

The Morris Fishery Policy.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your esteemed columns to say a few words in connection with an article appearing in the 'Free Press' of Feb. 25th, entitled 'The Record of the Years.' I propose to deal with the article as it appeared in that paper.

On careful perusal, one cannot help seeing that it is nothing more or less than a spasmodic attempt to boom the Morris administration, for it commences by giving Sir Edward Morris all the glory of forming the Board of Trade, placing him and his Government in the role of Adam and Eve to that institution, and as a proof of what has been done goes on to show how the price of codfish has advanced since the present Government assumed power. It says: 'The average price of fish has increased from \$4.27 at the time Sir Edward Morris assumed the reins of Government to \$5.78, an increase of \$1.51 per quintal, and all this has to be entered to the credit of the present Government.' It seems, Mr. Editor, the writer is gifted with the happy knack of forgetting everything but the point in view. He makes no allowance for the very important fact and one having a very direct bearing on the price of codfish, viz., the number of quintals exported from Newfoundland decreased from 1,732,387 in 1908-9 to 1,502,289 in 1909-10, a falling off of 230,118 quintals, and in the years of 1911-12 decreased to 1,338,178, showing a shortage for the four years of 344,209 quintals. According to the figures in the article in question, is it any wonder that the average price per qtl. increased from \$4.27 to \$5.78 in 1911-12? Wouldn't it be very strange if it did not advance in the face of these facts? It will be seen that the writer, in his endeavor to boost the Morris Government, is hoist with his own petard.

The writer then goes on to review the canned and pickled codfish industries, and strives to use them, which are as a matter of fact, the result of individual effort, to prove that Sir Edward Morris has carried out his promise to find new markets for our staple products.

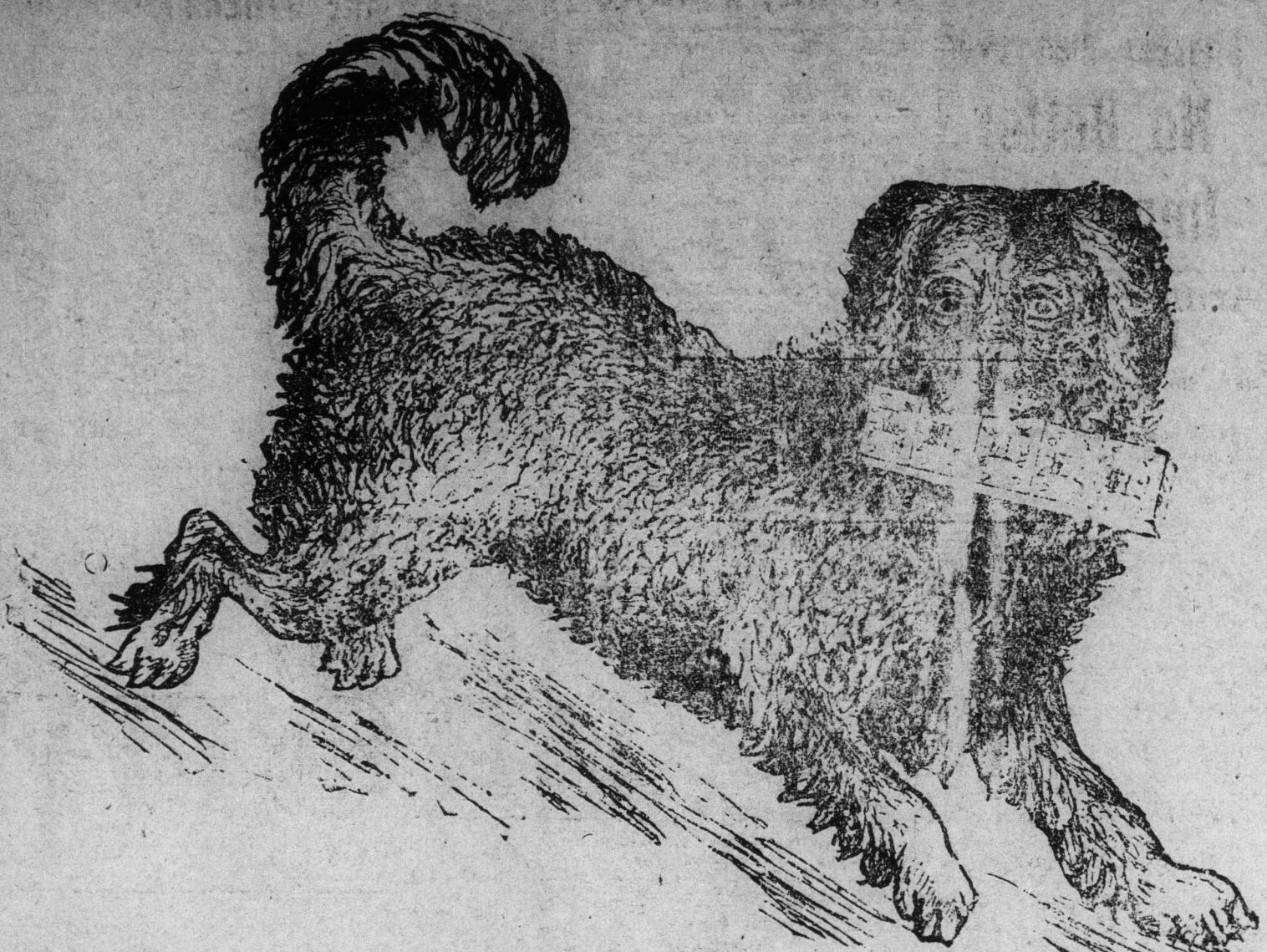
To criticize the article in detail would be presuming on your valuable time and space, but to pass the rest of it without remark would be to miss a real gem of logical argument.

The writer of the article, knowing full well that Sir Edward Morris must go out of power with his promises as outlined in his manifesto, unfulfilled, attempts, rather prematurely, one would think for a supporter as he evidently is, to excuse him for so doing and as proof positive of his blamelessness, make much of the fact that President Taft went out of office with some of his promises unfulfilled and that Premier Asquith still has some of the planks of his political platform that are not brought to maturity, owing to the fact that circumstances proved too strong for them, and then in his next breath makes an effort to roast Sir Robert Bond because he went out of office without Cold Storage being an accomplished fact, characterizing it as a dream with no extending circumstances. Oh, no, circumstance had nothing whatever to do with it in his case, it was only a joke and the contractors, men of straw, simply because they were connected with a Government opposed to the writer in politics. Fair-mindedness is conspicuous by its absence from the article, for the case of Taft or Asquith would certainly have held good in Sir Robert's case as in Sir Edward's, and who will say that Cold Storage and Coal Boring are not as much of a joke as ever, aye, and more. None but one who is politically purblind or do not want to see the fairness of the opposite to his views. Would it not be as well for Newfoundland to-day if Trefethen and Lord, whom the press on the Government side, so loudly proclaimed would boom Cold Storage in Newfoundland. These were men of straw? Will the writer in the 'Free Press' tell us what new inducements are being held out to the Booth Co. that will induce them to go ahead where Trefethen and Lord believed they would not be justified in expending five hundred thousand dollars, even with Sir Edward's broad guarantee behind it, of twenty thousand dollars if they failed to make the business pay, will he tell us it is true as reported by leading newspapers on the continent where Sir Edward has smothered the ruffled feathers that they will have control of the fisheries of Newfoundland for a number of years?

He tells us that practically all the difficulty in the way of cold storage and Bait Freezing is that local capital looks askance and foreign capitalists shun; and if this be so in 1911-12 and 1912, how much was it the case in 1903-4 and how much more of an uphill fight had Sir Robert Bond in those years when poor old Terra Nova was only struggling to her feet, having been forced on her knees in the nineties by Tory blundering, misrule and incapacity. What a wonderful thing it would be if it were possible that we could make people forget at will if we could close the valve of memory when we wish to do so in order to gain our point? But it cannot be done, and as a consequence, every voter in Newfoundland can remember the fact that during all these years, Sir Edward Morris was Bond's lieutenant, his second-hand man, and Minister of Justice in his Cabinet, therefore as liable to blame as Sir Robert himself, if there was blame. Was his (Morris) voice ever raised against the anti-American policy of the late Government? We believe not, and as Minister of Justice, had full blame for any fishermen who were, as the writer of that famous article 'The record of the years' says, were actually hauled to prison.

Much more could be said, but fearing I have already trespassed on your valuable space, I will bring my letter to a close. Thanking you in anticipation for publication, I remain Yours very sincerely,
J. J. DRAY,
Little Bona, P. Bay, Nfld.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have had to consign to the waste paper basket a number of communications from correspondents who do not furnish their names and addresses.



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The Argyle arrived at Placentia at 8.45 a.m. to-day.
The Ethie left Grand Bank at 7.30 a.m. to-day, but had to return owing to the coast being blocked with heavy ice.

Death of Religious.

Special to Evening Telegram.
WITLESS BAY, To-day.
Sister M. Columba Noonan, of the Witless Bay Convent, died yesterday after a long illness.—R.I.P.

SKINNING KNIVES.—Joseph Rodgers & Sons' Celebrated Seal Skinning Knives and Steels at KNOWLING'S East, Central and West End Stores.
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Fatal Accident at Torbay.

Still another burning accident, ending fatally, has occurred. This time at Torbay, the victim being Mary Ellen, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Manning. The accident happened at 8.30 on Thursday morning last while the parents were at Church.

Mary, who was left at home in company with her grandfather and grandmother, was putting wood into the stove. In doing so she stood too near it and in raising the damper off the top portion of the stove her pinafore was ignited by a flame of fire, which came through the open grate at this stage. Mr. Manning, the grandfather, was absent, having gone to the back yard for wood. Immediately the little girl became badly frightened and ran away from her grandmother and up stairs to her bedroom. She remained there for a few minutes screaming and enveloped in flames, the fire having caught the rest of her clothing. On being alarmed, Mr. Manning, senior, hastened to the assistance of his grand-daughter and quenched the fire, but not before the child was terribly burned about the arms, legs and neck, while her body was fearfully charred. Dr. Shankle, the resident physician, was summoned and alleviated the child's pain, which must have been awful. When the parents of the victim arrived and saw her condition they were horrified, while the mother could scarcely be reconciled at all. On Friday the patient's sufferings terminated in death, which the doctor pronounced due to shock.

The coat dress cut in one piece is one of the handiest of the new fashions for the street. Velvet and sarah, gingerbread color, are a good choice for them.
MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DANDRUFF.

Cable News.

Special to The Evening Telegram.

BUENOS AYRES, To-day.
The American bark, Pendocot, which arrived at Payasandus, January 28, from Campbellton, now Conception De Uruguay, is on fire. The vessel and cargo will probably be a total loss.

LONDON, To-day.
Just before his departure for New York on steamer Mauretania, Sir Ernest Shackleton announced he intended to head a scientific expedition to Antarctica. The Mauretania sailed from Southampton on Saturday. Sir Edward said he would visit several points in the States and go to Ottawa.

BERLIN, To-day.
The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, referring to Montenegro's interference with the Austrian steamer Skodra, and the treatment of Catholic Albanians says: "If Austria is resolved to call Montenegro to account for such aggressions, she is acting from an assertion of her endangered rights and interests which correspond to protection afforded by International Law to principles of European civilization. We abate nothing from our announcement of an understanding between Austria and Russia, with respect to the Albanian question. On the other hand we are convinced a final agreement has been assured on points hitherto controverted."

WASHINGTON, To-day.
Differences among Democrats regarding the form of the income tax bill will be thrashed out at coming Democratic caucus House. The ways and means committee considering the income tax of Administration spent Saturday in going over details but reached no conclusion on either rate or extent exemption incomes. Whipping posts for white slaves and seducers of women; tax upon bachelors; more careful training of children; abolition of jury rides, and ragtime dancing are advocated as remedies for social evil. At hearing here conducted by Illinois Central Vice Commission which came to Washington primarily in interest of President Wilson in nation wide vice crusade, the commission secured the promise of President Wilson to consider their request for him to call a conference of Governors and representatives of Vice Commissions from various States to study social problem. The conference will be held in Washington as soon as practicable.

Sealing Notes.

Messrs. Bowring Bros. have received the following wireless messages from Capt. A. Kean, of the S. S. Stephano, Friday, midnight:—

"In good spot of seals; thick fog; here alone; killed and panned 15,000; took 6,000 on board; total of ice and on board 26,000; average weight, 50 pounds."

Saturday, Midnight.
"Dense fog; loose ice all day; killed and panned 7,500; took 3,000 on board; total panned on board, 33,500."

GULF NEWS.

Supt. Smith, of the Anglo, received the following message to-day from Cape Ray:—

"Fresh, cloudy, heavy open ice distant; Seal reports abeam off Cape St. George with 1,400 seals on board; Neptune, 8,000; no reports from others."

Here and There.

COMING EAST.—The S. S. Prospero left Channel last midnight, coming east.

The schr. Freedom sails to-morrow for Pernambuco with 3,750 drums of fish shipped by Monroe & Co.

FURNACE LINE.—The S. S. Almeria left Liverpool yesterday for this port with 1,500 tons of cargo.

The schr. Gertrude L., Capt. Edgecombe, arrived at Gibraltar from this port after a run of 26 days.

PROPOSED NUPTIALS.—Mr. F. F. Harris, of the Martin Hardware Co., has decided to forsake single blessedness and will be united in matrimony to Miss Lucy Morris, nurse at the Fever Hospital, on April 10th. The ceremony will come off at Topsail.

BRIDGE FINISHED.—Work on the new Long Bridge finished at 1 p.m. to-day. The structure is a very substantial one and is raised off on both sides. The work was quickly and efficiently done.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.—A man named Parnell, dangerously ill, was brought in from Petty Harbor, this afternoon in the ambulance. Another patient, a woman, arrived by train from Bay Roberts. She was taken to hospital in the ambulance and is also dangerously ill.

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