

## Bait Sceptre Wrested From Newfoundland

Island Colony Vessel Owners and Skippers Fairly Beg Massachusetts Bay Dealers for Frozen Herring

It is a fact that without Massachusetts Bay bait the Newfoundland early bankers, which operate off the South coast, Rose Blanche, Channel, and other favored spots, would be unable to prosecute their winter and early spring cod fishery, which last year through the aid of Massachusetts bait shipped to them, was the most prosperous in its history.

**They Beg for Massachusetts Bay Bait**

It is also a fact that Newfoundland vessel owners and skippers have been fairly begging Massachusetts concerns for bait all winter. Squid they want—Massachusetts bay squid—caught in the fall and put in the freezers right alive. "Squid bait means big fishing, and the Newfoundlanders know it. No wonder they are so eager for it.

Last year several cargoes were sent them, and also the year before.

Now they want more—they want all they can get. They have begged for it, written for it and cabled for it—and the price has been no object. Their big vessels which have come here during the winter with cargoes of salt herring have hung on and almost refused to sail for home until safely hayed down in their holds was their spring's supply of frozen squid bait.

Besides this and what has been previously shipped, there is now being loaded, all to urgent orders over one million pounds of this squid bait.

And Massachusetts dealers are glad to sell it to them, glad that they have it to sell to them, and will sell it to them as long as they call for it, and the supply lasts: for "that's business."

This bait supply is controlled by Gloucester, Provincetown and Boston fish men, who are also greatly interested in the ownership of Massachusetts fishing vessels.

Beside the bait, since the "Free Fish" era has come in force, the Newfoundland crafts have been practically able to make Massachusetts bay harbors "free" ports. They have come here with their green fish or herring fares, sold them, then loaded with what they pleased and gone home with it. And there has been no objection heard.

**The Other Side of the Slate**

But look at the other side of it, Newfoundland, always strict on her bait laws, is as strict as ever. One would never think to read her bait provisions—as binding on her own people who would venture to sell outside as to the offender if caught—that she was in the position of having to beg Massachusetts for bait as is actually the case.

In spite of all the privileges accorded her here under the new tariff law, in spite of all the bait help accorded her vessels and firms by Massachusetts bait producers, in spite of the fact that the bills of one local fishing concern alone amounted in Newfoundland last year to a clean half million dollars and was paid in cold cash—Yankee gold—Newfoundland has not one white lifted or offered to lift her bait barrier in return for favors received.

In spite of all the friendly offices, an American fishing vessel, down to

the eastward on a trip and her bait fished out, or spoiled on account of bad weather, cannot go to any place in the Island Colony, except in the Treaty Coast, and get even bait enough to enable her to make a "saving trip" before going home. There's no "welcome, stranger, what can we do for you?" It is a case of "nothing doing." So stringent are the restrictions that even the herring cargo brought here in the winter time by her own or any British vessels must be certified as going for food supply and not for bait. An American gasoline auxiliary fishing vessel is practically tabooed in any of her ports except on the Treaty Coast.

It is being comonly talked now in all New England fish centers that it is about time that Newfoundland "loosened up."

As it stands to-day, Massachusetts Bay is the premier bait centre of the Atlantic coast. Many thousand pounds have already been sent this season to Newfoundland to make her winter and spring fishery possible, and now American fishing vessels are loading a million pounds of the choicest kind of bait to still farther help out the vessel owners, skippers and fishermen of Newfoundland, which is the same as helping Newfoundland itself.

Who is the Good Samaritan?

### Programme for Monday and Tuesday at THE NICKEL.

RUTH ROLAND and HENRY KING, starring in

## "TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW."

The eighth installment of that wonderful series,

## ... "WHO PAYS?" ...

ANITA STEWART and EARLE WILLIAMS are presented in

## "THE GODDESS."

Eleventh Chapter of the "SERIAL BEAUTIFUL."

WERNESDAY:—14th episode of ELAINE—FRIDAY:—Charlie Chaplin in "WORK."

# Union Trading Co's First Annual Sale!

UNEXCELLED because of the extraordinary values that are being offered at Surprisingly Low Prices despite the recent advances that have taken place. Included in this sale you will find a number of oddments that come in for every-day use, all reduced down as to make a Genuine Bargain-Giving Event. Our advertisement does not cover all. To know the Big Savings you will effect give us a call.

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All our Furs Reduced down far below the regular prices.  
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The Biggest Values ever offered in Furs.

**BLOUSE BARGAINS**  
Ladies' Velvet Blouse, trimmed with pretty lace. \$1.60  
Reg. \$1.90 value.  
Ladies' Fancy Delaine Blouse, High Collar, Lace Yoke, Tuck Front. Regular \$1.20 95c.  
Ladies' Repp Blouse, Green and Grey only. Regular 90c. \$1.10 value.  
Dark Fancy Blouses, Low Collar. To clear at 50c.  
Cream Stripe Flette Waists, Detachable Collar. To 50c.  
Fancy Colored Blouses, High Collar. To clear at 40c.

**JAPANESE SILK**  
In several leading shades, 25c. per yard.  
Slightly imperfect, but not sufficient to injure its usefulness.

**CHILDREN'S READY-TO-WEAR SPECIALS!**  
Children's Tweed Dresses, \$1.90 up.  
Child's Blue Cloth Dress, with Velvet Collar, \$1.70 up.  
Child's Tweed Dresses, 65c.  
Child's Shepherd Check Dresses, 55c.  
Child's Blue Serge Dresses, 70c.

**MEN'S OVERCOATS**  
Men's Tweed Overcoats. Reg. \$7.00 value. \$6.00  
Now.  
Men's Mottled Blanket Overcoats. Reg. \$15.00 \$13.00  
Odd sizes only. Now

**MEN'S SHORT COATS**  
\$2.70 & \$3.90 each.  
Regular \$3.20 and \$4.50 values.  
**MEN'S VESTS**  
Corduroys, Serges and Tweeds to clear at 60c. each.  
Chiefly in small sizes.

**BIG SHIRT VALUES**  
Men's Negligee Shirts, made of strong Repp material; French Cuffs, Double stitched. Reinforced back and front. Full regulation size. Regular \$1.75 value. \$1.35  
Men's Stripe Percalé Shirt with Laundered Cuff. \$1.00  
Reg. \$1.20. Now.

**MEN'S COLLAR SPECIAL!**  
White Laundered Collars, in low & medium height. 10c.  
All sizes. Each.

**MEN'S SUSPENDERS**  
Made from good, strong, durable Elastic Webbing with Stitched Buff Leather Button Straps. Each 28c.

**MEN'S NECKWEAR SPECIALS**  
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Not Many in the Lot.  
While they last you can secure them from \$1.20 to \$2.00 each, which is 20 per cent. under regular prices.

**BOYS' OVERCOATS**  
Remainders in odd sizes of a lot which cannot be duplicated. Regular \$4.50 \$3.00 value. Each.

**BROWN BLANKET SPECIAL!**  
\$2.50 per pair.

With the present tendency for advancing prices it will be some time before an offer like this will come again.

**BOOT SPECIALS!**  
Infants' Boots in Pink, White, Blue and Tan Colors. 28c. Pair.  
Men's Gun Metal Boots. Regular \$3.20 value. \$2.80 Pair.  
Women's Gun Metal Boots with Gray Cloth Uppers. \$2.20 Regular \$2.70 value.  
The above are in odd sizes only with exception of the Infants' sizes.

**OTHER ODDMENTS CONSISTS OF**  
Dress Material Ends, Blouse Flannelette Ends, Cream Flannelette Ends, Fleece Calico, Savon Cretonnes, White Dress Ducks, London Smoke, Khaki Material, Percalés, Cotton Tweeds, Floor Drugget, etc., etc.

**ANOTHER TOBACCO FACTORY**

We hear to-day from very good authority that there is a likelihood of another tobacco manufacturing concern being established in St. John's. The idea is to manufacture, not alone tobaccos, but also cigars and cigarettes, and American capitalists are we hear at the head of the scheme. Many people of means, residents of St. John's, are putting money in the new proposition and a site on which to build a factory has been solicited. The new building will be larger, we hear, than the Imperial, and will employ a large number of operatives. It is said that a commencement in its erection will be made in the early Spring.

**THE KYLE RETURNING**

The S.S. Kyle at noon to-day was 40 miles S. W. by S. of Channel Head on her way back to Port aux Basques. The ship reached Louisburg and is returning with mails and passengers. She is meeting some slob ice.

**16 BELOW IN CITY.**

Late last night and early this morning the weather was the coldest recorded in the city for the winter. At 9 o'clock, at the King's Bridge, the glass registered zero. It fell then rapidly and early this morning the thermometer registered 16 below zero. The lowest previously was 10 below.

**TICKLE FILLED WITH ICE.**

To-day the Tickle is filled with ice between Bell Island and Portugal Cove and the Euphrates, which put out, could not get across. Saturday the Progress went to Clarke's Beach with 90 miners from the Island, became frozen up there, and the men cannot get back. A few more frosty nights and the whole bay will be frozen over.

**REGIMENT VS. C. L. B.**

The line-up in to-night's hockey game between teams from the C.L.B. and Volunteers will be:

C. L. B.	Volunteers
Hunt	goal
Marshall	point
Holden	cover
Goudie	rover
Phillips	right
Rendell	centre
Downton	left
	Pte. C. Ellis

Play starts at 8.30 and a good game is expected.

**MR. TARGETT HERE**

Mr. Archibald Targett, the general representative of Trinity District, is now in the city and will remain to undertake his legislative duties. Mrs. Targett accompanied him here. Like the energetic and careful representative he is, before coming here Mr. Targett made an extensive tour of his district, to fortify himself with the needs of the people and to govern himself accordingly when the House is in session.

**RECEIVED HIS PARCELS**

Mr. John R. Robertson yesterday morning had a cablegram from his son Eric of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment saying that he had received all the letters and parcels which had been sent him. From this it would appear as if all of our boys have now received the letters and parcels sent them by their friends and which have in many cases been months on the way.

**RUMORED M. WHITE SERIOUSLY HURT.**

Rumour has it that Mr. M. White, of this city, who has resided the past 15 years or more in Boston, not long since was the victim of a dangerous accident in that city. The story is that Mr. White, who is a tinsmith by trade, met a serious accident in the elevator of the firm for which he works and lost one of his legs as a result. He is a young man, well known and liked here and is a son of the late John White who was for many years storekeeper with Rothwell and Browning.

The S.S. Prospero left Lamaline at 2.15 p.m. yesterday, bound west.

**RUSSIANS ADMIT LOSS OF THREE MILLION MEN**

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The American Red Cross detachment which has been serving for many months on the Russian front sailed from Bergen yesterday for New York on the steam ship Bergensjord. The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company who sends this information says that members of the party described the hospitals of Russia as admirable in work and equipment.

The Russians themselves, the despatch says, calculate their casualties thus far at 3,000,000, and state that 1,000,000 German and Austrian prisoners of war have been sent to the interior of Russia or Siberia.

Russia no longer needs foreign assistance in hospital work, although many physicians from other countries are still in service at the front. Life in Petrograd is described as virtually normal.

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**Indian Prince Gets the Military Cross**

India's youngest war prince has just won the Military Cross for marked gallantry. He is Second Lieutenant Reno Jodha Jang Bahadur, of the Thirty-ninth Garhwal Rifles, grandson of the Maharajah of Nepal. The official account of his bravery says: "During a faint attack north of the La Basse Canal he commanded a double company with great ability and conspicuous gallantry in face of a severe fire from rifles, machine guns, hand grenades and bombs. His bravery was previously observed on September 25, when he led his men with marked gallantry right up to the German wire under heavy rifle and machine gun fire."

The prince is now in a London hospital recovering from two wounds received in the La Basse encounter. He is twenty-five years old.

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