Vox Populi: Vox Dei.

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ause. He had been fishing since he as 7 years old, and was for 45 years skipper, during that time he had rought home an average voyage of 00 qtls. He worked hard all his fetime. This year he arrived home ith 1,000 quintals, 200 of which were hore cured. He followed the regutions fully and had 300 quintals of hore cured as good as ever the sun hone on. When he started to unead the Inspector came along and atched his fish as it came out. Out f the 200 quintals he had eight qtls. o. 1 and what was not considered ood enough for No. 2 was thrown ut as slightly damp. This fish, Mr. ollins said, was about as damp as a ard dried cod if a child blew his reath on it. "No wonder," said Mr. ollins, "the doctor tells me my blood ressure is up to 125." This piece of rced robbery is enough to make any an's blood boil. When you see our fish culled out under a system othing more nor less than downight robbery, it is enough to make our blood run cold, not say boil ver. When I came to St. John's, r. Collins continued, I was told that fish regulations were brought about by ourselves. Probably so. The fishermen thought it was not right for the merchant to buy at talqual and cull the fish in their stores and then to ship West India to Brazil and Brazil to Oporto. We wanted a square deal all round and we are after getting it to our grief. We have another schooner with 600 qtls., and the crew are walking about all the week and can't make a sale. The cause of this must be the regulations. Sir John Crosbie told me that if he had free exportation to all markets, he would buy all the fish in port. I want to say, too, that Morine and Kean did not advise this meeting, and did not wish to have anything to do withit. What I am doing here tonight is fighting for British fair play and the fishermen's rights, and I am prepared to stay in St. John's all winter and all next year until we get them.

WESTERN BAY HEARD FROM.

Joseph Bishop, of Western Bay, came on the platform at the request of some members of the cmomittee, and stated that he was over seventy years old, and had been 60 years shing, 45 of which he spent as master. I have, he said, been on the topsail yard, at the ice and down in the mines, and was never afraid to go where any other man went. I never saw conditions worse, and it is enough to make a man's blood boil over to see the way we are being fooled. The Fish Regulations are mainly responsible for the depression now in our midst, and something must be done or starvation is going to prevail here this winter. Two years ago I gave up fishing and handed over my schooner to my son. This year when he returned from the Labrador there was not a man left in Western Bay to haul her up, and we had to go to Carbonear and get Rorke's men to haul her up there. There is not a man left in Western Bay, only a couple of cripples, and if things are allowed to drift on there won't be a young man left in the country. Everything depends nn the fishery, and the price we get. T he cooper, the sailmaker, the lumberman, the blacksmith and the clerk, all depend on the fishery, and the lobster fishery, the herring fishery and salmon fishery, because if the codfisehry is a failure and low prices obtain, there will be no outfits for the next fishery. Now what are the people going to do this winter? In a few weeks a great number of people will be isolated for four or five months and they can't eat wood. They can't sell their fish and if they do they get a poor price, and some here can't sell at all. I tell you, gentlemen, the situation is worse than we think, and it is time to act. As to the Fishery Regulations, the whole thing is a farce. Bleed your fish, says the regulations. Imagine getting 100 qtls. of fish in a trap and two or three men starting in with little knives to bleed them. Whenever was there such nonsense published in a paper. Any fisherman can tell if a fish is trapped or taken with the jigger. The former is smothered and the latter bleeds to death. I can go to-day and pick out a trap fish or a jigged fish, no matter how it has been cured, and any fisherman can do the same. (Hear! Hear!) The whole thing is a joke. No. 1 and No. 2 Labrador is another joke. Every fish caught on the Labrador is split and salted in the same way, and if there is any such thing as No. 1 Labrador, the whole voyage broken fish excepted, is No. 1. The whole business is nonsense, gentlemen, and the sooner we capsize the regulations the better for the fishermen and everyone else in Newfoundland.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. Frank Greene of Greenspond, was handed a copy of the Star, in which that paper said Morine and Bradley had paid for the hire of the Hall. Mr. Greene denounced the article as a most damnable lie on the fishermen. Morine and Bradley nor any one else had anything to do with the hiring of the hall. The money was collected from the fishermen, some of whom are on the platform. I have the fifty dollars here and I will pay Mr. Bulley for his hall when this meeting is over. As a protest against this lying statement, he tore the paper to pieces in front of the fishermen, who approved of his action by cheering loudly.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were submitted and unanimously approved by the meeting:—

RESOLTION No. 1.

WHEREAS the price of fish in Newfoundland is now lower than for many years, and sales are hard to make;

AND WHEREAS it has been made to appear to us that interference with free export from the Colony and free sale abroad have much to do with the depression here,

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of this meeting that there should be no restriction upon the right of any person to export fish, or to sell it abroad by such agents or means, and for such prices as he may deem wise, and that all existing Regulations to the contrary should be repealed.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

WHEREAS the sale of fish at renumerative prices is a matter of universal importance to the people of this Colony,

AND WHEREAS the operatives, mechanics and laborers of this Colony are directly interested therein only second to that of the Fishermen,

AND WHEREAS the control of the export of fish, and with that its sale and price in the local markets, is now in the power of a Board of Exporters who exercise a practical monopoly to the general disadvantage of the people at large,

RESOLVED that this meeting urges the importance of meetings of this kind being held in all parts of the Colony to express the public will,

AND RESOLVED that the various unions of operatives, mechanics and laborers throughout the Colony be asked to co-operate in our demands.

RESOLUTION No. 3.

WHEREAS the Hon. W. F. Coaker's Organ—The Advocate—has announced that all Labrador No. 1 Fish will be purchased for $8.00 per quintal;

AND WHEREAS there is now much unsold fish in vessels in port, and much daily arriving;

RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to name a committee of five persons to wait on Mr. Coaker to-morrow to have him arrange the sale of all of such fish at the price named, without delay.

ANOTHER RESOLUTION.

Mr. J. Dempsey of the L.S.P.U., came to the platform and moved another resolution, though he did not ask for a seconder. The resolution was as follows:—

RESOLVED that this meeting call upon His Excellency the Governor and demand that he send a competent man to New York to engage the services of two experts on sanity to visit here and examine the brains of Squires and Coaker.

In doing so Mr. Dempsey said that Squires and Coaker had imported some chartered accountants here at a cost of $15,000, and the only work they performed was to measure the coal bins at the General Hospital. Mr. Dempsey made a very fine speech dealing with unionism.

After a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded the chairman the meeting closed at 9.30 with National Anthem.

NOTES.

The Fishermen are aroused!

Last night's demonstration proved it.

Did you hear the cheers for Coaker? Ha! Ha!! Ha!!!

Weren't the Resolutions clinchers, and didn't the meeting uproariously applaud their adoption?

Thousands would have been in the C.C.C. Hall had the room been large enough to hold them.

What price White Napes to-day? Not only fish but the human white naped creatures, who were so bitterly denounced last night.

Some one in the audience suggested that Coaker should offer a money prize to the person who can evolve a process by which "White Napes" may be returned to their original condition.

It was proved beyond cavil or contradiction last night, just what the fishermen think of the Regulations. No amount of camouflage by the Advocate can diminish the result of the toilers' strike for fair play.

Newspaper men present were advised to write up the proceedings for publication just as they occurred, and were further warned that any ridicule or caustic comment on their part would meet with swift retribution. Those for whom this advice was meant doubtless took due notice.

Wasn't it remarkable how unanimous the fishermen were in their declaration that it was not politics, but their own business, and that of hose of other sections of the domin-those of other sections of the domin-primary cause of the meeting.

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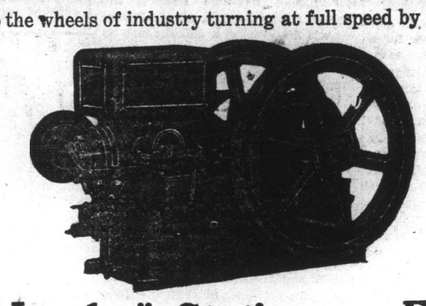

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