



## Evening Telegram

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### A Test Case.

Messrs. A. E. Hickman & Co., Ltd., have defied the Fish Regulations, and do not appear to be the least bit alarmed over any action the Government may take. Tired of being sent from pillar to post, the principal of this firm took matters into his own hands, and having a cargo of fish at Malaga, unsold, ordered the master of the vessel to take a Spanish clearance for Leghorn, Italy, where he had disposed of the lot, and some other quantities, without the ceremony of asking permission of Mr. Coker or Mr. Hawes or anyone else. This action on the part of Mr. Hickman caused consternation in the camp of the Advisory Board. To do such a thing without the authority of that exalted body was verging on high treason, and immediately a consultation was called to decide upon what should be done with the individual who had had the temerity to run counter to the regulations, in order to protect himself from loss. So far nothing has transpired to cause any uneasiness to Mr. Hickman; beyond a petty persecution over some alleged technical infraction of the Codfish Report Act in omitting to report the stock of fish held by him at the end of November. That is merely of trifling import, but it shows how much trouble can be made for those who break clear of the barriers set up about them.

In defying the Regulations, we believe Mr. Hickman will have behind him the solid weight of public opinion. 'Tis a pity that such courage had not been exhibited earlier in the year, and a test case made of the legality of the measures and of their restriction upon trade. Such would perhaps have brought matters to a head in

time to prevent, if not to entirely obviate, the depression and uncertainty existing. But better late than never. The really interesting and most important point is that an exporter has sold fish to Italy, waiving the Fish Regulations. That Italian buyers purchased this fish under the circumstances is very significant, and shows that Italy is still both willing and ready to take Newfoundland fish, excepting through the agency of Mr. Hawes or via the regulated course, and those who have the courage to follow Mr. Hickman's lead will readily dispose of their shipments. Italy has usually taken from one hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand quintals of fish annually from Newfoundland, the shipping months being from September to April. Half of that period has elapsed without one single fish going into the Italian market direct from this country, because of the antagonism to which the Fish Regulations gave birth, and the appointment of Mr. Hawes as sole agent and intermediary. One result of the Hickman Company's break away from the envelopment of the winding shroud which has so long swathed and encumbered the exporters may be further developments in a situation which promises a great many new sensations.

### Additional Service.

TELEGRAM TO HAVE EIGHT COLUMN PAGES.

In order to keep up with the many demands on its space, to supply its readers with the best of all the news that is going, and to maintain its claim of being Newfoundland's greatest paper, the Telegram to-day makes its appearance with an extra column to each page. In other words, instead of a seven column page as was the standard heretofore, in future the eight column page will be continued. For a long time past, the management has been considering the advisability of making this change, the mechanical arrangements of which were finalized to-day, matrices and presses being altered to fill the new demand to be made upon them by the capable foreman of the press room, Mr. Robert Mercer, and the Telegram's efficient printing staff. The addition of the extra column is equivalent to two pages of additional news matter in a fourteen page issue, which is the average strike-off daily and when it is announced that this has been done for the benefit of patrons without raising the cost of the paper—it will be one cent—the value of the Telegram as the People's Paper will be further enhanced.

### Increased Pensions Discussed.

The question of a 20% increase in disability pensions was discussed at a recent meeting of the Executive Government during the past week, but so far nothing definite has been decided. The Acting Premier, Hon. W. F. Coker, is alleged to have promised that this increase would be granted when a deputation called on him some time ago and suggested it would be a nice Christmas gift, but at present it looks as if the Christmas box is a long way off yet.

### Wesley Anniversary Service.

Wesley Sunday School will hold their Anniversary Service to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. A special feature of the service will be the presentation of White Gifts for the poor. Each member of school is asked to bring a parcel of food, wrapped in white paper. The Committee will greatly appreciate all gifts presented by visitors or friends of the school. Special singing, recitations, etc., will be rendered. Come! everybody welcome.

### For the Poor.

Colonel Martin acknowledges with thanks receipt of the following contributions towards the Christmas Appeal for the Poor:—

\$50.00—J. P. Carey, Esq., of Furness Withy Co. Ltd.  
\$10.00—H. E. Cowan, Esq.  
\$5.00 each—Royal Bank of Canada, John Clouston, Esq., George Lewis, Esq., J. T. Meany, Esq., R. Callahan, Esq.  
\$3.00 each—Walter B. Clouston, Esq., Dr. M. S. Power.  
\$2.00 each—J. R. Bennett, Esq., John Leamon, Esq., Chas. W. Henderson, Esq.  
\$1.00—Mrs. A. Stone.  
Ten—Mrs. S. Joy.

### Muddles and Bungles.

THE FISH SITUATION TO-DAY.

The defying of the Regulations by several firms is the chief topic at the Board of Trade Rooms to-day, but in this matter there seems to be no further developments except the issuing of a Gazette Extraordinary announcing that the maximum quantity of salt codfish "which may be sold for or exported to Italy during the months of December, 1920, and January, 1921, shall be 100 quintals." This proclamation apparently confirms the reported breach of the Regulations and is intended to prevent any shipments to that country from here, under a penalty. It may be noted that the 100 qtls. is the maximum quantity that a bona fide fisherman can ship, and in this connection it may be noted that a number of fishermen of Green Bay collected a cargo and shipped it across. The vessel was supposed to be procured for them and all arrangements made by some one with authority. However, although the fish has been shipped this some time, the vessel is now at Malaga and the chances of making sales are none too bright. Another cargo of fish that was sent to Liverpool by the S. S. Canadian Miller is also the subject of much discussion. Two-thirds of the cargo was owned by members of the Advisory Board, and though one of the members of that Board asserts that all the fish shipped by that steamer was sold at regulation prices, still others who are not of the Advisory Board contend that there was much underhand work done, and that some portion of the cargo was disposed of at a lesser price than stated. An exporter interested asked why did Mr. Tracey, an agent of Mr. G. M. Barr, go to Liverpool on the Canadian Miller?

It is said that a letter has been received by a prominent fish exporter the trend of which would indicate that there has been some questionable doings going on. It has been explained to us, however, that though the fish by the S. S. Canadian Miller had been sold before leaving here and that certificates to that effect had been given to the amount of the shipments were drawn, they were dishonestly weighed, the fish was sold at the higher price obtainable, which was considered below regulation price.

### White Gifts for the King.

The third White Gifts for the King Christmas Service of Gower St. Sunday School will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in the auditorium of the church. This school for many years has held a gift service at Christmas. During the past two years they have presented not only gifts of substance, but also of service and of self. This year as before each member of the school is expected to bring their White Gift for the Christmas King to be used among the poor of the congregation. The service is interesting and always attracts a large congregation. A special offering is being taken in Gower St. Church to-morrow for the China Famine Fund, so that it will be a day of giving in Church and Sunday School alike. To-morrow morning the Gower St. Troop of Scouts and Wolf Cubs will hold a church parade, attending George St. Church.

### McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18, '20. To-day we are glad to be able to announce the opening up of a small but select line of French Perfumes and other dainty toilet goods, the product of the famous laboratories of Pinci, the Paris Perfumers. The shipment includes Saffron, Le Treffe, Florance and Aurea Perfumes, some choice Soaps, Cologne and Toilet Powders, the whole forming a remarkably nice display. We would like you to drop in and see the lot.

### New Branch Opened.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has opened a branch at Bridgetown, Barbados, under the management of Mr. A. W. Latner. The presence of such commercial assistance at the molasses shipping port will be of no small advantage to Newfoundland buyers and sellers.

### Laid to Rest.

The funeral of the late John Ryan, City Engineer, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Members of the K.O.C., B.I.S., and Municipal Commission being present. Interment took place at Belvedere.

### Fined \$100.00.

The Deputy Minister of Customs has received the following message from the Sub-Collector at Piacenza:—"Philip Power was fined \$100 for smuggling a quantity of liquor. Sergeant Nugent, who found the liquor at the defendant's house in Argentina, presented."

Buy your Felt Footwear at Smallwood's, and save 25 p.c.—dec13,14

Treadle Boot Tops at 25 p.c. off at Smallwood's.—dec13,14

### A Seasonable Sentiment.

For once Dodson and I had, the club fire to ourselves, and not another soul with whom to argue.

"Pretty, this attendance this evening," he grunted. "Shopping," I explained, "paying their tribute to the Pagan bore, Christmas."

"A relic of medieval religious fanaticism," he growled contemptuously, "dug up and polished into a sham brilliance of festivity by Washington Irving and Charles Dickens."

"A fetish of mock conviviality," I agreed, "and the day after the 25th they'll all be down with dyspepsia and talking economy."

But in the dancing flames, I saw pictures—disturbing visions of other days, while the click of the grate, as glowing embers fell, seemed so strangely familiar that I stole a look at the heavy impassive features of Dodson, and wondered what he was like as a boy. It was such a depressing vision I conjured up that I turned to go. "Think I'll get out and take the air," I remarked; and there I left him, still staring into vacancy.

I came down to Water Street as the best way home, but outside The Royal Stores I was caught in a footling throng that held me tight up against the windows. It made me distinctly annoyed, especially as a small boy in front of me began to cry because the string had come off a new box of bricks, and the wooden blocks were clattering on the wet, slippery sidewalk. Upon the impulse of the moment I helped him pick them up; that led to further disaster. In gratitude, his small sister held up her new possession, disguised as Lord Kitchener, for admiration. In sheer desperation I bolted through the door of the store and hurriedly asked for a stick of shaving soap, to cover my confusion. But there was such an atmosphere of freedom of choice, of dainty artistic display, that I was impressed. I started wandering around for further investigation and, turning a corner, found myself amongst the toys. "Bless my soul," I said to myself, "it only wants a couple of fairies to complete this fairyland." And even as I mused I heard the deep bass of a familiar voice: "You must not have it too big or it won't fly around the room," he was saying. "Dodson, by all that's wonderful!" I muttered. Through a crack in a pile of boxes I peered, and there he was with a small boy and a smaller girl intent upon the respective merits of two toy aeroplanes. I wondered if he had seen anything in the flames. He was not a bit surprised to see me. "You're cuter than I thought you were," he remarked, as the aeroplane's propeller began to go around. "And this is your Uncle Ned," he continued, introducing me. "Your nephew Dick and your niece Nancy, by adoption." Then the old man started to laugh, and I laughed, and Dick and Nancy laughed until the pile of boxes nearly fell over.

We wandered around together after that. "You are becoming a changed man, although you talk the same," I remarked, flippantly. "It's the shopping here, and the kiddies," he explained. "They're a moral tonic." "And your Christmas?" he inquired as we parted. "Cannot say: suppose I will go and argue with someone or other," I said with forced hilarity. "Don't," he said earnestly. "Come over to us." "Yes, do," echoed Dick and Nancy. So I'm going.

THE GLEANER.

### Good Catch of Fish.

Yesterday a fisherman of Portugal Cove named John Churchill, went to the fishing grounds and succeeded in getting over a quintal and a half of large sized codfish. The fishes were caught on herring bait, and they sold readily in the market to-day at 8 cents per lb.

### Liquor Seizure at Argentina.

As a result of a raid by Sergeant Nugent, and Constables Lee and Simmonds, on the premises of Philip Power, of Argentina, the latter was fined \$100 before the Magistrate at Piacenza for having a quantity of liquor in his possession.

B.I.S.—There will be a meeting of the B. I. S. Ladies' Auxiliary in the B. I. S. Rooms on Sunday evening, December 19th, at 8.30 o'clock. All members are requested to attend. ELIZABETH H. PEDIGREW, Sec'y. dec13,14

### Coastal Boats.

S. S. Portia left Trepassay early this morning and is due here to-night. GOVT RAILWAY COMMISSION. Gloucester left Burgeo at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, coming to Piacenza. Home arrived at Lewisport at 10 p.m. Thursday. Kyle left North Sydney. Meikle left North Sydney at 1 a.m. yesterday, coming to St. John's. Sebastopol on way to St. John's. Earl of Devon at Lewisport.

### Police Court.

Attempt to Bribe Officers Falls.

The case of Head Byrne vs. Harry Tompkinson and Hugh Bishop, for a breach of the Prohibition Law, came up for hearing to-day. Tompkinson pleaded guilty but Bishop, pleaded not guilty, and was represented by Mr. Tait. The Government Analyst testified that one keg of rum seized from the defendants contained 74.74 per cent of alcohol, which is equivalent to 80.95 overproof. The story as gleaned from the evidence of Constable Forsey, Joseph Squires and Head Byrne was as follows: Forsey, who is stationed at Manuels had been warned to look out for the car driven by Bishop, and when he saw it passing him at a rather slow rate he boarded it and was carried about a quarter of a mile down the road before the occupants of the car discovered he was on it. Forsey told Bishop to stop the car near Squires' house, and he sent Tompkinson up to fetch Squires down as he needed his assistance in case the defendants would attempt to resist on the way to town. Tompkinson attempted to bribe both Forsey and Squires with \$100 and a keg of rum. It speaks well for the firmness of both that they had sufficient will power to refuse an offer of a keg of rum which was 30 overproof, beside the extra cash offer. Very few men would have been able to refuse such a bribe. Squires and Forsey having boarded the car, the latter ordered the driver to proceed to Top-sail from where a telephone message was sent to the Inspector General. The latter gentleman took out his car, and after taking Head Constables Byrne and O'Neill aboard, drove out to meet the captured driver. The two cars met about five miles from town and the liquor was transferred from Bishop's car to the Inspector General's, and was taken to town. Mr. Tait put Bishop in the witness box with the intention of proving that he was acting merely in the capacity of a taxi-driver and that he knew nothing about the liquor. He suffered a very severe cross examination by the Inspector General, in the course of which he stated that if he were driving with liquor in his car, he would be going fast and with the side curtains up. His Honour dismissed the charge against Bishop. He said that Tompkinson's wife had come and pleaded for the defendant and he therefore would not be so severe as he had intended. Nevertheless he could not blind himself to the fact that it was a second offence if he imposed a fine of \$150. \$500 was the value of the liquor confiscated.

### Here and There.

ARRIVED LAST NIGHT.—Thursday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 11 last night.

EXPRESS DUE.—The incoming express with the Kyle's passengers is due at 5 p.m. to-day.

The Gift for Health from the East, "LES FRUITS," ELLIS'S, dec9,11

WILL SAIL TO-DAY.—Repairs to S.S. Turret Cogit are being rushed and she will probably get away for Sydney to-day.

For Evening Wear, Evangeline Pumps; 25 p.c. off at Smallwood's.—dec13,14

MEET TO-MORROW.—The B.I.S. Ladies' Auxiliary meet to-morrow night in the Society's Club rooms to discuss matters in connection with the Association.

Stafford's Ess. Ginger Wine only 20c. bottle. Postage 10c. extra.—dec10,11

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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT.—The Public Health Department reports 5 cases of diphtheria, 1 of scarlet fever, and 1 of typhoid fever for the week ending Dec. 16th. A case of diphtheria was reported this morning.

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IN MEMORIAM. Thomas F. Dunphy, drowned on Dec. 18, 1919, on board of the s.s. Manxman, while on his way to Greece, son of Patrick, and Ellen Dunphy, 31 Central Street—R.I.P.

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