



"IN FREEDOM'S  
CAUSE."

## Evening Telegram

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Friday, April 30, 1920.

### Fishery Proposals.

Every person in Newfoundland will agree that if Hon. W. F. Coaker succeeds in getting through Legislation during the present session of the Legislature, having for its object the betterment of the care and cure of codfish, he will be conferring a boon on the fishermen and merchants, which will cause his name to go down to posterity as the greatest benefactor of the ages. For years without number there has been a wrestle with conditions of the fishery, and serious endeavours were made to induce the production of a really first class make of dry fish. But all these efforts failed of their purpose, because there was no unanimity behind them. Private firms exhorted their dealers to give more attention to the preparation and cure of our staple export. Supercargoes on the Labrador pleaded with planters to turn out a superior make, for shipment to Europe. Agents visited the stages and stores of fishermen and pointed out to them the advantages to be gained by being less careless in their methods of splitting, cleaning, salting, washing, and spreading their voyages. And all this availed nothing because there were no penalties for failure to carry out instructions. The current price ruled, and the long credit system obliged suppliers to be very cautious in insisting that good fish be made, consequently the cull had to be very broad, and fish not by any means merchantable had to be passed as such, if current accounts were to be paid, and so things went on from bad to worse.

Without legislative standardization and an authorised cull, nothing could be done, to generally improve and better the conditions under which fish were treated and made. The

credit and the current price dominated and governed the whole situation. Undue competition amongst shippers was another factor which militated against improvement, and many and insidious, particularly on Labrador, were the wiles adopted by buyers to secure fish which really belonged to some other trader, in order to complete hurry cargoes. Quality was not always considered the predominant necessity and qualification. Quantity was the ruling feature, and so long as parcels were passable, they were eagerly snapped up by the irregular purchaser. Stealth in buying and speed in loading were the only requirements, and perhaps an extra, in the shape of ten or twenty cents per quintal above the current price was sufficient to cause the diversion of a pile or two from the legitimate supplier. This system of illicit dealing continues perhaps until this day, and nothing but legislation will restrain it. Mr. Coaker's proposals already have gained the support of many men interested in the fisheries and their future improvement and propagation, and there is no doubt but that his announced Bill will receive unqualified approval. Under its provisions there is an incentive to all to make good fish. The man or men who fail to bring their catch up to the standard of cure will be penalised on the price, and the loss will be to themselves alone. The standardization of grades, with a graduated price, will work out to the benefit and advantage of the good fishmakers, and the cull, being in accordance with the provisions of the Bill, will not be conducted in a slipshod manner or be governed by commercial exigencies or favoritism. Another well taken step is that No. 2 fish will not be granted export as No. 1. Therefore protection is assured, and to put it in the language used by the Honorable Minister in his speech at the House of Assembly on Wednesday afternoon, "The difference in price between No. 1 and No. 2 will be made such, that a man making bad fish one year, would never want to do so again." The Telegram has ever been, and will continue to be, an advocate for better methods in the making of codfish, and should the Bill introduced by Mr. Coaker, entitled "An act for the standardization of Codfish," be the only bit of constructive legislation passed by the Government, during the present session of the Legislature, it will be well worth the time spent, as its admission to the statutes will be of incalculable benefit to Newfoundland, providing always, that it is not smothered in legal phraseology and rendered of no effect by exceptions. But Mr. Coaker, we think, may be trusted to look out for and avoid such pitfalls.

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## Sacred Concert. United City Choirs Give Magnificent Recital.

Those who were privileged to attend the Grand Sacred Concert, given by the Massed Choirs of the City Churches, in the Roman Catholic Cathedral last night, spent a most wonderful and uplifting two hours. To describe the feeling of rapt admiration which fell upon the vast audience, the nave, aisles, transepts and galleries of the spacious sacred edifice being filled as the first note of the Grand Organ burst forth in Basil Horwood's Sonata, to the final diminuendo of the Hallelujah Chorus, which closed the programme, would need the pen of a Maestro, and the writer feels himself all too inadequate to perform the task allotted of giving anything like a thorough description of an event which has no precedent in St. John's. Some three hundred voices took part in last night's concert, which was well and ably conducted by Professor Hutton, the organists being Messrs. Gordon Christian and F. J. King. His Excellency the Governor and suite, Lady and Miss Harris, His Grace the Archbishop, and the Clergy, and the Clergymen of the other churches, were present, and among the audience were many prominent in State and Commerce, as well as in the professions, all animated by the one desire—to partake of a musical feast, of which they were not denied.

Yesterday the finishing touches to the rebuilding of the organ were given by the addition of a one string stop to the swell, replacing a mixture stop, this change giving the instrument a greater variety of tone, and Mr. W. J. Vey, who completed the work, is to be congratulated on his successful achievement. The programme as published was gone through, with but one exception, the illness of Mrs. Christian during the week, though present with the Choir, preventing the rendition of the Quartette "The Lord is My Shepherd," in which Mrs. Christian, Miss Christian, Messrs. Trapnell and Mews were taking part. A musical critic suggests that the items deserving special mention were: No. 6, "Babylon," solo by Miss Langmead; No. 7, "The Marvelous Work," solo by Mrs. F. J. King; No. 9, "Fac ut Portem" (Stabat Mater), solo by Miss Brown; No. 12, "Worthy is the Lamb," Chorus, from the Messiah (Handel); No. 18, "Bow Down Thine Ear," solo by Mr. Carl Trapnell, and the thrilling and magnificent triumph of the Hallelujah Chorus, during the singing of which the audience stood. As a matter of fact, from the point of view of the average student of music, there was

ARCHBISHOP ROCHE EXTENDS  
CONGRATULATIONS AND GRATITUDE TO CITY CHOIRS—GENEROUS OFFER FOR P. M. D. FUND.

(Copy.)  
The Palace,  
St. John's, Nfld.,  
April 29, 1920.

My Dear Mr. Hutton:

I hope you will permit me to congratulate you and your splendid united Choirs on the success of the Sacred Concert which was so largely attended this evening. It was a treat in sacred music such as has never before been enjoyed by the music-loving public of St. John's. I am sure the large audience present fully appreciated the unique opportunity afforded them of hearing the united Choirs of the City Churches. On my own behalf, as well as on behalf of the Cathedral congregation, I would ask you to be good enough to convey our very sincere gratitude to the members of the various Choirs for so generously placing their musical talent at our disposal. Personally, I am more deeply touched than I can express in words by the broad, liberal, Christian spirit of our fellow-citizens of other Creeds which made it possible to unite all the city Choirs in one grand Feast of Sacred Song. Long may this spirit reign amongst us!

With reference to the request made in the press a few days ago that the concert be repeated for a worthy charitable object—the Permanent Maritime Disasters Fund—I wish to say that I am most happy to allow the Cathedral to be used for that purpose, and, if the Choirs decide on giving a second Recital, I hope it will be as largely patronized as was the concert this evening.

Sincerely yours,  
(Sgd.) E. P. ROCHE,  
Archbishop of St. John's.

### Shipping Notes.

S. S. Sable I. sails again for Sydney tomorrow afternoon. She made the east round trip from here to Sydney and back within 5 days.

S. S. Rosalind arrived at New York yesterday afternoon.

S. S. Coban arrived in port last night 2½ days from Louisburg, with coal.

S. S. Thetis sailed for Sydney yesterday with a load of oil.

S. S. Diana sailed coastwise this morning going to Bonne Bay and ports North of there.

S. S. Cabotia left Heart's Content at 4 a.m. this morning. She was to stop off the Narrows and take on an English mail.

Schr. Guide is loading salt bulk fish at Channel for Gloucester.

Schr. Atlanta is loading salt bulk fish at Burnt Islands for Gloucester.

S. S. Prospero sailed this morning at 9 p.m. for the Westward. She is not calling at Southern Shore ports and passengers who were sailing by her, came ashore, to go by train.

S. S. Eagle sailed for Sydney at noon to-day.

### McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, April 30, 20.  
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### Western Notes.

The West Coast is very appreciative of the regular and constant mail service with which it is being favored since the new Government came into power, and the people are of opinion that retrogression, not progression, is the order of the day.

Schooner Goldwin Roy, owned by William McLean, of Searston, Grand River, which recently brought in a full load of seals (1250) from the Gulf, has left for North Sydney where the fat will be disposed of at prices fully equal to those paid in St. John's for the steamer catches, is not in excess of the sum per quintal. It will therefore be seen that Mr. Coaker is not altogether the "booster" he thinks he is.

Desirous of emulating the success of the Goldwin Roy, Capt. George Genge, outfitted schooner Cedella and with an experienced crew, sailed from Channel on April 5th to engage in the seal hunt. No word however, has been heard from the vessel since leaving, but the wish is generally expressed that a paying trip will be the outcome of the voyage.

The coasting fleet belonging to Channel and Port aux Basques have begun to get ready for the season's cruising, and a great stir is observable along the waterfront. One vessel, "Minnie D." Capt. Lawrence has already left for Sydney to load coal, of which there is a great scarcity in the places named at present. Capt. T. Keeping in a new schooner has arrived at Port aux Basques from Burnt with salt cargo, which is being discharged at the premises of E. Pike, Limited. After unloading this vessel will take on a cargo of green fish for Bunsport, Maine, purchased by T. M. Nicholson.

So far there has not yet been any election of a new Road Board, under the Local Affairs Act, for Channel, and people are wondering if the old Board, elected in 1917, have been permanently gazetted, and have authority to go on for ever.

### From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram  
CAPE RACE, To-day.  
Wind light and variable, weather foggy; a steamer was heard passing at 9 a.m. Bar. 29.70; Ther. 45.

### Police Court.

A fireman, drunk and disorderly in his own house pleaded guilty, but on promising to take the pledge was allowed to go.

For being drunk and disorderly and using profane language a man was fined \$2 or 7 days.

A drunk and disorderly, fighting with his brother and four or five others, was fined \$2 or 7 days.

A drunk and disorderly who assaulted his wife by scalding her arm with a kettle of boiling water, was arrested at his home last evening. The wife was too ill to come to court. He was fined \$5 and put under a bond of \$100.

Six boys were charged with loose and disorderly conduct. One pleaded not guilty. They were dismissed.

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### Supreme Court.

Before Justices Johnson and Kent. Charles Hynes vs. Dr. Jones.

Mr. Howley began his argument this forenoon, to continue after recess.

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