

# HERRING FISHERY NOTES.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Editor.—The presence of Mr. Fitzgerald at the port of St. George's, at the instance of the Government, to study and report on the condition of the herring industry in that important district, a very laudable and praiseworthy act on the part of said Government, induced me to make the following few remarks on the question:

It is very easy for a Government to be misled by reports, however honestly made up by the inspector, who has had but a short period of time at his disposal for the purpose intended and in consequence the blame for the continuance of this industry's languid and unremunerative condition may be falsely charged to either the ignorance, carelessness or want of skill in the preparation of barrels, pack or cure of these valuable fish on the part of the inhabitants of this district.

There are, however, a few persons who have devoted half a life time to the close study of this very question and most certainly do not lay the blame against the people engaged in this industry.

For a century the herrings caught at St. George's Harbor have, with few exceptions, been marketed in Halifax or other Canadian ports, and many a merchant there has grown rich and opulent therefrom.

Their system is very simple. They are a combination, they easily manage to keep the fishermen supplied a little in advance of the probable value of the catch, thus ensuring themselves their shipments to Halifax—and they fix prices to suit, regardless of pack or anything else. Only very recently have they insisted in charging for short weight, but not yet laying for overweight. A very nice arrangement. There is no necessity to describe here the modus operandi of our people in regard to barrel making; sufficient to state that they resort to the inferior, cut their staves junk, split and prepare the staves and set up their barrels in the same manner as that pursued by their forefathers; but it must not for a moment be imagined that none of them have endeavored to improve on this system. I know certain parties who have lost quite heavily by their attempts to introduce a better quality of barrel. I know of one who put up a consignment of barrels, made of birch staves and strong hoops, hoop ed with six iron hoops, that received no more for them than if packed in old apple barrels. The same party bought a lot of regulation barrels from St. John's at, I think, 80 cents freight, packed them according to Scotch method, had them inspected by Mr. Mair and condemned as unfit in nature, not pack or cure, to compete with the Scotch herring, and shipping them to Halifax had to go to the expense of getting them split and repacked before he could sell them a all. Of course in such a large community there are scampish packers who yearly do infinite damage to their fellows by their carelessness with dis regard to what is right in this matter. This fact brings out the great necessity for a rigid inspection being held here by a competent and well paid inspector—paid by the Government who would act without fear or favor and whose brand would be by Governmental arrangement in foreign markets accepted as guarantee of quantity and quality. Without this latter, inspection is only a farce. The idea of employing a lot of resident inspectors chiefly on account of political pull, and charging the cost of inspection to the proprietor of barrels inspected is also farcical and of no practical benefit.

Another very important factor in causing our catch to be so unremunerative is the unfortunate fact that our local merchants do not interest themselves in this matter. From correspondence had with many of these gentlemen, it appears that even when they pay a fair, nay a good, price for a superior pack, they themselves invariably lose money thereby. Some will not handle them unassorted. For various reasons, therefore, they do not interest themselves much in this matter, and without their most valuable co-operation very little can be done to improve their present status. Repeated applications have been made to the Banks for advances to enable a company resident here to purchase at least two thirds of the annual catch and thus dominate the market for same and retain the capital in the island that now and for a century past has gone out of it. Various methods for securing the Banks' interests have been offered, such as guaranteeing to accept no non-inspected herrings, shipping in name of Bank, insuring in Bank's name, giving Bank drawing order on consignees until advance is repaid, purchasing only at absolute

safe rates, etc.; but all to no avail. Unless able to deposit on the Bank counter the whole concern as collateral, with interest added thereto, nothing could be done with them. Is it any wonder that we in the outports can not advance? Any old two-penny concern in St. John's with a few packages of goods on the outside of his shelves, to catch the eye of the clerk of the Bank when sent to look over the stock, can get an advance without difficulty, at times to the net loss of same Bank. But a great business enterprise of national importance and assured value, that only needs financial assistance to increase a hundred-fold in value to the country, cannot obtain the very slightest assistance. It is not according to Banking methods to advance money on the charge of a rising market, on any commodity even if the rise is fully assured; but alas! they often do on the chance of a falling market; else why do some of them, the managers, find it unavoidable to visit Sing Sing.

In conclusion of this rambling note I wish to convey to the Government who seem desirous of bettering matters in this connection, this very pertinent fact: It is absolutely necessary before formulating and carrying into effect any legislation for enforcing the manufacture of a standard barrel, to secure a remunerative market for the same and a sure one, otherwise a greater loss will ensue to our fishermen. Secure a market first for a standard pack, consistent with the quality of herrings obtainable in this locality, and you will speedily find that no coercion will be at all necessary to compel our folks to make standard barrels or put up No. 1 herring. The quality of the herrings must be taken into account and markets sought that require such. This must be the first move on the part of the Government, otherwise worse results than obtain now will eventually ensue.

Yours truly,  
SELBY.

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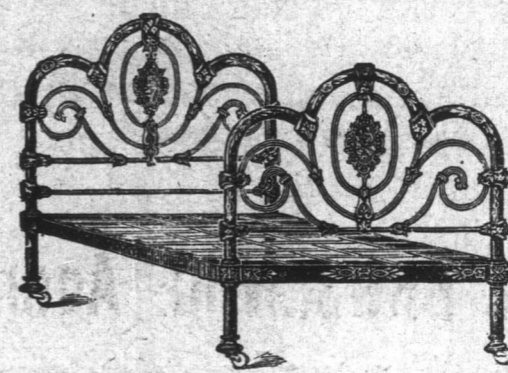
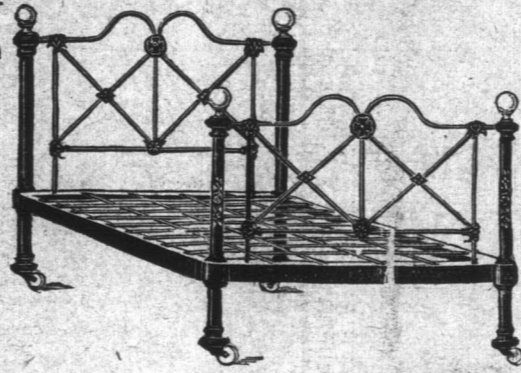
Sit down and form in your mind's eye a picture of a home as you would have it furnished. Don't spoil the picture by thinking that the family income is small. Give yourself free reign. Bring that picture here tomorrow in all its beauty and measure it up against any of a score or more home outfits that we'll show you, and if you can't transform your fondest dreams into a delightful reality it will be our first failure.

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This style Black and Green Bed, Ornamented, Brass Caps and Vases:

PRICE:

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## UPPER ISLAND COVE NOTES.

All the men have left for the Labrador, and the shore fishermen are ready for operations. Though the present indications are very gloomy. Should the fishery be a failure they can always rely on the "Iron Island" to provide sustenance.

The Rev. A. E. Rusted leaves today for the city to attend the Synod. The Rev. gentleman will be absent about ten days. We trust his stay will be a pleasant one.

Mrs. E. Martin and daughter, of Mr. Grace, and Miss Russell, of Bay Roberts, paid a visit to relatives a few days ago.

June is far advancing, and in a few days the C. H. E. Examinations which is looked forward to by many an anxious one, will take place. Let us hope there will be no disappointments. At this there will be fifteen candidates; 3 intermediate; 5 preliminary and 7 primary. Mr. E. Jones is Chairman; Miss Greenland, Secretary; and Miss Butt, of Bay Roberts, Supervisor.

Rumour has it that some of our lady teachers are resigning; some to change and seek pastures new; others to enter the blissful state. To the first we wish success, to the second, congratulations.

Probably some of our local historians can enlighten us on the first inhabitants and other lore of the smaller places in Conception Bay, as I find in this settlement a number of graves scattered about, and several old grave stones dating back one hundred years or more. The oldest inhabitant who is something over ninety cannot give any definite information on the matter.

Quite a number of deaths have taken place here lately, chiefly infants. Considering the population, the death rate is very high.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. A. Crane and family in the loss of their daughter, Gertrude, who was married to Mr. Shears, of Robinson's Head.

CORRESPONDENT.

June 14th, 1910.

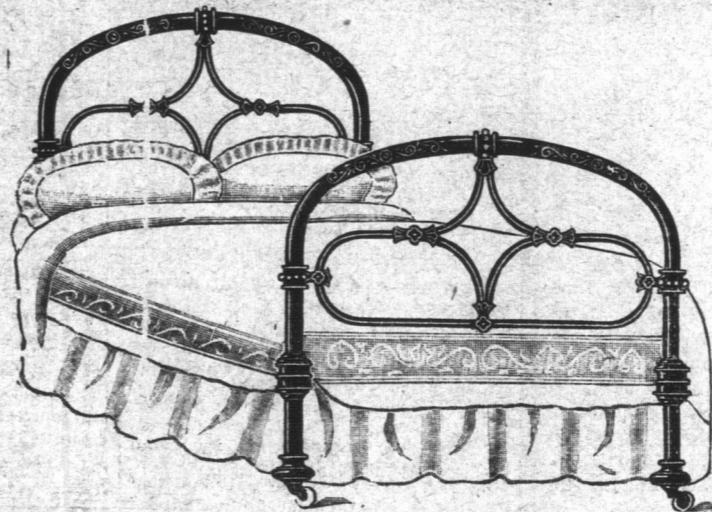
## Assistant Boiler Inspector.

Mr. David McFarlane, late Chief Engineer of the S. S. Adventure, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Boiler Inspector and Examiner of Engineers. Mr. McFarlane served his apprenticeship in the Terra Nova Engine Works, sailed on the Allan Line for several years, and studied for certificates at Southern Engineering Academy of Glasgow. He saw to the placing of the Adventure's boilers after she was built.

**INSANE MAN ARRESTED.**—Last evening a poor fellow who has been in the Lunatic Asylum several times, was brought into the lock-up by the police last night. He lives with his mother—a very aged woman—and of late has been in the habit of roaming in the country nightly. Fearing he would do himself or others injury it is now the intention of again placing him in the Asylum.

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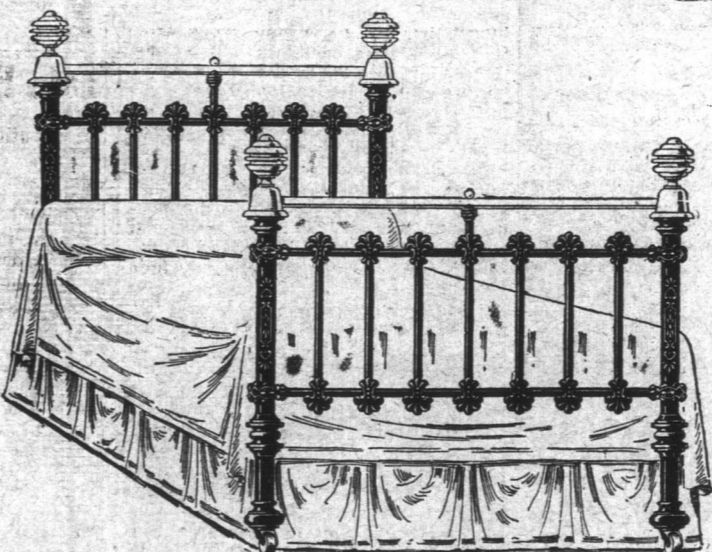
Continuous post style Bed in black and green Ornamented Enamel.



Price:

3 1/2 x 6 ..... \$4.75.  
4 x 6 ..... \$4.95.  
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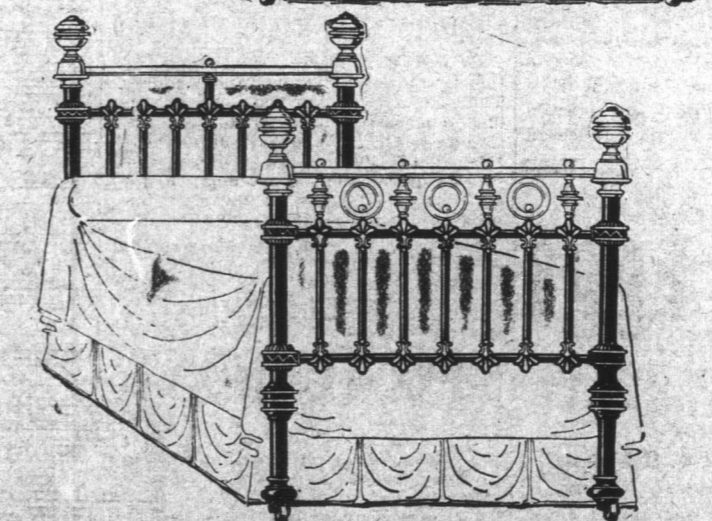
This popular style Bed, in black Enamel, with Brass top rods and vases.



Price:

3 1/2 x 6 ..... \$6.50.  
4 x 6 ..... \$6.75.  
4 1/2 x 6 1/2 ..... \$7.00.

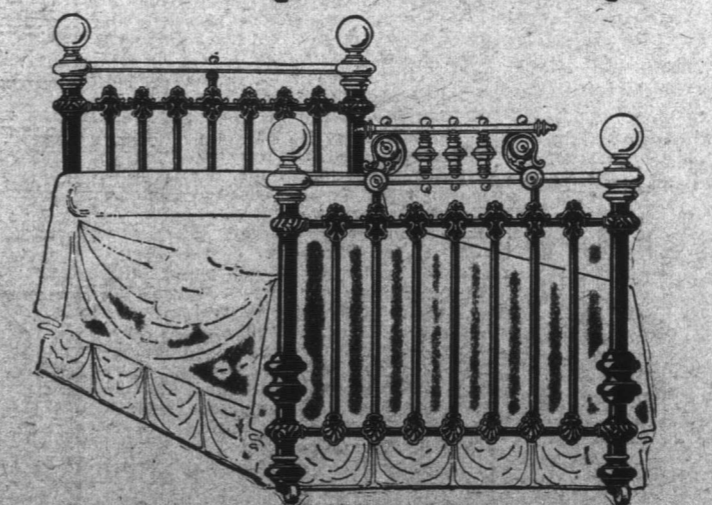
Heavy black Bed, handsomely trimmed, with Brass top rails, rings and vases.



Price:

4 x 6 ..... \$10.25.  
4 1/2 x 6 1/2 ..... \$10.50.

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## More Men in Danger.

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## BE A MAN.

It is the duty of everybody in life to appear before the world in the most favourable light. It is only a drone, or a person void of ambition who appears indifferent to the opinion of others concerning him. "I don't care what people think of me" is not the expression of an ambitious man, we all must pay regard to the opinions of others as part of human progress. We must live like men, and appear like men. So be a man and get your Clothing, Dry Goods and Furniture for cash or credit from B. FRIEDMAN, 301 Water Street, (Water Side), P.O. Box 5; Phone 546. Mail orders carefully attended to.

## Arrived at Twillingate.

Three schooners arrived from the French Shore to Twillingate last Sunday. They had gone there for the early fishing the latter part of May but had not a fish in salt when they arrived at Twillingate. From St. Anthony to LaSalle there had been no fish up to the 12th of June. Traps from Twillingate had from three to four quintals last Monday, and the outlook is generally gloomy. Mr. Ashbourne has now three vessels loaded with salt discharging at Twillingate last week. One of them, the Danish schooner Freden, has gone to Sydney for a load of coal. Herring have been abundant at Twillingate all the spring but are now striking off. The price is unusually low, being now only \$2 per barrel.

## "St. Elmo."

That "St. Elmo" had achieved an instantaneous success upon its first performance by the Chicago Stock Company was attested by the large audience which witnessed the second production of the play at the T. A. Hall last night. Many have read the popular book from which the play is dramatized, and all seemed to be anxious to take advantage of the opportunity offered to see the living portrayal of the characters they knew so well. Mr. Dorente, found instant favor in the title role, and Miss Frae and the remainder of the excellent company rendered surpassing support. The various beautiful scenes displayed aroused much favourable comment, and every member of the audience seemed delighted with play and players. To-night the company will offer for the first time the delightful western drama entitled "Genesis of the Hills." This play had an extended run at the Astor Theatre, New York, and easily takes rank as one of the foremost of the stories of life as it really is in the big, breezy West. An entire new in-vestiture of scenery will be displayed.

KEEP MINARD'S LINIMENT IN THE HOUSE.