(Copies of Messages.

From S.S. Neptune, March 29th, 1915.

"Monday evening, our position as follows: Five miles S.S.W. Cape Fogo, jammed."

(Sgd.) BARBOUR.

From S.S. Nascopie, March 30th, 1915.

"Nine, Tuesday, our position same as last reported, also others; light breeze from West; snow squalls; ice tight as far as can be seen, drifting out slowly."

(Sgd.) JOB

To Marine and Fisheries Department to-day from the following ports:

LaScie.—Calm, snowing, ice loose twcen the Cape and Gull Island; 1500 seals landed yesterday; Horse Island reports crew reached seals 10 miles E. of Gull Rocks last week, but 40 seals got on the Island, bad ice and distance too great.

Change Islands.—Wind West, fair, cold; ice on land, 3 old harps taken here yesterday.

Seal Cove.—Wind S.S.W., weather stormy; Bay still jammed with ice; no seals.

Preliminary Notice.

Methodist College Hall Thursday evening, April 15th. Mr. A. H. Allen, the Cathedral Choir. String Orchestra, etc.—m30,1i

Here and There.

Mr. J. P. Kieley, manager of the Nickel theatre, is a passenger on the incoming express.

LOCAL ARRIVES.—The local from Carbonear via Broad Cove arrived in the city at 1.15 p.m. to-day.

NO WORD OF LEAVING.—The s.s. Stephano was supposed to get away from Halifax for here this morning, but no word of her leaving has been received by Harvey & Co.

WHERE TO GET BAIT.—A message to the Marine & Fisheries to-day from Salmonier read: "Herring plentiful; any vessel requiring bait can get supply here." No doubt western bankers will avail of this opportunity.

We are now booking orders for New Hudson and Runwell Bicycles, fitted with 3 speed gear. BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.—mar30,3i

NO ROOM AT HOSPITAL.—Three female patients, one of whom is in a serious state, came by the Portia today, and a male patient by last night's train, to enter the General Hospital. There is no room for any of the patients, every cot being filled up.

RESUMES SERVICE.—The s.s. Argyle is now at the dock pier waiting to be coaled before taking up her regular service on Placentia Bay. She will likely await the arrival of the Coban, due here on Thursday, and will probably leave for Placentia Bay on Saturday taking up the service on Monday next. The Ethie, which is now plying on that route will come on here for a general overhauling before taking up the Trinity Bay service.

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"Stafford's Liniment" for destroying **Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia** and all **Aches and Pains.**

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Stafford's Prescription "A" a cure for **Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Gastritis** and **Nervous Dyspepsia.** Price: Trial size, 25 cts.; postage, 5 cts. extra. Large size, 50 cts.; postage, 10 cts. extra.

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On March 24th, at 153 Gower St., by the Rev. C. Whitemarsh, Elsie E. Coyell to Caleb C. Couch (Capt.). Both of this city.

Mr. O'Driscoll Explains His Position

WITH REGARD TO THE IRON PIPE ORDER.

Editor Evening Telegram:

Dear Mr. Editor,—Re my position with regard to the recent purchase of Iron Pipe by the City Commission, my first intimation of the Board's action was given me by a member who said they were looking for prices on a very large quantity of iron piping, and on enquiry through Mr. Longley they could save several thousand dollars to the city by buying in the American market, and furthermore he thought it was my firm Mr. Longley got the prices from, therefore I ought to lose no time in looking up the business. In the course of a few days Mr. Longley submitted a price of $22.70 per ton and a little later he submitted another price of $23.30, as freights had advanced.

In the meantime I took up the matter with my principals and wrote the Commissioners that I expected they would give me, the authorized agent, a chance to figure direct. Being a citizen and tax payer I naturally looked on this as my right, and furthermore the enquiry made by Mr. Longley to my firm showed he went to the best people in the business for prices, as he had the interest of our city at heart, but I think his interest should then be left for the Commissioners to take the matter up with me. At the next meeting of the Board my letter was read and I was asked to quote, which I did and submitted my price of $22.90, as against Mr. Longley's of $23.20, but to the surprise of Longley, whether through instinct or not must have found out something and quoted $6,000.00 less than your humble servant. I was made aware of this and immediately telegraphed my firm as follows, "New York competitors quoting 2.90 cif. net, ten less than ou. must beat that price to secure business." Not receiving an answer for three days and thinking my firm was too disgusted to enter any further into the business I wired them again as follows: "St. John's Municipal Board waiting my answer, is it possible for you to meet the quotations supplied them by Longley, of New York? Please answer." I received the following on the 25th of March: "We understand **Price mentioned your Telegram Twentieth was made in Error and Subsequently Withdrawn** and further that price of $22.90 is well in line with quotations other makers submitted to **Longley,** if absolutely necessary we might reduce our figure very slightly, and if you can secire firm offer from St. John's Municipal Board and will wire us we will immediately wire whether or not we can accept." I was informed by the Committee in charge our prices were still too high and wired again as follows on the 25th: "Have interviewed Municipal Board who inform me our prices not as low as others received, am very anxious to get this business and am prepared to split commission in two halves rather than lose it, do your very best, must have answer by Friday afternoon, they will close Friday night's meeting."

I may say here, Mr. Editor, I thought half a loaf better than no bread, hence my reason for offering to split my commission. You must remember **we all** feel the depression in business just now.

On March 26th I received the following telgeam: "Named lowest we can quote on present ocean freight, hope to secure to-morrow lower freight by guaranteeing return cargo to vessel and trust to make reduction fifty cents net ton, wire if this interesting and we will telegraph you definitely Saturday morning." It was on Saturday morning I received above and sent a copy to the Chairman, Hon. J. Harris, and Mr. C. P. Ayre, the Committee appointed by the Board to deal with the business. I got a further message at 2 p.m. same day as follows: "We now quote $22.45 net ton delivered St. John's, trust you can secure order, writing." I at once sent copies of that message to the Committee but to my great surprise at six o'clock I received a note from the Secretary stating the Board had accepted my offer of $27.50 per net ton on dock St. John's for 5,000 feet six inch pipe, and 2½ tons Pig Lead at 4½c. per pound, and also regretting it was unable to place the order for the large quantity of pipe with me.

This closes my statement with regard to the manner in which your humble servant has been dealt with in the Iron Pipe transaction. Now the question arises did I deserve the minor portion of the order? If so my prices were right and it is for the Committee to explain why I did not receive the whole order.

Thanking you in advance, Mr. Editor, for publication.

Yours truly,
P. C. O'DRISCOLL.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, March 30, 1915.

A box of Willard's Forkdipt Chocolates forms a very dainty and always acceptable Easter gift, and in view of this we have placed a very wide selection in our chocolate case, where you will certainly be able to find the very one you want for your purpose of the style and at the price you think best. Whichever package you select you need have no doubt as to the quality. Willard's Forkdipt though they vary in the character of the selection in each different box are uniformly good in quality. Price 45c. to $1.50 a box.

Shinon Liquid Metal Polish, Shinon Silver Cream, and Shinon Hand Cleaner will each be found fully up to the mark for their respective purposes. Price 15 cents a package.

GOWER ST. UNITED SERVICES.—At Gower St. Church last evening, Rev. Dr. Curtis conducted the opening service of the Week of Prayer, which the united congregations of Cochrane and Gower Street are holding this week. The service to-night begins at 7.45 and it is the desire of the Pastors to secure the co-operation of all the people and to make the service as impressive and helpful as possible.

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Boots, Shoes & Slippers

at greatly REDUCED PRICES. The Bargains offered in this Department for the next Ten Days will be the chance of a life-time to secure one of the biggest bargains ever offered to the Shoe trade.

Shoe Bargains.

Women's Tan Calf Pump. Goodyear welted, Silk Bow, Cuban Heels, Oak Soles. Regular $4.00 Shoe. SALE PRICE, **$2.20**

WOMEN'S WHITE BUCK PUMP, silk bow, Cuban heel, kid lined. Value $3.00. SALE PRICE **$2.20**

WOMEN'S TAN CALF BLUCHER SHOES, Goodyear welt, vassar last, Cuban heel. Value $4.25. SALE PRICE **$3.00**

WOMEN'S TAN NUCALF BUTT OXFORDS. Reg. $3.00 value. SALE PRICE **$2.20**

WOMEN'S GREY SUEDE BUTTON OXFORDS, Cuban heel, very dressy. Value $3.50. . . . . SALE PRICE **$2.50**

WOMEN'S KID 3-STRAP BEADED SHOES. Regular $2.25... SALE PRICE **$1.75**

Boot Bargains.

Women's Patent Leather Button Boots. Military heels, whipcord tops, solid leather soles and heels. Value $4.00. SALE PRICE,

$2.90.

WOMEN'S TAN KID BLUCHER BOOTS, whipcord tops, military heels. EMPIRE BRAND. Value $4.00. SALE PRICE **$2.90**

BOYS' BOX CALF LACED BOOTS, $1.00, $1.25, $1.90. A good, strong school boot for romping boys, and at these prices are a BIG BARGAIN.

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Certified "Dead" Revives.

Woman Lives Twelve Hours Afterward, Floral Tribute Held Up.

Wichita, Kan., March 23.—Mrs. F. E. Adkins, of Byron, Okla., apparently dead, and her physician made out a death certificate. Her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Townsend, of Wichita, sent flowers to her home when informed by telegram of her mother's death. Two hours after the death certificate had been signed, Mrs. Adkins is said to have recovered and was conscious 12 hours before she died.

The box of flowers was not delivered and Mrs. Townsend in Wichita was informed by wire that her mother had revived.