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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 1917.

AMONG the first acts of the National Government was legislation in connection with the Control of Foodstuffs, and the ultimate appointment of a Board consisting of Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, Hon. P. T. McGrath, and Mr. G. F. Grimes, whose powers were wide, and who were faced with work of the most important nature. To take the latest phase of the food question—the matter of sugar.

Sugar has been bought by the importers here, and supplies were secured for our needs, but last week, the importers found that the American Authorities had stopped the shipments and the Trade found itself facing a serious situation.

The Board of Food Control immediately got in touch with Dr. McGrath, and, we are glad to state, matters were so arranged that we shall have sufficient stocks to tide us over the months before the new crops of sugar are available. The last months of the year are heavy ones on sugar, as old stocks are then beginning to get scarce. The Board of Food Control do not want to unnecessarily hamper the Trade, and therefore do not think at the present time that it is necessary to commandeer stocks of sugar.

They are, however, looking out to see that there is no monopoly in sugar, and that the supply will last out the demand. To this end they have notified the Trade, through an advertisement elsewhere in this issue, that importers of sugar must furnish every week a note of the quantity of sugar imported, the quantity sold, and to whom sold. They have not set any limit to the sales to any one person, but it is left to the honour of our people, to buy only the quantity of sugar that will do them say a week or a fortnight. We understand that the price now charged for sugar is a reasonable one.

A similar situation had to be met in the case of flour. It is true that plenty of flour had been bought by importers here, but it was a no use until the Food Control Board made arrangements with the Food Controller in Canada and the States to permit it being shipped to Newfoundland.

We have gleaned most of the foregoing from a short conversation with one of the members of the Board, and we are glad to give this information. We realize that the Board is facing difficulties from various sources and they are trying to do all they can to keep us supplied with foodstuffs, and keep the prices within reasonable bounds. If they will accept the suggestion, we might say that more publicity of their work would be appreciated by the people, and if they issued a statement of their views on their work, and the aid which they would like from the people, so much the better.

We have to thank the National Government for putting into force the legislation dealing with this Food Control, which should have been carried out three years ago.

For Cot Fund

We have received from Miss Hilda M. Hillier, of High Beach, Lamaline, eight dollars and twenty cents, the proceeds of a Patriotic entertainment held there for the Cot Fund. We shall hand the amount over to the Treasurer of that Fund to-day.

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Weather Forecast

TORONTO (noon)—Moderate to fresh south to west wind, with local showers to-day but partly fair; Sunday, fresh south-west to south winds, generally fair at first, showers by night.

Mrs. McLaughlin, of Bay Bulls, arrived by the Southern Shore train this morning and was conveyed to the hospital in the ambulance.

Mrs. Driscoll, of the Lower Battery, was taken to the hospital this morning for surgical treatment.

The Bridge and Its Story

Ninety-two human beings, perished in the two unsuccessful attempts to build the Quebec bridge. On Aug. 29, 1907, part of the structure collapsed and sank to the bottom of the St. Lawrence, taking with it 180 workmen, and just at the moment when success seemed positive the huge span collapsed on Monday, Sept. 12, 1916. Twelve lives were lost and twelve persons were injured.

In 1907 an engine and several flat cars were being used on the southern section of the bridge. Without warning the structure crumpled and eighty lives were lost. The collapse of the initial span of the bridge was one of the greatest disasters in engineering history. The total loss was estimated at \$2,000,000. Last year the St. Lawrence Bridge official were beginning to congratulate themselves on the success of the enterprise to raise the central span, when a casting broke and the huge span was at the bottom of the river in seconds. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost with the collapse.

The channel span of the Quebec bridge is 90 feet longer than the Forth bridge, which until now held the world's record in this respect. Facts about the bridge are:

Length from shore to shore, 3,235 feet; width between anchor buttresses, 1,300 feet; length of central span, 640 feet; height of central span above the river, 150 feet; and number of railroad tracks, carried, two; street car tracks, two, roads, two.

The bridge is erected primarily to carry the National Transcontinental Railway, but many railroad companies will have use of the structure.

The Diana is at the dock pier discharging coal cargo. She then will be got ready for another trip to Labrador.

King Opposes Royal Match

Alexander Prefers Greek Bride to an Entente Princess.

ATHENS, Sept. 24.—The prospects of a matrimonial alliance for King Alexander are being widely discussed, and have become an affair of State.

Since he ascended the throne and Greece joined the Entente, the view has been held that the marriage of the young King with a Princess of one of the Entente countries would be more in the interests of Greece than a private alliance. King Alexander has made it known that he did not approve this view, his desire being to marry a young Greek woman of high character, the daughter of a court official.

The issue thus remains open, as to whether the decision will conform with what are considered the State's interests or with the private inclinations of the Monarch.

Abundant Farm Crops

The past season has been a most successful one for farm produce, and potato and other vegetable crops promise to be the greatest the country has ever witnessed. M. J. McEvoy brought us in some very large potatoes the other day. Under three talks he obtained enough for nine pounds for dinner. At Deer Lake Lee faxfield has been very successful at onion raising, some of them weighing lbs. 2 oz., each. Of a crop of 200, he smallest weighed half a pound. Some of his carrots also weighed 23 lbs. each. Some excellent cabbages have come in from the Codroy Valley the past two weeks. Last week we visited several kitchen orchards and witnessed trees loaded down with magnificent apples, green, yellow, and purple plus, pears, etc. We sampled the various fruit and found them quite delicious, and many of them quite ripe.—Western Star.

Schr. Strathcona Makes Record Run

Came to Halifax From Harrington Harbor, Labrador in Three Days

The report that the schooner Strathcona made the run from Harrington Harbor to Halifax in two and a half days caused quite a sensation among the captains and crews of vessels now in port, but while not correct, the truth is that the Strathcona did come here from Harrington harbor in exactly three days. Even this is a record for the distance, which is about 600 miles. She left Harrington Harbor at 6 o'clock in the morning of Thursday, Sept. 20th, and arrived off Meagher's Beach at six o'clock in the morning of Sunday, Sept. 23rd.

She had good winds almost all the way, and Saturday night she had to shorten sail, so strong was the wind. At one time during the trip she covered over 200 miles in twelve hours. The captain reports that had it not been calm part of one of the days he would have covered the distance in less time.

Captains of vessels in port from Labrador and the coast of Newfoundland and all agree that the record of the Strathcona will be a hard one to beat, and is quite authentic.—Hx. Chronicle.

Mr. Fred H. Hue has been appointed manager of the Nfld. American Co. at Bay Bulls.

The Quirk property on Maxse St. was sold by auction on Thursday last and was purchased by Mr. J. R. Robertson for \$1000.

W. R. GOOBIE has just returned from New York and in a day or two will have a nice assortment of Ladies' Silk Blouses from \$5.50 to \$12.00 each. His store is just opposite Post Office.—sep26,tf

Sinn Feiners Active

CORK, Ireland, Sept. 28.—A police sergeant was shot in the thigh at midnight last night while he was preparing a squad at the court house to charge a crowd which had been making an attack with stones. He had given the order to fix bayonets when five shots were fired and the Sergeant dropped seriously wounded. The shooting was the culmination of night disorders fomented by Sinn Feiners, small groups of whom paraded whistling Sinn Féin anthems and cheering Sinn Féin Thomas Ash who died. Jail windows were smashed and five youths received scalp wounds from police batons. The convention of delegates had left the city before the demonstration occurred.

Archdeacon Dennis, who recently died at sea, translated the Bible into Ibo, the language which is current among 3,000,000 tribesmen in Southern Nigeria.

Food Requirements of the Allies

Baron Rhondra Makes Important Statement.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Baron Rhondra told correspondents here today that the minimum foodstuff requirements from Canada and the United States would be more than ten million tons. The food controller also announced measures for stabilizing the sugar trade, with a committee in New York to supervise Cuban purchases.

The establishment of this committee, and of a meats and fats executive, said Baron Rhondra, "is typical of the way in which we are all now working together to solve the allied food problem with the least possible dislocation of trade, and in a united determination that the armies and civil populations shall be provided at a fair price with food enough to assure victory.

"Most of the money is to be spent in the United States for cereals, hog products, sugar and meat. In view of the figures, it is necessary to emphasize the vital importance of the continuance of the closest possible co-operation between Mr. Hoover, the American Food Controller, and Mr. Hanna, food controller of Canada, and myself. Several steps in this direction have been taken. The first is the formation by France, Italy and Great Britain of a meats and fats executive. In the future all Entente allied purchases of bacon, ham, lard, butter and cheese in the United States will be pooled through this executive, thus eliminating competitive buying between the Allies which raises prices in the United States and at home.

"My answer is that unless prices determined upon are fair, an unnecessary burden is placed on the backs of the allied governments, European consumers, American and Canadian taxpayers, and, reactively, on every food consumer in America for a sole benefit of a small section of the community.

"I now am able to limit the profits derived by those engaged in the food industries of the United Kingdom. We examined the books and supply a system of cost and expense. I expect to hear that Mr. Hoover and Mr. Hanna have taken similar steps so that we will be able to assure the people that the existing high prices of imported food do not represent profiteering."

On an American steamer now due will be a shipment of Men's Heavy Overcoats, for W. R. GOOBIE, just opposite the Post Office.—sep26,tf

HAVE A SMILE

What is always behind time?—The your bow. Mrs. Migton: "No, she never returns anything!"

His View
Patient: "What would you recommend for somnambulism?" Doctor: "Well, as a last resort you might try insomnia!"

Old sailor: "The worst experience I ever had was when we ran out of port in a gale of wind." Ancient dame: "Gracious! I thought sailors always drank rum!"

A Great Dane.—The King of Denmark.

A Mathematician of the Reptile Tribe.—An adder.

Technical Description
Inquirer: "Where did the torpedo strike? I want to know exactly." Sailor: "Stab'd bilge, 'baft o' mid-ship, forra'd o' number two bunker!"

A Hoarder.
Mrs. Nipley: "Who is that woman you just bowed to?" Mrs. Migton: "Oh, she's my next-door neighbour!" Mrs. Nipley: "But she didn't return advice."

"Are you an advocate of total prohibition?" asked a lady of district visitor. "Yes, ma'am," replied the individual addressed, "I advocate prohibition in its proper place." "In its proper place?" "What do you mean, sir?" she demanded suspiciously. "I mean, ma'am," he answered, "at least twenty miles from any human habitation, ma'am!"

Filial Criticism
A popular clergyman was entertaining a couple of friends at dinner, and the guests spoke in praise of a sermon their host had delivered the Sunday before. The host's son was at the table, and one of the visitors said to him, "What did you think of your father's sermon?" "I think it was very good," said the boy, "but there were three fine places where he could have stopped!"

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