



Evening Telegram

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A Golden Opportunity.

Yesterday's cabled despatches from Montreal contained an item of news that should be noted by Newfoundlanders. This item was, in effect, an intimation that a golden opportunity is now offered the dominion to make good in an industry, which has never yet reached the proportions that its value and importance warranted. The packing of salmon, by tinning, has never been carried out on an extensive scale by Newfoundland fishermen. They have, on the whole, preferred to dispose of each season's catch, fresh, from the nets, or to pickle the fish and ship in tierces and barrels. On the Labrador, especially, where the salmon school is largest during the months of June, July and part of August—in some seasons,—there has never been any attempt made to establish canning plants, and the total quantity of the catch is split and bulk salted in puncheons, afterwards being packed in tierces and barrels for export. A number of years ago a French Company sent a refrigerating steamer from France to call at ports in the Straits of Belle Isle and Southern Labrador to Francis Harbor or Venison Tickle for the purpose of buying up fresh salmon direct from the nets of the fishermen and freezing them on board, but unfortunately the venture did not net any profit and after 1889 was abandoned, that year having been a poor one so far as salmon were concerned. Since then there has been no attempt made to depart from the old method, and the pickling process is still the curative method employed.

The news despatch referred to gives the intelligence that the Fraser River, British Columbia, salmon fishery is practically dead, the enormous catch of over fifty million pounds, approximating one million cases of forty-eight pounds each having dwindled down to but one-twenty-fifth of that complement, representing now but a few hundred thousand dollars yearly. The Fraser River salmon fishery was probably the greatest in the world, and employed thousands of people in every one of the processes from catching to shipping. Today, according to the opinion of an expert, it is all but gone, its value declining, its importance waning. Yet the world's demand for canned salmon is not falling off, but on the contrary there is a steadily increasing desire for canned fish foods, of which salmon is the chief. There is a large market offering in France for this article, of current pack. A great quantity of American Army salmon was bought at about half price rates, but this, though selling cheaply to consumers does not appear to satisfy them, and as all stocks on hand will be cleared out by November, there are great possibilities of working up a big trade by any country having the supplies approximating the de-

mand. New packs are being held over until the army purchases have been disposed of, but as these holdings are considerable, they are not expected to last very long after November. A No. 1 article such as could be supplied by Newfoundland, would not fail to interest French merchants, and as salmon can very reasonably be put up in this country with less expense than attaches to the Pacific Coast fisheries, beside the vast difference in transportation charges, there is a great opportunity for a revolution in our salmon industry by the general adoption of tinning. The possibilities are great. All that is needed is encouragement. Enterprise belongs to Newfoundlanders, and with our Labrador and South and West Coast waters, not to speak of the Northern prospects, teeming with the finest specimens of this much-sought-after food, there is not any substantial reason why our exports of canned salmon should not run into thousands of cases annually to the enlargement of a valuable industry and the benefit of the dominion all round.

An Important Question.

Everywhere we look to-day, improved road making is employing the attention of municipalities, provinces and states. A great deal of what might be termed local work is done through Motor Associations, assisted by Provincial and State Governments by capitalization of motor taxes, main highways being taken care of by the Federal Governments. The Canadian Government is now building a national highway at a cost of \$50,000,000 from Halifax to Vancouver. Placing the population of Canada at 10,000,000 this means \$5.00 per capita, the same rate for Newfoundland would mean \$1,250,000. The Provincial Governments and Counties will spend as much as the Federal Government, making \$10.00 per capita, at this rate our Government, to give us equal roads to Canadians, should spend \$2,500,000 this year. About the same rate of expenditure in highway building is being carried on in the United States. Washington, this year, voted \$500,000,000 for main artery highways; State Governments will spend a similar amount. Placing the population of the United States at 100,000,000 this expenditure means \$10.00 per head, or the same as Canada is spending. This means all of North America, excepting Newfoundland, is in the forward march of bringing their highways up to the European standard.

To state some individual cases of what is being done, we quote from the Canadian Gazette of April 29th: "Charlottetown, P.E.I.—Among the measures to be introduced in the Legislature, is one to take advantage of the Federal Government's grant under the highways act, and to increase the revenue by levying an equitable system of taxation. IT IS PROPOSED TO FUND THE AUTOMOBILE LICENSE FEES."

"Victoria, B.C.—Hon. J. H. King, Provincial Minister of Public Works, announces that approximately \$8,000,000 will be spent on highways during the next three years."

"Toronto, Ont.—For five years \$3,000,000 is to be set aside annually by the Provincial Government as a highway improvement fund. THIS FUND WILL BE MADE UP AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES AND OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES ACT."

The Nova Scotia Motor League, through the funding of motor license taxes, are now building a boulevard from Halifax to Lunenburg County, via St. Margaret's Bay. We intend publishing an account of the up-to-date method employed in building this road. We understand a bill is to be presented to the House this afternoon to give the Nfld. Motor Association control of the motor license fees, same as is being done throughout Canada and the United States, and that it is the intention of the Association to import rock crushers, tractors, road planes and up-to-date road making machinery. If this bill is passed no doubt a new system of road making will be commenced in this colony which should give very beneficial results through the Dominion.

Infectious Disease.

Three cases of diphtheria were reported yesterday. The patients, residing in Prince of Wales Street, Brasils Square and Long's Hill, respectively, were removed to hospital.

Two cases of smallpox were reported at a residence on Mount Pearl Road, yesterday; the patients are being treated at home.

Brick's Tasteless makes you eat. Try a bottle and prove it for yourself.—apr25,12

Rev. Dr. Greene Visits Heroes' Graves.

Writing from Amiens, under date of May 5th to a member of the Daily News staff, Rev. Dr. Greene, of the Cathedral, who is spending a holiday in Europe, says: "From here (Amiens), we go in motor with Father Nangle and visit daily the scenes of the great advance; we see the trenches of the Allies and the enemy passing through town after town, the latter being devastated or totally destroyed. We have visited and prayed at the graves of many of our departed heroes; all forcibly bringing home to me the awful barbarity of the Germans, the sufferings of France, the untold tortures and unexcelled bravery of our own dear boys."

Bible Class Had Enjoyable Sociable.

The Cochrane St. Centennial Church Bible Class, had a very enjoyable sociable in the Lecture Room of the church last evening. The concert programme,—impromptu though it was,—was appreciated by all. Some of the items were: Piano Solo by Miss May Grimes; Recitation, Mrs. Ron Young; Duet, "Roaming," Misses Winnie Bowden and Frances Stone; and a Recitation by Miss Milley. Games then became in order, a short interval for lunch being taken. The affair ended at eleven o'clock.

Increased Wage for Fish Handlers.

The L.S.P.U. held a special meeting last night to consider the increase of wages offered fish handlers by the merchants. The new scale, which is an increase of about 20 per cent. over old rate, is 85 cents per hour by day for ordinary work, 45 cents per hour from 7 o'clock to midnight and 70 cents after midnight. For packing, screwing, barrowing, loading and discharging, the respective rates are 42 cents, 52 and 80. The men accepted the offer.

Enjoyable Concert.

Last evening, at St. Mary's Hall, South Side, the junior members of the congregation put on a very fine concert, attended by a large and appreciative audience. A fine program had been arranged, which with the assistance of the pupils of the Model School instructed by Miss Jessie Purchase, was excellently rendered, the various items evoking much applause, most of them being encored. The string band of H.M.S. Briton was a strong feature, while the sword swinging exhibition by Mr. Jermyn of the Briton was wonderful, the various intricate evolutions holding the spectators spellbound. Mr. Jermyn was good enough, in response to a vociferous encore to give a second display of skill. The dances by the Model School pupils were most perfectly rendered, the precision and movements of the children being a revelation of discipline and training. Mr. Macklin of the Briton captivated the audience with his song and encore. A duet by Miss Pearl James and Mr. E. Cranford was favorably received and an encore demanded. Mr. F. Gushue was particularly good in Recitation and was recalled twice. All the other items of the programme were faultlessly performed, the last, a farce, being the hit of the evening. The proceeds were in aid of the Sunday School. Rev. A. B. S. Stirling was Chairman and at the close thanked both performers and audience for their interest. The programme follows:

- Selection—H.M.S. Briton String Band.
- Dance—Misses Stirling and Snow. Piano Trio—The Misses Butler.
- Chorus—"Good Evening," Model School Pupils; Chimes of Dunkirk Dance; Skirt Dance; Sword Swinging, Mr. Jermyn; Duet, "Pigtail and Fan"; Dutch Minuet; Duet, "Mr. Duck and Mr. Turkey"; Shepherdess Gavotte; Recitation, "Won't You Buy a Dolly"; Dafodil Dance; Chorus, "Could We But Rule," by the Sufrettes; Rose Dance; Duet, "Peterkins and Polly; Brownies Dance; Pianoforte Duet, Misses Hazel and Mabel Chafe; Song, Mr. Macklin; Recitation, Miss Jean Skirving; Violin and pianoforte Selection, Messrs. Chafe and Walker; Duet, Miss Pearl James and Mr. E. Cranford; Recitation, Mr. F. Gushue; Selection, H.M.S. Briton Band; Farce, "Cross Purposes," Misses D. Colton and G. Andrews, Messrs. B. Colton, Max Colton, E. Cranford and H. Skirving. "God Save The King."

Forest Fires Near Clareville.

A couple of forest fires, not very serious at present, are raging between Clareville and Northern Bight, says a message received by the Reid Mill Co. The railway men in the section are making an effort to extinguish them.

I want another bottle of "Brick's Tasteless," it is the best preparation I have ever taken to give me an appetite.—apr25,12

Facts About Newfoundland.

The following Exports, quantities and values, from Newfoundland for the year ended June 30th, 1919 will give an idea of the trade of the Dominion:

Dry Codfish, Qtls.	1,681,770	\$24,316,830
Pkd. Herring, Brls.	188,499	2,379,027
Bulk Herring, Brls.	23,056	150,366
Frozen Herring, Brls.	814	6,131
Pkd. Salmon, Tcs.	4,111	112,442
Tinned Lobster, Cases	4,494	102,334
Cod Oil, Tns.	4,516	1,411,581
Cod Liver Oil, Gallons	342,592	832,352
Seal Oil, Tns.	2,849	884,218
Seal Skins	146,728	398,575
Whale Oil Tns.	294	94,461
Miscellaneous Products:—		
Copper, Tns.	136	3,573
Iron Ore, Tns.	709,838	780,271
Manufactured Paper, Tns.	22,819	1,542,344
Pulp & Sulphite, Tns.	7,157	475,178
Lumber, M ft.	487 1/2	24,564

L. O. O. F. Institute New Lodge.

"Wabana" No. 186, Bell Island. Some 15 brothers of Atlantic and Colonial Lodges proceeded by motor and steamer to Bell Island for the purpose of instituting a branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows at the Iron Isle. Under the direction of Bro. G. T. Phillips, Acting D.D.G.M., Wabana Lodge No. 186 was instituted and the officers installed as follows: N.G.—Chas. Butler. V.G.—Ebenzer Barnes, R.S.—John Cran. F.S.—J. C. Stewart. Treas.—Geo. Harvey. Chaplain—Rev. Wm. Butler. Warden—J. Humby. Conductor—J. K. Butler. R.S.N.G.—Frank Godden. L.S.N.G.—Levi Green. R.S.V.G.—Theo. Squires. L.S.S.—Samuel Newman. R.S.S.—Leslie Rees. O.G.—H. M. Stares. I.G.—Fred Lodge. Much credit is due to the efforts of Acting D.D.G.M., Bro. G. T. Phillips, who boosted the project, and to Bro. Charles Butler, and his enthusiastic committee. We wish Wabana Lodge every success.

C. C. C. Sports.

Yesterday, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Chas. A. Harris, was pleased to extend his distinguished patronage to the C.C.C. Sports Day, which will be held at St. George's Field on Wednesday, July 7th. His Grace Archbishop Roche has also accorded his gracious patronage. The programme will include many interesting events such as a Baseball Relay Race, a Relay Race open to all the city schools, an Inter-Union Tug of War, Football Fives and Brigade events. The committee in charge of the cups and medals consists of: Major Leo Murphy, Mr. T. J. Foran, Dr. M. S. Power, W. Dugan, J. Spearns, and W. J. Higgins; Hon. H. J. Brownrigg, C. E. Hunt, N. J. Vinicombe, T. Curran. An old time dance will wind up the affair.

Ferm on Dock.

S.S. Ferm, recently purchased by Sir M. P. Cashin to be used in the coal freighting trade, went on dock to-day to receive an overhauling. It will be a month before the ship will be ready to come off. The Ferm went on dock yesterday but had to be taken off again while the keel-blocks were being raised, a process which occupied no little time.

In Tune With the Times.

SUITS FOR MEN, \$83.00. In this particular range of apparel we are featuring a suit that will go far towards satisfying the taste of man who seeks clothes.—That are correctly styled.—Well tailored.—Dependable and sturdy in their thorough and careful workmanship and all wool fabric, and.—Moderately priced. It is just another indication of our efforts to bring down the High Cost of Living.

Oporto Stocks.

Stocks (Nfld.)	50,457	57,086
Consumption	11,400	11,457
AT LISBON.		
Stocks	11,000	15,000
Consumption	4,500	4,500

EMPIRE BANQUET, George St. Adult Bible Class, Wednesday, May 26th, 7 p.m., Basement of Church. Secure your ticket early, as the number is limited, from C. J. Winsor at Bishop's; C. R. Peet, Ayre & Sons' Grocery; C. F. Scott, Royal Textile Co., or J. H. Fowler, Secretary. Tickets \$1.25 each.—m21,31,12,1v

Sugar Prices.

Can Be Reduced Fifty Per Cent. WASHINGTON, May 21.—Retail sugar prices can be reduced fifty per cent., J. H. McLaurin announced here to-day following a conference which he and a delegation of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association held with Attorney General Palmer. "The Attorney General must stop speculation in sugar," said Mr. McLaurin.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Sugar features opened weak under heavy general liquidation on the market, owing to reports that preserving concerns would close down unless sugar prices were reduced, and private Washington advices to the effect that a bill had been introduced prohibiting the exportation of sugar. At noon prices were 100 points lower, or the maximum permitted in any one day's trading.

New Seam Opened Up.

GOOD REPORT FROM ST. GEORGE'S COAL FIELDS. A recent telegram received by the St. George's Coal Fields Co., Ltd. saying that a new seam of coal 3 feet thick had been discovered about 200 yards southeast of Jukes has been confirmed by a later letter which advises that the new seam has been stripped for 120 feet along the line of strike, and it was found that the average thickness of the seam is 3 feet, and the coal of excellent quality. The late Mr. James P. Howley, Geological Surveyor in his report of this section speaks of finding small lumps of coal, but he had not time to make further investigation. This find will add greatly to the value of the property both materially and economically, the Jukes, Cleary and new seams being all within a breath of 600 feet.

Vessel Sprung Leak.

A message was received by Campbell McKay on Sunday saying that their vessel, Jean Campbell, whilst on her way from Philadelphia to this port with a load of gas coal had sprung a leak and was obliged to put into Shelburne, N.S. No further particulars have been received.

Street Watering.

The dust nuisance has again settled upon us. The evil is an intolerable one. In addition to being a menace to health, a destroyer of enjoyment, and a serious nuisance, it is a cause of heavy financial loss. It has been estimated by a well known American expert that even greater damage is done to merchandise by dust than by smoke. In many places it is being largely overcome by a system of oiling. While the initial cost of oiling is somewhat high, the final cost is held to be much cheaper than watering. As to the dust-ridden streets of our own city, we are suffering worse conditions than usual to-day, because of the plea that our civic administration have not been able to get prompt delivery of divers watering devices. But what about the watering plant the corporation already possesses? It appears pretty much out of commission—and for what reason? If as much zeal was devoted to the problem of keeping the streets watered as there is in laying new taxes, a better order of things would prevail.—Montreal Daily Star.

(The above could almost equally as well be written of St. John's.—Ed.)

Empire Night.

CONCERT AT PORTUGAL COVE. Some twelve members of the C.C.C. motored to Portugal Cove on Empire night and entertained the people with a concert and exhibition. The programme consisted of songs by Sgt. Aylward, L. C. Peters and Sec. Com. Redmond; recitations by Arm. Sgt. Kelly and Cpl. Taylor; club drill by Arm. Sgt. Kelly and an exhibition of rifle drill by Arm. Sgt. Kelly, Cpl. Parsley, Sec. Coms. Squires, Meadus, Redmond and L.-Cpl. Spratt, under Sgt. Major Clancy. During the evening the music was supplied by Drummer D. Olliphant at the organ and L.-Cpl. Peters drums. At the close Rev. Fr. Gough thanked the boys for their entertainment which was thoroughly enjoyed.

After the entertainment a dance was held and a very enjoyable time spent till morning, when the party returned to the city.



His Excellency the Governor and Lady Harris will be "At Home" to receive callers between 4.30 and 6 o'clock on Thursday, the 27th May. By Command, J. HAMILTON, Capt., Private Secretary. Government House, 25th May, 1920. may25,21

K. O. C. Annual Convention.

OFFICERS ELECTED. At the Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus, held at Harbor Grace, on Empire Day, the officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:— State Deputy—C. J. Ellis, St. John's. State Sec't—C. J. Fox, St. John's. State Treasurer—W. J. Maddigan, Hr. Grace. State Advocate—John Casey, Hr. Grace. State Warden—W. Shanahan, Grand Falls. State Chaplain—Rev. J. J. McGrath, Bell Island. Delegates from St. John's, Bell Island, Hr. Grace and Grand Falls attended the convention and were lavishly entertained by Dalton Council, Harbor Grace, which tendered the visitors a banquet at the "Retreat," His Lordship Bishop March being the guest of honor, Mgr. McCarthy, the State officers and officers of Dalton Council being also present. The convention was a great success and the reports show the order to be in a flourishing condition. Those who were visitors from the city returned by motor and train yesterday afternoon.

Here and There.

It's most delicious. What? Pure Gold Chocolate Pudding. apr30,1m

WEATHER ACROSS COUNTRY.—Calm and fine; temperature 20 to 50 above.

Pure Gold Chocolate Pudding—the new Dessert—at all Grocers.—apr30,1m

ICE OFF NORTHERN BAYS.—The Northern Bays are reported to be "all clear" of ice, and schooners are preparing to leave for this port.

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Personal.

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1000 Barrels Reindeer Flour on the spot.

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Pure Gold Goods!

ICINGS. We have in stock only 30 cases of Icings and further supplies for the moment are unobtainable. Firms requiring any part of this lot should let us know promptly.

JELLIES. We are expecting daily a large shipment of Jellies which left the factory in March. We are now booking orders but are unable to quote prices until we know what the freight is going to be.

Orders for less than five gross of either Jellies or Icings must be placed through your jobber.

P. E. Outerbridge, Sole Agent, King's Rd., cor. Gower St. Telephone 60.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.

MISS M. GOODLAND, (late of W. E. Bearns', Rawlins' Cross) has opened up her ICE CREAM PARLOR at the Head of Parade Street (opp. St. George's Field). Also in stock: Fresh Moir's & Ganong's Chocolates; Moir's Plain and Sultana Cake, fresh in; and Governor & Conchas Cigars, and a select stock of Light Groceries. may25,21

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