



Evening Telegram

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The Tragedy of the West Coast.

Both the prosperity and industry of Channel, Port aux Basques and the surrounding fishing settlements have been seriously crippled by the Fish Regulations, and no man, be he exporter or fisherman, has a good word to say in favor of these enactments. Channel and Port aux Basques have long been distributing and collecting centres for Margaree, Fox Roost and Isle aux Mortes to the Eastward: Mouse Island, Grand Bay and Cape Ray to the Westward, all of which places depend solely on the produce of the sea for the maintenance and upkeep of their populations. With the exception of a number of men who work at the railway terminus and others employed on the Reid steamboats, the bulk of the male population of the two towns and settlements named prosecute the fishery all the year round, the quantity caught comparing favorably with that from other parts of the district. There are no banking schooners fishing out of Port aux Basques. The industry was carried on by motor skiffs and small schooners, during summer and winter, though in the warmer months many skiffs were laid up and punts and dories took their place. In recent years most of the voyage was disposed of in salt bulk to American purchasers, at remunerative prices. Such of the summer catch as was made brought ready sale at Halifax, Nova Scotia, where prices were always slightly in advance of St. John's, beside which there were the extra facilities offered by the direct connection of the Farquhar Line of steamers. Thus the prosperity and growing importance of Channel and Port aux Basques as factors in the chief industry, was something of which the people were proud. By their indefatigable industry they had built for themselves a reputation as makers of good fish, the quality of which was ever its own recommendation.

The unparalleled change which has within the past few months taken place in Channel and Port aux Basques, and from them communicated to the neighboring settlements is directly traceable to the imposition of the Fishery Regulations. When free trade, not only with the European and American markets, but with the markets of the neighboring Canadian provinces, was denied, there was no alternative for the fishermen but to abandon their calling, and if possible get away to some other parts where employment could be had. Those who could afford to leave home did so. Those who through circumstances could not get away, were obliged to hold on and chance the future, gloomy and all as it looked. All the months of August and September there was nothing doing. No one was catching fish: no one was buying fish. Such as had not been previously disposed of out of salt bulk was being held by the owners, and but few

transactions were taking place and these for barter only. The firm of Gorton Pew, so long established on the West Coast, with ramifications extending from Bay of Islands to Harbor Breton, had given up purchasing, and the few occasional who came the way for cargoes, were daunted by the Regulations. So bad were local conditions that one of the principal fish buyers addressed a letter of protest to a government newspaper in St. John's, strongly condemning the regulations and asking that they be relaxed somewhat. But his letter was not given publication. Branch houses of St. John's firms were taking fish to pay accounts, but no cash whatever was being offered. Things may or may not have changed since September, yet it is very unlikely. As the matter stands therefore, the Fish Regulations have stricken Channel, Port aux Basques and neighboring places most severely, and the blow will be felt for many a month.

Notes and Comments.

The Ohio man who recently beat his wife because she refused to sing, is, of course, hopelessly insane.

It may be quite true that every man has his price, but the one who is bought usually turns out not to be worth it.

When those three hundred schooners with their crews, get here from the North with fish cargoes, demanding \$10 a quintal, lively times may be expected.

The phrase "Between the devil and the deep sea" has probably no reference to the ancient fighting between the Picts and the Britons, though undoubtedly it has long been in use in Scotland. Its origin would appear to be lost in obscurity, though possibly it may have some reference to the New Testament story of the swine of Gadara.

"Lost, stolen or strayed—the Salmoner motor ferry. When last seen it was being towed by a dory from Old Ferry to the King's Wharf." Note from a correspondent.

Another correspondent suggests that milkmen are no longer putting water in the lactical fluid, but something stronger. If this is correct then it explains the reason for the early rising of many males anxious to meet the milkman.

On this date, 1822, at St. John's, John Holden, for stealing money from the house of James Shea, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to death by the Court, but at the same time was recommended to mercy. Money stealers get off with lighter sentences these days.

Germany's plea about bankruptcy is not taken seriously by the Wall Street Journal, which says that she is "steadily moving toward solvency and lying about it."

After a Sunday school teacher had finished reading the lesson which

told how Pharaoh made Joseph's brother ruler over many cattle, she said, "Now, Willie Moore, can you tell me what Pharaoh did for Joseph's brothers?"

"Yes'm" Willie answered, "he made cowboys of 'em."

A travelling man one night found himself obliged to remain in a small town on account of a washout on the railroad, caused by the recent heavy rain, which was still coming down in torrents. He turned to the waitress and said, "This certainly looks like the Flood."

"The what?" "The Flood! You've read about the Flood and the Ark landing on Mount Ararat, surely?" "Gee, mister," she returned, "I ain't seen a paper for three days!"

A correspondent asks the following question of Hon. H. J. Brownrigg, Minister of Finance and Customs: "Are Government positions in Newfoundland still apportioned along denominational lines? If so, will the Minister please explain why, out of seven paid Government positions lately given women for teaching basket work, etc., to invalid soldiers, only one was received by a member of the Roman Catholic Church?"

Father Matthew Anniversary.

T.A. & B. Society Will Attend Mass in Cathedral.

The 180th anniversary of Father Matthew's birth will be celebrated on tomorrow (Sunday), Oct. 10th. Every year the anniversary of the Apostle of Temperance has been celebrated by the St. John's T.A. & B. Society in a manner befitting, and on tomorrow the society will attend in a body eight o'clock mass at the Cathedral and receive Holy Communion.

Two years before the St. John's T.A. & B. Society was formed (1858), Father Matthew had passed away to his eternal reward; but the mighty temperance movement which he had started was nevertheless working its way amongst the masses.

Father Matthew became therefore, an exemplar, whose unswerving adherence to the principles of Total Abstinence and whose energy and persistency in the advocacy of those principles were worthy of emulation. He consequently became a patron of the Society. His portrait adorns the Society's banner. The annual celebration of his anniversary is, therefore, a most appropriate recognition of the character and virtues of a great reformer.

New Express Warehouse

Plans of a temporary warehouse for the Reid Newfoundland Express Company are now being prepared and will be ready for submission to the Civic Commission's approval in a few days. The building will relieve the congestion of packages on the platform, and will give the public more efficient service.

Roller Skating Starts.

The Princes Rink will be opened for roller skating on Monday night next. This is the first time since the war that the rink has opened for roller skating, and no doubt quite a number of people will avail of the opportunity of enjoying themselves at this healthful exercise. It is expected that the C.C.C. Band will supply the music during the season.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Sebastopol sailed at 4 p.m. yesterday for Humbermouth to take up the Straits service.

Schr. Inspiration, 7 days from Sydney, with coal, for the United Coal Co., arrived in port yesterday.

S.S. Lady of Gaspe finished discharging last night, and sailed for Boston this morning.

S.S. Volunda leaves Sydney tomorrow for this port with coal to A. Harvey & Co. This ship has been chartered by the Nova Scotia Coal Co. replacing the s.s. Borussia which has been taken off this route.

Schr. Nevis, from Domino, bound across, arrived in port last night. The schooner intended calling at Catalina with some fishing crews she was bringing from the Labrador, but met heavy weather, losing some of her sails and had to run for this port.

Atlantic Sugar Further Declines in Price.

Montreal.—As was natural with a further decline in sugar prices by the refiners, Atlantic Sugar eased off a little this week. These lower prices for sugar do not indicate actual loss for the refiners, but only lessened profits as compared with what they would be had the decline not taken place. There is a disposition to believe that the plans for splitting up the stock will be delayed somewhat on account of the unsettled condition of the commodity markets.

NO STOCK REPORT.—There has been no Oporto stock report received by the Board of Trade since the 27th September.

For Special Occasions.

I have headed this article with a phrase that one may hear any day and from anybody. In fact I overheard it recently myself, and the connection in which it was used has led me to employ it as a text for this article.

I was returning from a business visit to the West End and among the people in a somewhat crowded car were two happy, high spirited girls, who, judging from their conversation, were making a special journey down town for shopping purposes. "I've got to buy some bargains at The Royal Stores," said one. "Mother is not very well to-day and she has given me a shopping list as long as your arm—stockings and things for the kiddies; and besides, I want to buy some things for myself." "You're getting more extravagant every day, Mary," said her friend. "Surely you're not going to buy more clothes after the regular trousseau you bought only last week?" "Well, I'm not exactly going to refit like a ship, but there are one or two things I must have—for special occasions you know; we're going to have any number of little parties during the Fall and Winter."

New that phrase "For special occasions" came back to me when I walked through the store yesterday. There are going to be a good many little parties in many other places besides the homes of those two young ladies. In fact visitors to this store at present will realise at once that many people—besides selecting their Fall Coats, Costumes or Hats—are making preparations and buying odds and ends of wearing apparel for just such "special occasions."

That The Royal Stores is St. John's every day shopping centre is generally acknowledged. Take a look into the different departments at any time during the day. Upstairs in the Showrooms are charming Evening Gowns and Afternoon Frocks—each one a Paris Model and only one of its kind—beautiful Silk Blouses, Dainty Neckwear, Smart Silk Skirts—one and all of them "just the thing" for the special occasions for which throngs of customers are preparing. Hosiery, Gloves, Footwear and all the accessories of Dame Fashion's wardrobe are in great demand, and nowhere in Newfoundland is the selection of fine merchandise more complete than at The Royal Stores.

THE GLEANER.

Princely Donation to His Alma Mater.

Mr. J. P. Hand of Bermuda has arranged to give annually ten scholarships ranging up to \$50 to the pupils of this school, St. Patrick's Hall, and he has also made provision to present the boys with a field for their various games. This is indicative of his marvellous success as a business man, of his love for his Alma Mater, and of the high standard set by a school which can produce men of Mr. Hand's type. By his munificent donation he has set an example of the truest patriotism, which ought to be productive of much good to the youth of the Dominion.

To-day at Wood's he gave a farewell dinner to his classmates who feted him right royally a few evenings ago at Brennock's. To-morrow he leaves for his home at Bermuda, carrying with him the good wishes of a host of friends.

Raising the Price.

As far as can be learned the recent advance of 2-6 per quintal, ordered by Royal Proclamation for sales to Portugal will not mean any increase for the fishermen. In fact it is the consensus of opinion that the opposite effect will likely be felt, as the consumption will be checked. It is rumored that the sales price to Brazil, now 100/-, will be increased to 105/- despite the fact that a current cable from there received by a large exporter says prospects are bad all round, and sales can not be made.

Halifax Marathon Official Time.

Mr. Jack Tobin received the following message from Halifax this morning: "Official time for Halifax Marathon, 62 min. 15 sec.: too bad! Well was sick."

Who is Responsible?

We wonder who is suggesting that the sales price to Brazil be increased to 105/-? Of the seven members of the Advisory Board, only two have business connections there. Are Messrs. Barr and Job leading Mr. Coaker?

Personal.

Head Constable O'Neill, who was around Conception Bay investigating some police matters returned to town last night.

BORN.

On Oct. 8th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Treanor, 22 Hamilton Street.

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A fruit salad without Del Monte Grated Pineapple is a mistake.

It's almost a crime.

AND Del Monte Grated Pineapple with ice cream—O! boy.

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MARRIED.

On Oct. 7th, at the R. C. Cathedral, by Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott, Margaret Murray, to Patrick Griffin, both of this city.

DIED.

Yesterday, at 7 o'clock, after a long illness, ex-Private James J. McGrath, 1st Nfld. Regiment, aged 25 years, eldest son of William and Lizzie McGrath; left to mourn are his father, mother, 5 sisters and 5 brothers and a large number of friends, including all the West End cadets of which he was one. Funeral will take place on to-morrow (Sunday), from his late residence, 30 Central Street; friends and acquaintances please accept this, the only intimation.—R.I.P.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of my dear son, William Roseworthy, No. 206, who was killed in action somewhere in France, Oct. 9th, 1917. "Gone but not forgotten."

—Inserted by his mother.
My boy, my star in my flag, put there for my boy. Love him? Yes, more than I love my own life. Miss him? Why, my heart seems empty save for the ache that is in it. He finished his great fight—his fight to make his mother safe and to make other mothers of the world safe for all time. Yes, my star in my flag, my boy who fought for me, he now rests under the poppies of Flanders fields, but, God give me strength to look at this gold star and say, "Not my will but Thine, O God, be done."

IN LOVING MEMORY
of Private Leo Volsey, Killed in Action, Somewhere in France, October 8th, 1917.—R.I.P.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of 788 Private Peter J. Cooper, who was Killed in Action on October 8th, 1917. May his soul rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of my dearly beloved husband, Sergt. Joseph Ross Waterfield, M.M., who was Killed in Action, Somewhere in France, October 8th, 1917. "Servant of God, well done." "Thy glorious warfare's past; The battle's fought, the victory won. And thou art crowned at last. Soldier of Christ, well done. Praise be thy new employ; And while eternal ages run Rest in thy Saviour's Joy."

NOTICE.

A meeting of the ladies of the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club will be held at the Club on Wednesday, 13th October, 1920, at 3.30 p.m.

PAULINE BAIRD,
Hon. Secretary.

CARD!

Miss M. Mansfield
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Baked Beans.
Sliced Pineapple, 2½'s.
Grated Pineapple, 2's.

C. P. EAGAN,

Duckworth Street & Queens' Road