



Evening Telegram

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Friday, January 28, 1921.

Interesting Correspondence.

Last fall there were reports circulated in business offices and on the street, ultimately finding their way into the columns of the press, that the Government had given a guarantee to purchasers of Labrador fish for export, that public funds would be furnished to assist them in their ventures. To-day the substance of that rumor is still heard. Like Banquo's ghost it will not go down, and there is much free discussion that the guarantee was given and that eighty thousand quintals of Labrador fish were bought on the strength of it, and that the Colony stands to be out in the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars, because of this unheeded excursion into the realms of commerce. There has been no direct official denial of the circumstances surrounding this alleged guarantee, but it is popularly accepted that it was pledged, and that the financial resources of the colony would be drawn upon to meet the sum named, notwithstanding the piling up of increased expenditure against a steadily decreasing revenue. What gives much color to the ever-spreading report is the correspondence annexed, conducted between the Board of Trade, through its Secretary, and the Department concerned. In that correspondence the replies are deliberately evasive, and the refusal to answer the direct questions of the Board is an evidence that the story of the guarantee was not manufactured out of whole cloth, and the public will now be in a position to read between the lines of the official replies and determine for themselves just what was done. We make no apology for publishing this most interesting correspondence, deeming that a public service is being performed in giving the full text to our readers. If a raid had been made upon the Treasury by authorization, and it is none the less predatory because of that, the time has surely arrived, when the taxpayers must take the matter into their own hands, and assert their rights to protection from quasi legalised plundering. Correspondence between the Board of Trade and the Department of the Colonial Secretary, taken from the Board's Annual Report, appears in the next column.

A Canadian Opinion.

Some months ago the fisheries export trade of Newfoundland was put under regulations which practically gave the Government control over prices as well as grading and shipping. The measure was an extraordinary one and caused first protest and then defiance. It has now been brought as regards the greater part, under freedom instead of restriction is the rule. The failure is one of many that have attended efforts by government to control trade on a large scale, and in which trade was helped when they were abandoned.—Monreal Gazette.

Unfailing in its results. A Pure, Wholesome and Delicious Laxative, "LES FRUITS."—dec9,11

Correspondence.

26 November, 1920. Sir,— I am instructed by the Council of the Board of Trade to ask you:— (1) Whether the statement made in the Public Press, that the Government has guaranteed Fish Exporters who are purchasing Labrador Fish against loss in the marketing of fish is correct. (2) Whether monies have been advanced to said exporters to purchase Labrador Fish, and if so, on what terms. (3) Whether the Government has given any other guarantee in connection with the purchase of Labrador Fish. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, For and on behalf of the N.F.L.D. BOARD OF TRADE, (Sgd.) Ernest A. Payn, Secy.-Treas. Hon. Colonial Secretary, City.

Dept. of the Colonial Secretary, St. John's, Newfoundland, November 27, 1920.

Sir,— I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 26th November, which will be laid before the Executive Government.

I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS, Deputy Colonial Secretary, Ernest A. Payn, Esq., Secy.-Treas. Nfd. Board of Trade, City.

November 30, 1920. Sir,— Referring to your letter of the 26th inst., I have the honor to intimate that the Government has no information to give you, respecting the queries contained in your letter.

I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS, Deputy Colonial Secretary, Ernest A. Payn, Secy.-Treas. Nfd. Board of Trade, City.

3rd December, 1920. Sir,— Your favor of the 30th ult., has been received, replying to the queries addressed to you on the 26th ult., and was placed before the Council at their meeting to-day.

As your letter does not contain a definite contradiction to our queries, we assume that assistance in some form is being given by the Government in the purchasing and marketing of Labrador fish.

The Council, on behalf of the Newfoundland Board of Trade, and as representative of the whole commercial interests of the colony feels that such a subject as Government Financial Assistance or Guarantee is of such vital importance to not only those engaged in trade, but the whole citizenship of the country, that the details of any such scheme should be made public.

We would impress upon the Executive Government that the Board of Trade is strictly non-partisan. Known no political party or policy as such, and therefore views a matter such as "Government assistance for the purchase of Codfish" purely from a business and public welfare standpoint.

It is manifestly impossible for this Council to express an opinion upon any Government measure, such as now referred to, without having full particulars before them. Without here stating our views, on the general principle of Government interference in business, we submit that should the Government have decided to assist in the purchase of Codfish, by loan or guarantee, that it can only be done satisfactorily by two methods, either by the Government themselves becoming the actual purchasers and exporters; or if through individual firms, that privileges extended to any merchant should be open to all firms on equal terms.

It is needless to say that the Board of Trade is prepared to endorse and assist any policy or scheme that it believes to be in the interest of the Dominion.

In view of the importance of the whole matter, we would ask the Executive to reconsider their reply as forwarded the 30th.

I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) ERNEST A. PAYN, Secretary-Treasurer, Hon. Colonial Secretary, City.

December 7, 1920. Sir,— In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., I beg to state that the Government refer you to my letter of the 30th November, addressed to you, to which they have nothing to add.

I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS, Deputy Colonial Secretary, Ernest A. Payn, Esq., Secy.-Treas. Nfd. Board of Trade, City.

Grand Smoking Concert, in aid of the Poor, Holy Name Society Hall, Jan. 31st. Admission 20c.—Jan28,21

Libel Action Taken.

Oporto Firm Recent Statements of Mr. Coaker. "Writes were issued yesterday from the Supreme Court against Hon. W. F. Coaker and the Union Publishing Co., Ltd., for personal libel by Lind & Couto, of Oporto, Portugal, fish merchants, who claim \$100,000 damages. The Solicitors for the plaintiff firm are Howley & Fox. The statements on which the action is based, were made by Mr. Coaker at the Convention of the Licensed Fish Exporters, held on September 2nd, last year, in the Grenfell Hall, and afterwards published in pamphlet form by the Union Publishing Co., Ltd., on the instructions of Hon. W. F. Coaker, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The statements complained of are as follows: "We have been sending fish to Lind & Couto. That firm is as honest as any firm doing business, but they are no good to handle fish. They are old men whose time is past; they have no suitable stores to store fish; no suitable men to care for it; no young blood in the firm. It is stagnant. The conditions in its stores are abominable; the sheds you see keep pickled fish in are as good as their stores. You send them fish on consignment, and wait till they send what money they like for it—and you call business." It is not what I call business."

Elks Hold Card Party.

A card party, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, was held last night at St. John's Lodge, No. 1, R.P.O.E. About 120 players took part in the tournament which was a double-header—bridge and five-and-forty. In the bridge, Mr. Jack Strang and Mrs. R. H. Tait were the winners, while Mrs. J. Atkinson and Miss Casey won the five-and-forty. During the evening teas were served by the Ladies' Auxiliary and an impromptu dance followed which was concluded at 1 o'clock this morning.

For the Westward.

S.S. Glenora got away from Placentia early yesterday morning on western coastal service, taking the following passengers: Miss Hooper, M. Walters, M. Shears, H. Hillier, G. Beek, M. Finney, G. Keats, W. Browne, J. O'Neill, J. McGrath, W. A. Grant, G. Mottly, D. Elliott, C. R. Winsor.

May-o-Lind Memorial.

The Memorial to Private Frank T. Lind, now on exhibition in the window of Messrs. Ayre & Sons, Ltd., is attracting much attention. It takes the form of a Church Lectern on which a brass tablet with the following inscription is to be attached:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF PRIVATE FRANCIS T. LIND, Born at Bell's Cove, March 9th, 1873,

who, with many of his gallant comrades, died gloriously in action at Beaumont Hamel in France on July 1st, 1916.

"Their Names Liveth for Evermore." Though the lectern arrived by the last Sackham, the bronze unfortunately was not shipped with it, but will doubtless arrive in due course. The Memorial will be placed in the Anglican Church at Little Bay, where the deceased hero, to whom it is dedicated, belonged, and where his aged mother and father now reside.

McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28. The kind of cold that in this chilly weather, creeps on you unawares, is especially to be guarded against. If you catch it, the sometimes serious consequences which result from a neglected cold, it is well to have at hand good medicated lozenges, the timely use of which will often avert such a cold in quick time. Such a lozenge is McMurdo's Pine Tree Lozenge, well known and a remedy of tried merit. A box of these Lozenges, easily carried in the pocket, will usually suffice to rid you of such a cold before it makes much headway. Price 35c. a box.

N. C. O.'s Dinner.

The N. C. O.'s of the C. L. B. Cadets held their annual dinner at Wood's Restaurant last night. C. S. M. Williams was in the chair. After the excellent menu had been discussed the toast list, which was interspersed with songs and recitations, was gone through. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present.

Preparing for Races.

It is likely that within a day or two a meeting of the Horsemen's Association will be held, when arrangements for the annual races will be completed. It is expected that a very large number of entries will be made this year, as quite a number of horsemen are engaged in training their animals. Bert Axworthy (28%) has been out for several sprints, but it is not known yet if he will compete in a race. He may, however, be driven for exhibition.

Exchange.

To-day, Sterling 60 days 4.22 1/2, 80 days 4.23 1/2, Selling 4.24 1/2. Yesterday, Sterling 60 days 4.18 1/2, 80 days 4.19 1/2, Selling 4.20 1/2. AMERICAN, Selling 10%.

CHOIR PRACTICE.—Gower Street Choir are reminded that there will be a practice to-night at 9 o'clock.—Jan28,21

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

TERRA NOVA LODGE, No. 928. The installation of officers for the ensuing year of the above Brotherhood took place in their rooms on Hamilton Street, Jan. 22nd. The following officers were installed by Bro. H. G. Hutchings, Past President pro tem in place of P. J. Welch, who was unavoidably absent: Pres. Bro. C. A. Lynch, re-elected; V. P. Bro. G. Nosworthy, elected; Secy. R. Gaul, elected; Treas. J. P. Baker, re-elected; Agent-Official on Publication, Bro. L. White, re-elected; Conductor, Bro. T. Walsh, re-elected; Chaplain, Bro. A. Tippet, re-elected; Warden, Bro. J. Dowton, re-elected; Inner Guard, Bro. J. Neville, elected; Outer Guard, Bro. A. Blacker, elected. The Brotherhood since its organization has been of great benefit to the members, being for the interest of members and their employers alike, that a good understanding should be maintained between the two. It will be the constant endeavour of this organization to establish mutual confidence and create and maintain harmonious relations between their employers. During the past year practically every railroad trainman has become a beneficiary of the Brotherhood, which is a great protection in case of accident or death. The B. of R. T. is the largest organization of its kind on the American Continent. Terra Nova Lodge 928 is a branch.

Hockey Notes.

At a meeting of the Hockey League held in the office of Higgins and Hunt at 1 p.m. to-day the following motion was put and carried unanimously: "Games shall take place in the order in which they are drawn in the championship fixtures. In the event of the ice not being in a condition for play the match due to be played on that evening shall take place on the evening when ice is first available, and before the remaining fixtures, which shall follow in the order in which they were drawn in the championship fixtures, but no permitted except with the consent of the Association, but no team shall be compelled to play two nights in succession."

This rule will come into force on Monday next.

The rink management has already taken steps to deal with the congestion at the doors during the hockey games.

The Saints-Feildians game will be played to-night on Saturday and the splendid sheet of ice at present on the rink.

The line-up, so far as is known is: Saints Feildians L. Munn Goal, N. Hunt Defence, J. Rendell, Robertson, J. Tait Centre, Field Right, J. Payn Left, Coultas, W. Winter, E. Munn Alderidge

Not Entitled to Further Prize Money.

Editor Evening Telegram Dear Sir,— With reference to the letter on the subject of Naval Prize Money signed by John Rogers in your issue of the 21st inst., I would point out that the statement of the Chief Accountant of the Naval Service, Canada, in which he stated that applications for the Newfoundland War Gratuity should be made to the Registrar General, Royal Naval Reserve, St. John's, Newfoundland, is incorrect. All such applications should be forwarded to the Militia Department, St. John's, Newfoundland.

I would further point out that all men who have been paid Newfoundland War Gratuity have received their share, and are not entitled to any further Prize Money. I am sir, Yours truly, C. D. FENN, Lieut.-Commander, Registrar General, Nfd. Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. "Briton," Jan. 28th, 1921.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT. No report of S.S. Fortia leaving Sydney has yet been received. GOV. RAILWAY COMMISSION. Argyle at St. John's. Clyde left Paradise at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, inward.

Glenora left Burn at 10 a.m. yesterday, going to Port aux Basques. Kyle left St. John's at 2.20 p.m. yesterday, going to North Sydney.

Sacronia arrived at Fort aux Basques at 9.55 a.m. yesterday. Leaving there after arrival of No. 1 express.

Schooner June Arrives.

Baino Johnston's schooner June, Capt. Marshall, arrived in port this morning after a passage of 41 days from Torrevieja. The vessel encountered stormy weather the whole way out, the prevailing winds being westerly. About ten days ago the June was 200 miles off port, but was driven back by contrary winds, with minor damage to sails and rigging the ship is O.K.

Arrived by S.S. "Sachem."

BOVIRL, VIROL, Mackintosh's TOFFEE.

Baird & Co. Agents.

Opening Announcement.

LADIES' HAIRDRESSING PARLOR. Latest New York methods: Manicuring, Hand Molding, Oil Shampoos, Marcel, Round Water Waving, Hair-dressing, Electrical Facial Massage, Almond, Paris Clay Packs, Eyebrow Shaping, Treatments for falling hair a specialty.

MRS. J. L. COURNEY, 113 1/2 Military Road. (Next door to W. J. Murphy), dec31,1920, n.v.

MINARDS' LINIMENT FOR DISTEMPER.

Train Notes.

The Trepassay train which was stuck in the snow at Portugal Cove is working along slowly between that place and Renewa. Men have been sent out to fix up the push plows and the line will likely be clear to-day. The incoming express is due at 6 a. m. to-morrow.

Here and There.

Nouriture Laxative Infallible, "LES FRUITS."—dec9,11

WEATHER ALONG THE LINE.—Weather along the line last night was dull. The glass registered 10 degrees.

Try our Special Cambridge Sausages. Made fresh daily at ELLIS'.—nov10,11

The Gift for Health from the East, "LES FRUITS." ELLIS'. dec9,11

Brick's Tasteless makes you eat. For sale at STAFFORD'S. Price \$1.20; postage 20c. extra. Jan27,21

The Fat, hot spark from Reliable Batteries puts additional power into every charge of gas. dec21,22,23,Jan28,29,31,feb28,ml

PILE

Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, or protruding Piles. No operation required. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve and afford lasting benefit. See a box; all Dr. Chase's Ointment is sold by J. P. G. Limited, Toronto. Sample Box free if you mention this paper and enclose 2c. stamp to pay postage.

STAR OF THE SEA ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Star of the Sea Association will be held on Sunday evening, at 2.30 o'clock, in the Armoury of the T. A. Hall. The quarterly reports will be submitted. A large attendance is requested. By order, WM. F. GRAHAM, Secy.—Jan28,21

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply Wreaths and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

VALLEY NURSERIES, Box 984, St. John's, Tessler Brothers.

BORN. At the Southcott Hospital, on the 27th inst., a daughter to Capt. T. J. and Mrs. Connors.

DIED. At the Sanatorium, Topsail Road, on Jan. 27, William Ross, a native of Invernesshire, Scotland, aged 39 years. Funeral from St. Andrew's Society Rooms, Friday at 2 o'clock. At Bay Roberts, last night, Delphine, relict of the late John Jardine, J.P. Funeral on Sunday. No flowers.

IN LOVING MEMORY of my ever loving sons, James and Patrick Hearn, who were lost at sea on the s.s. Beverley. Three years ago they left home. "My two dear sons, oh how I miss ye Ever since ye went away: My thoughts and prayers are always for ye Though we will meet some other day I miss ye from your home, I miss ye from your place, A sorrow o'er my life is cast I miss your loving face. "God's will be done." (Inserted by their mother.)

IN LOVING MEMORY of Mrs. Martin Ivan, died January 25, 1920. "One precious to our hearts has gone. The voice we loved is still'd; The place made vacant our home. Can never more be filled. Our Father in His wisdom said: The boon His love had given; And though on earth the body lies The soul is safe in heaven."—Inserted by husband and children.

Knowling's Rubber Boots and Shoes, From the Best Makers.

- WOMEN'S Low and Storm RUBBERS, 95c., \$1.10, \$1.20. WOMEN'S Tan and White RUBBERS, \$1.70. MEN'S Low and Storm, RUBBERS, \$1.30, \$1.50, \$1.75. MEN'S STORM RUBBERS, Red Soles and Heels, \$1.90. Double Soles and Heels, \$2.45. MEN'S TAN RUBBERS, \$2.25.

KNOWLING'S EXTRA SPECIAL RUBBER BARGAIN.

- MEN'S & BOYS' STORM RUBBERS. Dull finish, with Heavy Red Soles and Heels. MEN'S—Reg. Price \$2.45. Now \$1.90. BOYS'—Reg. Price \$2.00. Now \$1.55. YOUTHS'—Regular \$1.65. Now \$1.30.

- GIRLS' Low and Storm RUBBERS. Sizes 3 to 1080c. Sizes 11 to 295c.

- GIRLS' Tan and White RUBBERS. Sizes 3 to 10 \$1.40. Sizes 11 to 2 \$1.55.

- BOYS' Low and Storm RUBBERS. Sizes 8 to 13 95c. Sizes 1 to 5 \$1.25.

- GIRLS' RUBBER BOOTS. Sizes 6 to 10 \$2.70. Sizes 11 to 2 \$3.20. WOMEN'S \$3.70.

- BOYS' RUBBER BOOTS. Sizes 1 to 5 \$4.60. Sizes 9 to 13 \$3.50.

- MEN'S RUBBER BOOTS. \$5.00 and \$5.80. RED BALL, \$7.00. WOMEN'S BUTON GAITERS, \$3.20, \$4.80, \$5.60. Strapped, \$4.80.

Knowling's, Central, Duckworth Street and West End Shoe Stores. Jan28,41,11

From Cape Race. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind northwest, strong, weather fine; the steamers Sable I. and Kyle passed west at 7.30 p.m. yesterday; nothing sighted to-day.—Bar. 29.45; Ther. 25.

Knowling's GROCERY STORES, DUCKWORTH STREET, WEST END AND CENTRAL offer the following: First Runnings Choice BARBADOS GROCERY MOLLASSES, \$1.00 PER GALLON. BEEF. LIBBY'S CHOICE PLATE BEEF 7c. lb. ONIONS. VERY CHOICE VALENCIA— 10 lbs. 65c. Per lb. 7c. G. Knowling, Ltd. Jan27,31,11,11

Announcement! Increasing Our Floor Space The business carried on during the past under the styling of WM. FREW has been taken over by us and for the future shall be conducted under the management of MR. JNO. H. TAYLOR (for many years foreman with Wm. Frew). Our intention is to display in this section the same values and attractions that our big store affords. By this means it will help to relieve congestion and overcrowding so evident during our busiest hours. Yours for improved facilities,

James Baird LIMITED. White Duck Regular \$2.65 ea. Regular \$3.00 ea. Regular \$3.35 ea. Regular \$3.50 ea. Regular \$4.80 ea. White Silk In a host of smart styles; shown for the sizes from 36 to Reg. \$4.25 each. Reg. \$5.00 each. Reg. \$6.25 each. Reg. \$7.50 each. Reg. \$11.50 each. Reg. \$15.30 each. Georgette In White and colorings; entire lace trimmed; of newest styles. Reg. \$15.25 each. Reg. \$15.30 each. Reg. \$17.85 ea. Reg. \$18.00 ea.

Hockey Match! Prince of Wales' Rink To-Night at 7.30. Saints vs. Feildians. General Admission, 25c.

Heart in Pouch Outside Body. Paris medical authorities were called recently to Solesons to examine an infant born to a working family with heart and intestines contained in

Wool Blank All pure wool reliable quality. Size 50 x 70. Size 54 x 70. Size 60 x 75. Size 66 x 84. Size 70 x 88. Size 70 x 88. Size 74 x 88. Grey Wool. Size 56 x 74. In White a Regular \$1.50 yd. Regular \$2.50 yd. Regular \$2.25 yd. Regular \$3.60 yd. White and Regular \$4.75 yd. Regular \$7.00 yd. Regular \$7.50 yd. In White a Regular \$1.50 yd. Regular \$2.50 yd. Regular \$2.25 yd. Regular \$3.60 yd. White and Regular \$4.75 yd. Regular \$7.00 yd. Regular \$7.50 yd. You will want neat and smart. White Duck Regular \$2.65 ea. Regular \$3.00 ea. Regular \$3.35 ea. Regular \$3.50 ea. Regular \$4.80 ea. White Silk In a host of smart styles; shown for the sizes from 36 to Reg. \$4.25 each. Reg. \$5.00 each. Reg. \$6.25 each. Reg. \$7.50 each. Reg. \$11.50 each. Reg. \$15.30 each. Georgette In White and colorings; entire lace trimmed; of newest styles. Reg. \$15.25 each. Reg. \$15.30 each. Reg. \$17.85 ea. Reg. \$18.00 ea. Need Dainty Dress Lace and Linen