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A RIGHT MOVE.

It is learned on pretty good authority that the government will shortly undertake to lay a telegraphic cable between Seal Island and the mainland. Such a thing has been proposed more than once, but the department never considered the work necessary until the present time. This paper has on several occasions described the island, its large and increasing summer population, the importance of its fisheries and the need of speedy communication with the adjacent coast. It seemed a great disadvantage for such a stirring place to be in a manner isolated from the chief business centres, notwithstanding the regular visits of the little freight steamers. Above all, the frequent marine disasters may have been instrumental in calling attention to the subject, and if, as reported, the authorities have at length decided to act, there will be a general feeling of approval. The nearest point to the island is Pubnico and the distance across is little over twelve miles. The cost of a cable would not be very great, and its service to more than one interest would certainly be valuable. In case of wrecks, assistance of steam tugs, etc could be readily summoned; and a great saving of property effected. Then as Seal Island is a sort of out-post to Bay of Fundy, a signal station there would be just the proper thing for the Atlantic liners bound to St. John. We earnestly hope that the projected cable may not end in talk.

THE stuff that editorial opinion is sometimes made of, when discoursing on such serious things as war, can be clearly seen in the following extract from the St. John Telegraph. The chances of a naval combat are being weighed and the scales tip, according to prejudice, in favor of Spain: "An accident to one or two of the American ships would compel them to seek a dockyard for repairs, and that would give the Spanish fleet its opportunity." There is no reason in the world why an accident should not happen to one or two Spanish ships—perhaps half-a-dozen of them—as well as the American. In that case they would be compelled to seek a port for repairs, provided they did not go to the bottom at once. But the difference would be, in Cuban waters United States ships would have their own ports under the lee, while the Spanish might be homeless.

REPLY TO MR. FOBBINS.

III.

To the Editor of the Coast-Guard.

SIR,—I wish to ask Mr. Robbins how in the light of present evidence, he can say that the Boston market would bear up if every man had commenced fishing on or about the 15th of March. Shipments for the last month have ranged from 700 crates down to 200 crates, and lobsters have sold as low as $8 per crate. This proves conclusively that should every man jump into the business just at a time when lobsters are getting more plentiful the market would be completely glutted, and the employers of Mr. Robbins would be able to obtain all the lobsters they wish at very low prices. Now be candid and tell us that a glut is just what you want to see, is what you are trying to bring about, and that it would be the best thing that could happen for the packers. There is not a doubt but should the months of January and February be taken from the season, nearly the same amount of lobsters would be marketed in Boston during the remaining four months, and who is stupid enough to believe the same prices would be obtained? Not even Mr. Robbins himself believes it.

I intimated in the first of this letter that Mr. Robbins sought to convey some false impressions. The first, that the fishermen of Tusket Wedge are as persevering and possess as much energy and push as do the fishermen of Cape Island. He has only to turn to the latest government report to see his error. Just consult the table showing the earnings of the men from the two places, and he will be convinced who possesses the "energy" and "push." And when he reflects that a good part of the money was earned by our men right along side of Tusket and Chebogue, he will no doubt modify his ideas in this regard. Next he says that their fleet of boats compare favourably with ours. This is too ridiculous for serious consideration, since the government returns show them to be worth $6 each, just the price of punts.

Then again he says there are no eels caught around Tusket. Whether they were caught or not, this same report shows that they were exported to say nothing of what was consumed by the inhabitants.

His next false statement that lobsters shipped from Yarmouth are only 24 hours in transit to New York, when the fast is they are 36 hours. And till he claims he is a lobster shipper! Now I ask if he cannot be trusted to give the public a simple statement of facts, what is to be thought of him as an authority on the lobster question? He very boldly assures us that the people of Tusket Wedge are prosperous and have all the boats they need, and then winds up his letter by hinting that we prosecute the winter fisheries because we have the boats and vessels and other people have not. Did their boats and vessels go out of existence during the five weeks in which he was writing his letter, or what has become of them?

As regards "Cape drakes" I would say that as we are not especially fond of eels, alewives or rabbits, we would prefer to change for a mess of those birds he peddles around town providing they are not old hens.

Now in conclusion I would say that I have written very hurriedly, and may have missed some of your intended points. I have not the necessary five weeks in which to prepare an answer. But I promise you that should you see fit to reply to this I shall take more time with my next, and I may call in some of my brothers or brothers-in-law to help me out.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for valuable space, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
SMITH A. NICKERSON.

Clarks Harbor.

P. S. Since writing the above I have been handed the following by a school girl; I think it quite suggestive.

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Of a house by the rill to take out your fill
To help fill the till
Of the man who will pay the two dollars a day.

FATE OF THE BRIC FAIRY.

How Spanish Pirates Disposed of a Nova Scotian Crew—A Tragic Episode of Cuban Trade Sixty Years Ago.

II.

The prisoners on board the brig passed that long and dreary night without sleep and filled with the deepest anxiety as to what would next befall them. The guards would not permit them to converse among themselves, but they prayed in silence to God for some way of deliverance from that band of brutal men. The terrible hours wore slowly on; daylight came at last, when the pirate chief and his men returned to the brig from the shore. The captives were given something to eat and then set to work discharging the cargo. As the hogheads of molasses were hoisted up, Capt. Cunningham was compelled to bear every one of them out over the rail by pushing with all its strength. This was very tiresome labor, but the chief abused him all day with curses and blows for not working harder.

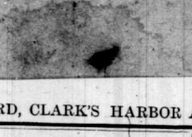
On the fourth day they finished discharging and got all the cargo rolled together in the yard. Late that afternoon, the chief ordered Capt. Cunningham and all his crew but McLeod and McKay to march to the boat under guard of all the pirates but two, who were left to keep watch over the two sailors. He said they were going in the boat to get ballast for the brig and he wanted to take along with him for that purpose as many hands as possible. The pirates returned some time after dark, having been gone about three hours, but none of the brig's crew were with them. McLeod and McKay at once concluded that all their shipmates had been murdered, and they were overcome with grief, for they knew that they would soon meet with the like fate.

Then followed another long and wretched night, in which no sleep came to their eyes, and no relief to the gloomy thoughts which oppressed them. In the morning the chief asked McLeod if he could repair their boat. He answered that he could do so, for he was a carpenter and had built vessels and boats in his own country. He was then told to go to work on the boat, and McKay could assist him at the job. Having asked permission of the guard to get some wood from a pile of old wreckage that was near the boat, McLeod was horror-struck, while looking it over to find on a board the name of a vessel, hailing from Liverpool, N. S. which he had helped to build. He thought of home and friends who a few years before had watched for the return of this vessel, and at last had given her up as foundering at sea, with the loss of all hands on board. Their fate shall never be know, he said to himself, as he gathered some wood and sadly returned to his task.

The guard blamed him for having been absent so long, but his heart was too full of recollections of home and dear ones to give any answer, which made the pirate very angry. Quickly seizing his cutlass, he struck McLeod across the face, cutting his nose so that it almost fell off and also making a deep gash in his cheek. The chief seeing the guard do this, ran forward with drawn cutlass, and struck him on the arm, making a deep and painful wound. The chief appeared to be very much enraged, and said that he would give orders when there was any cutting to be done. He then told McKay to get some water and help McLeod wash and dress his wound, which he was very anxious to do, as McLeod was faint from pain and loss of blood. After a few hours, he was made to resume work on the boat.

(To be continued.)

Lots of Hustling



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