



Evening Telegram

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The Latest Suggestion.

The very latest "will you walk into my parlor" suggestion is now being made by those who support the operation of the Fish Regulations. It is indeed difficult at times to determine just what number of the exporters proper, particularly those in St. John's, hold a firm opinion on the benefits to be derived from the effect which the regulations themselves will ultimately have on the foreign markets. To-day most of them praise the enactments: yesterday they damned them in fluent language, more forcible than polite; to-morrow another change may result. Such a constantly veering policy cannot commend itself to those who are acquainted with the vacillations of the gentlemen in question, and it is openly said that expediency is the cause of their many changes of front. The Exporters' Association does not number among its members the whole body of the Fish Exporters of Newfoundland. Therefore its opinions and its operations do not represent those of the dominion at large. Cursing in one breath and flattering with the next does not make for consistency, nor yet for stability of purpose, and that is just what is happening.

In the latest defence of the Regulations, champions cry out "Let us give them a try-out and a test. If they eventually prove unworkable and militate against the fish trade abroad, we will withdraw them." Quite specious, what! The spider which issued the invitation to the fly to take a look around his best room had nothing on the men who make such an insidious request of those who are opposed to the Fish Regulations. The protagonists ask that everybody shall acquiesce and follow their lead. Such a demand is beyond reason. It would mean that a blind plunge would be made into an unknown situation and if the results did not work out to advantage—as they could not—who would be the loser? How long would it take to get back to normal again? The fish business would be irretrievably crippled and hundreds of thousands of quintals assuredly left in the hands of buyers who would be ruined beyond repair. There is too much of a sinister aspect attached to such a suggestion. Its object is to burke all criticism and prevent knowledge of conditions from reaching the fishermen, who in the final analysis stand to be the heaviest losers on account of the Fish Regulations. With honest criticism blanketed and discussion choked off by agreement, the affairs of the Exporters' Association would run smoothly for themselves, the members would be happy and the producer at end receive just that which would be coming to him by expert calculation.

Your friends can buy anything you can give them except your Photograph. J. C. PARSONS, Photographer, Bank of Montreal Bldg.—Oct 22, 1921, m.w.

Why Is This?

The Advocate says: "New York firms ship Newfoundland fish to European markets, and undersell that from here, thus causing a big loss on the bulk of our fish."

The foregoing statement may be regarded as the most momentous and significant that has as yet been made about the fish market, and—admitting its truth for argument's sake only—we desire from the Advocate specific answers to the following questions, suggested by the above extract:

- (1) Do New York firms pay local current prices for our fish?
- (2) Are freights on fish less via New York to European markets, than direct from Newfoundland, and if so what is the proof?
- (3) If freights via New York are less, why not ship that way altogether?
- (4) If the New Yorker pays local current prices and as much or more, for freight, does he take smaller profits than the Water Street Exporter?
- (5) If the New Yorker is so hampered by the regulations as to be driven out of the local market, who will be the beneficiary—the producer, who will have fewer buyers to whom to sell, and consequently, less competition, or the local Water Street Exporter?
- (6) Is the main object of the Codfish Export Regulations, the creation of a local monopoly to so buy and sell codfish as to give the fishermen as little as possible, and the merchant exporter as much as he can grab?
- (7) Finally, why is it that Exporters are now supporting Coaker's Regulations—for their own profit or that of the fishermen? Are they profiteers or patriots?

Notes and Comments.

The Trade Review is authority for the statement that there was a lot doing in fish along the waterfront last week.

Forty barrels of whiskey are said to have been used up at the Democratic Convention at San Francisco. And people wondered why the meeting lasted so long.

Ireland is more than twice the size of Denmark and Switzerland together, and almost a third larger than Holland and Belgium combined. Her area is 32,631 square miles.

The Electrical Department of the Reid Nfld. Company complains of a shortage of water at the Petty Harbour Power Station. Where did all the rain that fell during the month, go?

Trade Review: "If fish prices can be kept at their present level, the fishermen will come out of their ventures fairly well, and will be able to secure themselves for the winter." Everybody sincerely hopes so.

"To drop the Fish Regulations now would be to court disaster," says the Advocate. This sounds like the story of the man who had the tiger by the tail. That's exactly Coaker's position—he dare not let go. But why did he take hold?

Unconvinced: "Why are your whiskers so thin on the right side of your face, Mr. Johnson?" asked little Winnie. "Oh, that's because I always sleep on my right side, and that rubs the hair away!" was the reply. "Well, but father doesn't stand on his head when he is asleep!" objected Winnie.

We hear that at the meeting of the Exporters' Association, at which that wonderful series of resolutions, denouncing the press was passed, a majority of the members entirely coincided with the much berated press, but were careful not to express their opinions in conference. They did so, however, after the proceedings terminated. More power to such a courageous bunch.

Coaker's organ speaks of the Exporters' Association as that "Powerful Organisation," and commends their patriotism. These same Exporters are the "Graballs" of the days when Coaker was not sitting in the seats of the mighty. Now that he rides around in state, he hails the black sheep of former days as though they were converted men. The explanation is—Coaker to-day is a merchant and an exporter.

Once a year, at the annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the famous painting of the Irish patron saint, which is the proudest possession of the Friendly Sons' organization, is hung in the place of honor in the banquet-hall. The picture represents the mitred early churchman with long white beard. In the right hand is a sprig of shamrock, in the left a cross, which rests on the head of a serpent.

The "Northern Lights."—Considerable study has been devoted to the cause of the Aurora Borealis, or "Northern Lights," but the only con-

clusion which has as yet been arrived at is that they must be ascribed to the agency of electricity in the upper regions of the atmosphere. In what way the phenomenon is produced remains unknown. That such is the case is certain from the fact that during brilliant auroral displays the magnetic needle is generally disturbed and sometimes violently agitated. The air at the same time is often observed to be so highly charged with electricity as to interfere materially with the working of telegraph lines.

Nfld. Teachers' Association.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The regular quarterly meeting of the executive of the Teachers' Association was held in the Board of Trade Building on Saturday afternoon at 2.30. The following members were present:—R. Dwyer, Esq., J.P., President; Rev. Bros. J. R. Ryan, J. E. Ryan and P. V. Strapp; Miss E. Bradbury, Messrs. Wood, Griffin, Samson, Guilfoyle, King and Butt.

After the minutes of last meeting had been read and adopted, the secretary tabled the report of the Convention of the past summer. This showed that 315 teachers registered and the average attendance was about 275. That the Convention was an unqualified success is unquestionable. Many teachers had written the Secretary expressing their appreciation of the different lectures and intimating how they were endeavouring to put many of the suggestions and recommendations into practical effect. Of course the question of salary was the supreme issue, and this was dealt with by the Convention in the way that was thought to be the best for the teachers. As will be remembered, two resolutions were submitted to the Government: (1) For a general increase of 25% on the Grant to Boards; (2) to make the increase of 40% on the augmentation received by the teachers in June retroactive from the first of January. The Government very generously granted the second of these resolutions, which, considering the many urgent demands on their financial resources was quite satisfactory, especially as the Minister of Education assured the Convention that next year he hoped to be in a position to do even better than that asked for in the first resolution. The Secretary then stated that all bills had been sent to the Treasurer for payment.

The Treasurer reported that there would be a substantial balance left after all expenses had been met. All cheques had not, as yet, been returned, but a full report would be made at the next meeting.

The Secretary then read his quarterly report, which showed that although there was a vast improvement in the number of teachers joining, nevertheless teachers were not supporting the Association as they should. He hoped that before the next meeting the new circular would be issued and that this would be the means of causing an improvement in this respect. He also intimated that he hoped to establish branches of the N.T.A. in different parts of the country, where teachers could meet and discuss matters at least once a year. It behooves every teacher who reads this report, if not already a member, to join immediately, as the Association needs the support of every teacher if it is to be successful in the work it has undertaken.

The minutes of the Convention were then read and caused some discussion, especially the report of the committee on "Standardized Salaries." This report will be sent to every member of the executive and thoroughly discussed at the next meeting. A full account of this meeting and Convention, minutes and report will appear in the Journal.

Neglected War Trophies.

Some time ago a number of heavy guns were brought here from England as war trophies and landed opposite the Furness Wharf premises. A whippet tank was later brought and left in the same place. Apparently they have been given no further attention by those whose duty it is to look after them. Daily boys may be seen monkeying with the mechanism of both the guns and tank, and it may be taken for granted that what the Germans could not destroy, small boys will, if given time enough.

Express Passengers.

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques yesterday morning, with the following passengers who are on the incoming express: J. M. Devine, J. T. Meaney, Miss E. G. Hunter, Capt. J. Ford, H. B. McCurdy, S. P. Field, J. Walsh, Mrs. G. Shea, Miss A. Carter, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. M. Russell, Mrs. M. Steadley, L. C. O'Brien, F. Wood, Mrs. A. Anderson, Rev. Dr. Curtis, W. H. Gossie, J. M. Davis, J. B. Mahoney, Lady Outerbridge, Miss J. LeGrow, Major Nason, Capt. J. Pike, E. Penney, Capt. Randall, Miss J. McLaughlin, Miss S. Jones, G. Dava-

Exporters Whine.

WANT PEOPLE'S MONEY TO BUY FISH.

The Daily News, this morning, says it was commonly reported on Saturday evening that at the meeting of the Exporters' Association held on the previous day, a resolution had been passed requesting the Government to advance four hundred thousand dollars to aid in the financing of the purchase of one hundred thousand quintals of Labrador fish. Assuming that the price was fixed at eight dollars a quintal this would mean that the exporters would be aided to the extent of fifty per cent in their purchases. The report created considerable comment along the street where the idea was generally dubiously received.

Gower Street Sunday School.

At the close of the session of the Gower Street Sunday School yesterday afternoon a short service was held in respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Capt. Edgcombe, nee Miss Belle Butt, a long time worker in the Sunday School and for many years interested in every department of the work of the church. Mr. Albert Soper was the first speaker to pay his tribute to her memory. He spoke of others who had made great contributions to the building of the Kingdom of God by their untiring and faithful efforts in the work of the church. Then he went on to speak of Mrs. Edgcombe's service in the choir, the work of the Bible Society and the teaching of the primary department in the Sunday School. She was greatly interested in the training of the younger children, and the success of many a Sunday School anniversary was due to her faithful practices. Prof. King, at one time choir-master and organist in Gower Street, spoke of his associations with Mrs. Edgcombe as a member of the choir. He recalled her faithfulness in attending practices, her using of her utmost strength in the discharge of her obligations and her unfailing cheerfulness in all the intercourse of life. He urged the girls and boys of the school on whom would fall in the future the carrying on of the work of the church, to emulate her in her fidelity and willingness to serve. The service concluded with the Dead March in Saul played by Prof. King, while the entire school stood with bowed heads.

The Men's Bible Class in the afternoon was largely attended, and listened with interest to the teacher, the Pastor of the church, as he gave some impressions of life in the old country received during his recent visit there. There were a large number of additions to the membership of the class. It was announced that the speaker at the regular class session next Sunday would be Rev. C. H. Johnson, who on Friday last gave a most interesting address before the prayer meeting on Missionary Work in the Canadian South West. A number of new teachers were present at this session of the Sunday School for the first time and the classes were re-arranged for the fall and winter season. The program of the coming Institute for the Sunday School teachers of the Methodist Churches was read, and for the Boys' Conference, which is to be held in the city next week. Altogether it was an interesting and profitable session of this old Sunday School, and one that augurs well for the work of the current year.

Took Fire at Sea.

One of the French trawlers arriving in port Sunday brought news of a thrilling experience at sea of the crew of the trawler Asie, one of the fleet operating out of Port de Boulogne, France. The Asie was on her way here Friday when in the awful gale that swept the Atlantic she broke out in the gale. Tossed about by the fury of the storm the craft seemed doomed, and those on board felt as if their last voyage had been made. However, the hardy tollers of the deep fought valiantly while the commander headed the craft for St. Pierre. Down in the stoke-hole the firemen worked like trojans in the hope that this vessel would reach shore before sinking. Equally hard did those on deck work to extinguish the flames. In the meantime the S.O.S. signals were flashed out and in this manner the news reached here. Another message from the Asie told of the fire being extinguished just before the trawler reached St. Pierre. All the food supplies on board were destroyed, but thanks to the efforts of the fire fighters the damage to the vessel was only slight. However, before resuming her journey to North Sydney, repairs will be necessary in addition to replenishing her larder.—North Sydney Herald, Oct. 19.

Roof of Street Car Caught Fire.

Saturday night at 10 o'clock the roof of street car No. 5 caught fire at the corner of Adelaide and Water Streets, owing to some wires coming in contact with the woodwork. The conductor, with the aid of a bucket of water, quenched the blaze and beyond a small hole being burned in the roof very little damage was done.

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New French Trawler.

One of the last trawlers to be launched in France this year (there were six new ones built) was the Mont Kemmel, which arrived in port this morning, says the North Sydney Herald of October 19. The new vessel is fitted with all modern improvements and is one of the larger class of trawlers, operating on the Banks. Owing to the delay in launching the Mont Kemmel, she had only a chance for a short try at the fish when compelled to run here to have her bunkers replenished. During her brief spell on the Banks the Mont Kemmel met with great success.

Combined Church Parade.

Yesterday morning the Gower St. Troop of Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs in a combined parade, attended service at the Congregational Church. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. H. Johnson, the pastor, and was particularly timely and suited to the occasion. A rally of the Sunday School of the Church was held at the same time. About 75 Scouts and Cubs were in the parade, and the procession was filmed by a representative of the Maritime Motion Picture Company now in the city. On Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 the Scouts and Cubs will parade on the grounds of the Methodist College, and will be again filmed in their signalling, drilling and ambulance work. These pictures will be exhibited later on in the city. The Scouts are looking forward with interest to an illustrated lecture to be given by Commander Penn of H.M.S. Briton on the evolution of the British Navy.

American Sugar Quoted at 11 Cents.

Newfoundland Consumers are Paying 32 cents.

Willott and Gray's (New York) Daily Sugar Trade Journal of October 15th quotes the following, re sugar prices: "RAWS—There is nothing new to report in raws. The market is steady with some buying interest at current quotations of 8 cents duty paid. At noon the Americans entered the raw market for the first time in a long period and bought 12,000 bags prompt shipment Cubas at 7 c.i.f., (8.03 cents duty paid) and which buying gives a steadier tone to the market. "REFINED—Refined cane sugar is quoted all over the United States from Atlantic to Pacific at 11 cents less 2 per cent seaboard basis. Central West-ern beet sugars are quoted at 10.00 cents while far western beets are 10.80 cents, both less 2 per cent."

Fraternal Interchange.

A delegation from Wabana Lodge, I.O.O.F., will pay a fraternal visit to Atlantic Lodge, No. 1, to-night, and a big gathering of Oddfellows is looked for. There will also be an official visit from the D.D.G.M. During the evening the first and second degrees will be exemplified.

The "Nordica."

The Newfoundland schooner Nordica, reported in to-day's despatches as abandoned at sea, and crew of six men and two stowaways landed at New York, by s.s. Willfaro, was owned by Patten & Forsay, of Grand Bank, and was on her way to Grand Bank with a salt cargo, having discharged a cargo of fish at Oporto.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N.W., blowing strong, weather dull and hazy. S.S. Rosalind passed west at 5.50 p.m. yesterday; an unknown steamer passed in at 6.45 a.m. to-day. Bar 29.80; Ther. 46.

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