



Evening Telegram

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Monday, May 17, 1920.

The Bait Problem and Cold Storage.

The problem of always being in possession of an ample supply of fresh bait is one that is ever present with the numbers of our fishermen who employ trawls and builows and hooks and lines in their catching operations. This applies no less to the South and West Coasts than to Labrador, where hundreds of small fishermen use nothing else but hook and line and trawls. Usually each one of these has a fleet or more of herring nets which help them considerably in securing sufficient bait for their daily needs. But during the caplin school they are mainly dependent on the seine of the bigger planter or supplier, and caplin seine "turns" are by no means uncommon all over Newfoundland. These "turns" mean that each day the seine goes out, the seine boat has to be manned in turn by the fishermen themselves, the "skipper" being usually the owner, or his master voyage. For the privilege of receiving supplies of caplin bait, or lance, after the caplin season is over, each boat owner has to pay for his share of the supplies, in addition to giving the services of his men or himself in the seine boat. This to recoup the seine owner for the use of both seine and boat. The custom is an old one.

Thus by the above method an ample stock of bait for each day is assured; but there is not any provision made to hold any over in the event of any subsequent day's "shoot" being unsuccessful, and it often happens that boats are lying idle on their collars because of lack of bait, through some unforeseen cause, or because a haul has not been brought off successfully. It must be understood, of course, that during the hot spell, fresh bait cannot be long kept in good condition. Lying overnight, even when covered up, deterioration sets in, and therefore it is useless. This is where the small cold storage plant would prove in-

valuable, and if it were possible that each small harbor were equipped with a refrigerating room in proportion to the size and needs of the place, all the bait fishes left over from the haul could be kept in readiness for the days when no supply direct from the water is obtainable. So far as we know, there has been no attempt made to install any small cold storage plants on the Labrador coast, for the reason, perhaps, that the necessary ice with which to charge them is not available, when the need for keeping bait arises. It might be set against this statement that there is always a large stock of ice from which to draw, in the shape of the small bergs and growlers which move along the coast during most of the summer months. Such would be quite correct, and there is no doubt but that a lot of these passers-by could be utilized for freezing purposes in conjunction with salt, of which there is usually no lack on the Labrador. Some enterprising person might yet take advantage of a lost opportunity, and engage in the construction of a small refrigerating chamber as a demonstration that such is within the reach of all.

On the North, South and West Coasts nearly every large supplier has his own cold storage and freezing plant, and in these each one stores all the bait fishes procurable during the catching season, in order that when the supply becomes short, there will be no loss of time or delay to the fishermen going long distances in quest of their day's bait. The plants on the South Coast have a very large capacity, and contain sufficient to do a large number of skiffs for the months of January, February, March and April. Such supplies as are needed for these months, which are the best in the year, have to be procured at Bay of Islands or Bonne Bay, and sometimes Fortune and Placentia Bays. They are received by the merchant packed in snow. He immediately places them in his freezer, and in this way preserves their natural freshness as they are kept in a condition of frozen rigidity. During the summer months when herring, caplin and squid may be caught daily, the freezer is not in such demand, although in numerous instances the plant is kept going with the object of preserving the supplies for future emergencies. In this way the fishermen are almost invariably assured of daily bait. The only trouble is that there are not enough of these freezers. Every small harbor should have one, drawing its bait supply from a central depot, of which there should be several in each district, at such distances apart as would make it easy for fishermen to get to and from them. Every person who is interested in the fisheries knows the loss to the general catch brought about by lack of bait, and there is not one fisherman in the

whole dominion, whether engaged on the Labrador, at the Bank or in the Shore fishery, but would welcome the day, and laud the government responsible, that saw the establishment of a chain of bait depots, fitted with refrigerating apparatus at regular intervals along the coasts of Newfoundland.

To Establish New South American Market.

Mr. Alan Goodridge Goes to South America to Boost Our Fish Trade.

Mr. Alan Goodridge, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has been commissioned by the Government to inaugurate an endeavour to open up new markets for Newfoundland in parts of South America other than Brazil, which is now quite a customer of ours. Mr. Goodridge sailed by the Rosalind Saturday. He will return by August or September. The Government, in sending a man to South America for this excellent purpose, is putting into effect a policy long advocated by this paper and great good should result from Mr. Goodridge's mission.

The Salt Situation.

The salt situation appears not to be quite so serious as has been reported. A large quantity, sufficient to supply the present demand is held in port. However, if a run were to be made it is certain that the sale will have to be controlled. Messrs. Bowring Bros. have a steamer now loading at Cadiz. She carries 8,000 tons and will be here shortly, but this cargo will be for the salt pool. We were informed by Mr. Morey, that some 14,000 tons of salt are now loading at Cadiz and should arrive here at the end of the month. Messrs. Morey & Co. are going into the salt business again. According to the best informed members of the trade, there is no need for schooner owners to rush here for their salt supplies, as plenty will be forthcoming.

A Clarion Call to Women.

To the Women of St. John's:—On Tuesday and Wednesday you will be called upon to give your support to the Woman's Suffrage Movement. If you believe it is unfair that women of brains and education, women who own property and pay taxes, and those who support a family should have no representation in civic or legislative affairs; whilst the inmates of the Poor Asylum and Chinese laundrymen, etc., have a vote—then let us have your name. We want as many as possible, and in case your house or place of business is not visited there will be a copy of the petition to sign in the Ladies' Reading Room (Lyon's the Photographers) Water Street. We want every woman in St. John's to sign this petition, and on Tuesday and Wednesday the Reading Room will be open all day for signatures.

INTERESTED.

Our Streets.

It is surely possible for the Municipal Council to accomplish something more satisfactory in the matter of cleaning the streets. During the past few days there has been an intolerable affliction in the blinding and disease laden dust. It cannot be possible that the treasury is so depleted that funds cannot be found for a better street service. A winter's filth is the sport of spring winds. Such a condition lends itself to the outbreak of infectious diseases.

Seriously Ill.

The friends of Mr. Harold Russell will be sorry to hear that he is dangerously ill at his home in North Sydney. A message, saying that he was sinking fast, was received on Saturday. Mr. Russell is the only son of Mr. R. C. Russell, whose death occurred a week ago to-day.

Defying the Weather Man.

The first straw lid, worn by a male, was observed on Water Street this morning. Have a heart gent, and don't for mercy's sake, go flying in the face of the weather man so early in the season. One straw hat does not make a summer, and it seems a pity to spoil the continuance of to-days temperature and conditions.

Reids' Boats.

Argyle due at Placentia from West. Clyde, Home, Kyle, Petrel at St. John's. Glencoe arrived Port aux Basques 9 a.m. yesterday. Melgie arrived St. John's yesterday with a cargo of coal. Sagona arrived here at 2 a.m. yesterday from Placentia, via St. Mary's.

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LONG TUNIC COAT, close fitting turn down Military Collar with silk finish tie, detachable white collar, all around belt with buckle; fit ages 3 to 8.

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Shipping Notes.

S. S. Sachem arrived at Halifax at 6 o'clock this morning. Messrs. Harvey & Co. have been appointed agents of the Canada Steamship Co. One of the Line, S.S. Mapleleaf leaves Montreal on June 1st plying here via Gulf ports. S.S. Sioux Falls is supposed to leave Montreal for this port on tomorrow.

S. S. Stella Maris was loading at Sydney on Saturday. No word of her leaving there had been received up to noon.

The Red Cross Line schedule starts from New York on June 19th. The Rosalind will then make regular fortnightly trip until October. Possibly there will be another steamer running with cargo, in conjunction with the Rosalind.

S. S. Canadian Aviator arrived this morning from Montreal via Charlotte-town, to the Furness Withy Co. Besides a general cargo the ship brought 122 head horned cattle, 36 horses, 31 sheep and a number of pigs. This is the first of the Canadian Government boats to arrive this spring. The Canadian Aviator will be followed by others.

S. S. Seal arrived, from Halifax this morning with a cargo of flour consigned to Furness Withy & Co.

No word of the s.s. Digby reaching Liverpool has been received.

S. S. Alconda with a cargo of coal arrived at Botwood at 8.30 p.m. Saturday.

S. S. Seal reports having passed an automatic whistling buoy on May 15th about 45 miles, true, South of Louisburg.

Schooner Ethel M. Bartlett arrived in port yesterday 10 days from Boston with a general cargo to Robinson Export Co.

S. S. Meigle arrived in port yesterday from Sydney with coal to Reid Newfoundland Co.

Train Movements.

Yesterday's West bound express arrived at Bishop's Falls 7.40 a.m. Yesterday's East bound express left Bishop's Falls 8.35 a.m.

GRAPELADE, the new Jam made by the Welch Grape Juice Co., for sale by T. J. Edens. —may14,61

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St. Joseph's New Hall.

The recently erected Hall belonging to St. Joseph's Parish, Holytown, is being painted and finished off. The building which fronts on Plymouth Road measures 75 x 34 feet and an extension of 22 feet being recently added makes the total length 97 feet. It will seat about 600 people and the gallery, a splendid piece of workmanship will hold about 140 people. The ceiling is 12 ft. high and plastered, a wainscoting of matched board stained mahogany, running round the room. A splendid stage with dressing rooms and a large committee room occupy the north end of the building. The building of this hall started last autumn, and it is now nearly completed. It is certainly a credit to the skill of Mr. Michael Taverner and his associate Mr. O'Brien, aged 70 years. Mr. Taverner is not a professional, and had no plans to work by, but he has turned out a job that is a credit to all concerned. The place is well worth a visit by anyone interested in native skill.

ATTENTION!

Do you know that about SEVENTY PER CENT. of the coal used in your house is wasted, and that you can prevent a large proportion of waste?

Coal is wasted in two ways. It goes up the chimney in smoke and soot. It is left unburnt in the form of cinders. COALOX prevents the escape of smoke, and by providing an additional supply of oxygen burns up most of the soot and cinders.

Persons who have not used Coalox say that it is all very well in theory, but it never works out.

LISTEN! One customer who used COALOX regularly during the past six months had the Sweep in the other day. They knew they were getting more heat from the coal used, but they did not know why until then. There was not any soot in the chimney and the Sweep's fee was easy money for him.

YOU TRY IT and find how it will save YOU money. A can costing \$1.20 treats 1½ tons coal. Also in \$2.50 sizes.

ROBERT TEMPLETON.

Personal.

Mr. C. B. Archibald, Manager of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Bell Island, is in town on a short visit.

Potatoes, Butter, Hay and Oats.

Due Monday Ex. "Canadian Aviator" from Montreal, and offering at lowest prices--

P.E.I. Blue Nose Potatoes--90 lb. sacks.

"Gilt Edge" Canadian Creamery Butter--28 lb. boxes.

Prime Timothy Hay, Black Oats, White Oats, Mixed Oats.

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Obituary.

ELIZABETH A. HISCOCK.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hiscock, widow of the late Henry Hiscock, passed away at the residence of her son-in-law, Quidi Vidi Road, Saturday evening. Deceased, who was an elderly lady, leaves 3 sons and 4 daughters to mourn her. Funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30. The Telegram extends sympathy to the relatives.

NOTE OF THANKS.

The family of the late Mrs. Michael Fagan, of St. Mary's, desire to thank the people of St. Vincent's, Path End and St. Mary's for their kindness and messages of bereavement.—adv.

Cartwright Mission Girls' Sale. Canon Wood Hall, Wednesday May 19th. Fancy Work, Dolls, Clothes, Handkerchiefs, Baskets, Candy, etc., for sale. Afternoon and six o'clock teas. may15,21

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