



Evening Telegram

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The Aftermath of the Fish Regulations.

Not so very long ago, Mr. Coaker was fond of announcing via the Advocate and for the benefit and information of the people North, that Mr. George C. Harris, manager of the firm of Samuel Harris, Ltd., Grand Bank, and also of the subsidiary companies of that house, was one of the strongest supporters of the Fish Regulations in Newfoundland, and believed absolutely in their usefulness and assistance to exporters of fish. Time and again this was repeated. The Advocate also gravely announced at various times, and challenged contradiction, that not a licensed exporter on the West Coast had lost a dollar on fish cargoes, nor had any cargoes been shipped from that section under any other terms than outright sales. How utterly false and malicious were these statements, manufactured for F.P.U. consumption, and with the design of hoodwinking the North, everybody now knows. The first firm to dispute this contention, and to deny it convincingly was John Penny & Sons, of Ramea, whose story of the "Edith Cavell" and her cargo revealed many things unknown and unthought of. Mr. George Penny, manager of this company was never an upholder of the Regulations as they applied to the West Coast, neither was he advertised by Mr. Coaker or the Advocate as such.

But Mr. Geo. C. Harris was one of the gentlemen immortalized in the columns of the Coaker organ as the one man who consistently upheld the operation of the Regulations at home and abroad. Mr. Harris did not take the trouble to deny that statement, knowing how unfounded and incorrect it was, therefore his condemnation of Mr. Coaker's pet policy, and the havoc it made with the business of Harris, Limited, comes with startling force in the form of a petition to the House of Assembly asking for Government assistance to aid in carrying on the business of the firm, which has been practically brought to disaster and ruin by those very Fish Regulations of which Mr. Coaker claimed and heralded supporters. Here is how Mr. Harris answers the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and shows how contemptibly misleading is the statement made by the latter.

"The present unfortunate position in which your petitioners are placed is due entirely to the fact that owing to the Fishery Regulations having been enforced since November, 1919, the conduct of their business was taken out of their control and thereby hampered and losses on both 1919 and 1920 voyages sustained by them because of these regulations, which otherwise would not have been incurred."

Needs there any greater categorical denial of Mr. Coaker's assertion that Geo. C. Harris was friendly disposed toward

the Fish Regulations? Needs there any stronger indictment of the financial ruin wrought by the said Regulations than the paragraph of the petition from which we have quoted, and which further enlarges the case of Messrs. Harris in these words:

"Your petitioners estimate that in the case of the businesses conducted by them these losses would aggregate a sum of over one million dollars."

The four firms conducted by Harris, Ltd., alone lost one million dollars in less than two years, because of Mr. Coaker's tinkering with established methods of trade. On four cargoes only a loss of nearly two hundred thousand dollars was incurred, and yet the people of Newfoundland have been told over and over again with the most sublime and unblushing inveracity that the Fish Regulations were the salvation of the country. Let the petition of Harris, Ltd., be the first challenge to this barefaced assertion.

Sugar Prices Advanced.

Yesterday, in the city grocery stores there was a great demand for sugar, caused by a rumor that the new tariff came into effect. The advance seemed to get ahead of the rumor, however, as the sugar was sold at 13 cents per lb. in many of the stores, although the increased duty did not become effective until to-day. There is no doubt about it but sugar speculators have taken advantage of the advance information given by the Prime Minister in the Budget.

Masonic Club.

SUCCESSFUL SMOKING CONCERT. The smoking concert held last night in the Masonic Temple under the auspices of the Masonic Club, was a very successful affair, and was attended by a large audience. The concert was presided over by the President of the Club, Mr. F. Hamlin. The programme was an excellent one and every item earned rounds of well merited applause. Speeches were made during the evening by Brothers C. R. Duder, D.G.M.S.C., S. D. Blandford, P.M., C. T. James, and D. M. McFarlane. Refreshments were provided by the Committee. At 11.30 p.m. the National Anthem brought the concert to a close. The programme was as follows:—

Opening address.
Chairman—Mr. F. Hamlin.
Piano Solo—Mr. H. G. Christian.
Duet—Messrs. Ruggles and Williams.
Instrumental Duet. Piano and French Horn—Messrs. Bulley and Christian.
Song—Mr. H. Foster.
Popular Selections—Messrs. Ruggles and Foster.
Song—Mr. A. Williams.
Song—Mr. F. Ruggles.
Instrumental Duet—Messrs. Christian and Bulley.
Character Song—Bro. T. Kavill.

Hit by Motor Car.

BOY SLIGHTLY INJURED. A boy named Patrick Bird, seven years of age, is now in hospital suffering from injuries received through being hit by a motor car at the junction of Hutchings' and New Gower Streets last night. The boy was running in the street and suddenly ran in front of a car, driven by Mr. James Colford. Before the latter could stop, Bird was hit by one of the front wheels and was thrown into the street. Mr. Colford immediately picked the boy up and drove him to Dr. Burdett's surgery where he was taken to the hospital. His injuries are fortunately slight and he will be about again shortly. According to evidence, blame can be attached to the driver of the car.

FOOTBALL BOOTS FOR MEN. Genuine English make, "Cliff" Brand, White and Brown, at PARKER & MONROE'S. may26.1f

The Habeas Corpus Act.

On May 27, 1920, the forty-first year of the reign of Charles the Second, King of Great Britain and Ireland, when the royal power was so great that persons had frequently been detained in custody at the sole discretion of the Sovereign, an Act of Parliament was passed, that was named in Latin "Habeas Corpus," which means in English "Thou mayest have the body." This required the person having custody of a prisoner to bring him before the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Keeper, or any one of the judges of the court mentioned in this writ, and to state the cause of the imprisonment, unless it was for treason or felony plainly expressed in the warrant; and such an authority could set the accused free or at liberty, or on bail for trial at a future date. The effect of these Acts of Parliament is to produce within the strictest limits all imprisonment of persons not convicted of any criminal offence, though in troublesome times they have occasionally been suspended for short periods, as during the Great War, when D.O.R.A. superseded the operation of Habeas Corpus on many occasions.

DANCE IN CADET HALL.—About 50 couples attended last night's concert and dance held in the Cadet Hall. The affair was arranged by Mrs. P. J. Kinsella, and the proceeds will be devoted to the fund for equipment of the new Mercy Convent School.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Labor Asks For Bread. Squires Offers a Committee

Yesterday afternoon the men engaged at relief work, who had gone on strike in the morning because the pay had been reduced by about 32 cents per day, assembled on the Parade Ground and to the number of over 1,000 paraded to the Assembly, for the purpose of laying their grievances before the Prime Minister. Parliament did not open at the usual hour, but in the meantime a conference with the Chairman of the unemployed committee and the Prime Minister was held in the Speaker's Room. At about 4.30 the unemployed committee, amongst whom were Mrs. Julia Sater, and Mr. George Ayre entered the Assembly and advanced to the Bar of the House. A large number of the men on strike had in the meantime been admitted to the galleries. All the police force available including the full Detective branch had been ordered to the scene in case there was to be a disturbance, but the great crowd was kept orderly. At the Bar of the House the Chairman of the unemployed committee, Mr. J. Whitty, as soon as the opportunity presented itself, stated to the Session that they had not come for this, the third time, to embarrass the Government, but they had come that something may be done to clear up a somewhat complicated position. Since they had last been in the House, the Prime Minister had informed him that \$150,000 had been placed at the disposal of the Municipal Council, and he understood that the sum of \$40,000 had so far been expended. Yesterday they were notified by the Municipal Commission that the wages had been cut 25% per cent. Their mission at the Bar of the House was to find out why this had happened. He also wanted to know what would be done in another week, as by that time the Council would have all the money expended. Mr. Whitty then referred to an interview with the Commissioners the previous evening, and he also read for the House, the communication from the Council notifying the workmen of the reduction in wages. He then appeared personally to the Premier for a satisfactory message to bring to the people waiting outside the House. An outburst of applause here greeted the speaker, after which he asked the Premier was the \$150,000 given to the Council to provide, labor, or was it to purchase materials.

Mr. Whitty—"Then the Government has not contributed anything to help us poor people."

The Prime Minister explained that amounts from the East and West End District grants had been allocated to the unemployed, and he referred particularly to one in the West End.

Mr. Whitty—"Well, somebody has started at the wrong end, especially as regards the cut in wages. We came here not two weeks ago for assistance from you and we are still without it."

(Here one of the visitors in the lobby became noisy and shouted at the Premier: "Get out and let some one else help us!")

The Premier's committee was present, restored order, after which Mr. Robbins apologized for the interruption, explaining that it was not caused by one of their men. Continuing, he said: "Where is the man inside that bar who will help the workmen? Where is the man who will take the man of my class out of the mire? We want the man that can help us, and nothing but a written guarantee will satisfy us."

The Premier replied and stated that he had placed the Government Engineer and Surveyors at the disposal of the Council, so that there was no delay in having the works opened, up during the past week. He suggested that a committee of two or six wait on him in the morning, as it was impossible to discuss the situation in the House.

The members for the Districts of St. John's East and West, spoke on the matter also. A report of their speech will be found in the House of Assembly proceedings. After several suggestions had been made by members, the Prime Minister promised that he would undertake to guarantee the payment of \$50,000 for the Municipal Council.

Chairman Whitty thanking the House for its attention, withdrew with his committee and went outside the House to address the waiting crowd. He told them to start work again in the morning and they would receive their \$3.25 per day. The members of the committee who were dissatisfied with the answers given in the House, announced to the men that he was faithful to the committee as they had fallen down on their job, and had not received the satisfaction which the workmen had expected. He was joined by another committee man and eventually by a large number of the workmen, some of whom were for going back to the Bar of the House for a definite answer to the question of rent has to be received. The remainder of the committee gathered the crowd in groups and discussed the situation, promising the men to await the result of this morning's conference.

One Hundred Per Cent. Tax on Sugar. Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir.—If you will spare me a little space, I would like to say a few words with reference to house rents. It is indeed true that something was done to check the "Rent hungry landlords," for there seems to be no limit to the outrageous rent prices asked by landlords, not all of them, of course, but some of them, who are taking advantage of the present housing problem. Everybody knows how difficult it is at present to obtain a rented house or even rooms. One has to get under the first roof that offers itself. It is forced to go to the place of a secondary consideration in the majority of cases. While the prices of some of the necessities of life are on the down grade, to the rent, the cut, and the working man is finding it a great difficulty to pay his rent, which advanced as things went up, he cannot come down at the same pace.

Why not have a Housing Board or a Housing Committee created to protect the tenants from the landlords? It is done and the authorities are asking extortionate rents. It is done and the authorities are asking extortionate rents. It is done and the authorities are asking extortionate rents.

Getting back to the question of rents and living in a reconstruction period and it is about time that the authorities get busy and get the rents down. I sincerely hope that a more able man than mine will take up this very important matter, but just to prove my own experience, I would quote you a case of a landlord in the West End asking \$30.00 per month for two rooms and the get it, but not from yours truly. Thinking you in anticipation, Mr. Editor, for space.

Yours truly, FENNANT. May 27, 1921.

IMPORTANT. L.S.P.U. Officers Elected. At the annual meeting of the L.S.P.U. held last night, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President—J. Flavin.
Vice-President—J. Woodridge.
1st Asst. V.P.—M. Connors.
2nd Asst. V.P.—T. Healey.
1st Treasurer—J. English.
2nd Treasurer—J. Sullivan.
Recording Secretary—J. Cant.
Financial Secretary—W. Furlong.
Grand Marshal—J. Kavanagh.
Messrs. Morrison, Squires, Fiedle, Bennett and Courtney conducted the election.

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Daily Star Apologizes to Mr. Morine.

RETRACTS STATEMENTS MADE.

In last evening's issue of the "Daily Star" there appeared the following apology and explanation in reference to a leading article printed in its issue of May 26th, and for which Mr. Morine entered action in the Supreme Court for defamation of character:

THE APOLOGY.

In the Star on the 26th inst., in an editorial article, it was asked if A. H. Morine had not allowed R. G. Reid to import goods without paying duty. Mr. Morine, who was Minister of Finance and Customs in 1898 and 1899, conceived this to be an imputation upon his conduct as such Minister, and brought a libel suit against the Star and its editor. On the 10th inst., the Star editorially commented on the report that Mr. Morine intended to bring suit, and in that comment it was stated that (1) A Finance Minister in the Winter Government had in 1899 allowed the Nova Scotia Company to import goods to the duty of the Bell Island (of the Colony) in 1897 and 1898, Mr. Morine being Receiver General at the time.

It was suggested by The Star that Mr. Morine knew all about these several matters.

A motion was made by Mr. Morine to have the editor of The Star committed for contempt of court, upon the ground that The Star's comments on the 10th inst. were calculated to prejudice the fair trial of the libel action for the remarks made on the 26th inst., and the motion has been argued and judgment reserved. Mr. Morine has also intimated his intention of taking a libel suit in respect of The Star's remarks on the 10th inst.

It was not in fact the Star's intention to direct upon Mr. Morine's discharge of his duties as a Minister, but in consequence of remarks made in court, in the course of the argument since made by Mr. Gibbs into the matter, it appeared that there was strong ground for placing on The Star's language the implications or innuendoes (to use legal language), which Mr. Morine claims that it bore, and in consequence, the Star's Counsel, Hon. M. P. Gibbs, disclaimed on the part of the Star any intention to make such innuendoes, and undertook to have the various complaints investigated.

As a result of the careful investigation since made by Mr. Gibbs into the matters referred to, the Star now wishes to say that it wholeheartedly withdraws any imputation whatever upon Mr. Morine's conduct as such Minister in relation to each and all of the four matters referred to above and complained of by Mr. Morine, and testifies to the belief that he was not blameworthy in these respects in any manner or degree.

The Star regrets that in the heat of political discussion it has inflicted any pain upon Mr. Morine, or been guilty of any injustice, and apologizes for its unintentional error.

Mr. Morine has agreed to accept this amendment honorable on the part of the Star and its editor, and to forego legal proceedings.

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Still a Mystery. Rumor has been going the rounds to the effect that human bones had been found among the ruins of the Stone house, burnt at Child's Point last summer, and it was surmised that a young man named John Young, who lived with Mr. Stone one or two years, had been the victim. A trunk identified to belong to Young, had been at the railway station since last summer, having arrived there about the time of the fire, from Sydney, where Young had been working the previous winter. And it was therefore thought he had gone to the house to spend the night and that the fire had resulted from a lighted match thrown down or ashes from his pipe. We have made enquiry and learn that investigation made by George Stone this morning failed to locate any bones or to bring to light anything to solve the mystery of the burning of the house.

Western Star.

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Nfld. Skippers Make Bet.

A schooner race that is going to attract a good deal of interest among local mariners, says the North Sydney Herald of May 23, is the one between the two schooners Cape Pine, commanded by Capt. Burke, and the Marion II, in command of Capt. W. V. Davis. Both vessels are lying in the stream at present, each with a coal cargo aboard. The skippers have put up a bet of \$100 that they will be the first to reach St. John's. They are only waiting for favorable conditions to sail, and if the weather is favorable to-morrow both ships expect to get away within a few minutes of each other. There is an old rivalry existing between these two genial skippers when they entered in a race from St. John's to Pictou, Nova Scotia some years ago. At that time Capt. Doyle was in command of a barkentine, while Capt. Burke had at his disposal a schooner. Both vessels were docked alongside each other. The present race is attracting quite a lot of attention and both skippers are confident that they will be successful.

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Railway Men Have Miraculous Escape.

Both engineer Dicks and fireman Alexander, of Engine 124, had a miraculous escape with their lives on Friday morning when their engine jumped the track at Crow Gulch and went down the precipice into the water below. The engine had been despatched from St. John's to come to Crow Gulch for the doctor and was running tender first. When about six miles east of mile post 405, the tender jumped the track and fell into the water. The driver managed to get clear of the engine before it reached the water, but the fireman was not so fortunate. Both men got severe shaking up but sustained no serious injury. The engine was so badly damaged that it will be some time before she can again be placed on the road. Roadmaster Keefe was seen at the scene of the wreck and had the track repaired in time for that day's No. 2 express to pass over without delay.—Western Star.

Big shipment of Ladies' Sail or Hats and other designs. Styles and prices right. THE WEST END HAZAAR, may26.1f 51 Water St. West.

Stowaways Gave Trouble.

The three Newfoundland stowaways George Fader, Thomas Johnstone and James Kennedy, who made their way to Cape Breton on the s.s. Winona last week and were later taken in charge by Sydney officers, arrived here Saturday evening in charge of immigration officers Young and Scott. They were locked up in the women's room in the immigration shed at the terminus wharf where they were kept for a couple of hours before the sailing of the steamer Sagana. When the steamer blew her first whistle the immigration squad entered the strong room just in time to see one of the trio disappear through a window leading to the eastern side of the pier. His two companions were also half way through the window, the bars on the outside of which had been torn from their fastenings. Before the pair had time to wriggle through the small aperture, however, they were caught by the officials and placed on board the Sagana. The third chap, named Fowler, made good his escape.—North Sydney Herald, May 25.

Personal.

Rev. Fr. Casella, P.P., Bar Haven, arrived in town by last night's train. Rev. A. J. Maher, P.P., Ferryland, arrived in the city yesterday. We understand it is the intention of Acting Mayor Mullaly to leave here about the end of June next for Omaha, Nebraska, where he intends to reside in future. His many friends will learn of this with regret.

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From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind East, light, with fog and rain; the steamers Lipson and Portia passed West and Empress of France East yesterday afternoon; nothing heard to-day; Bar, 30.50; Ther, 44.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.