



Evening Telegram

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UNAVAILABLE STATISTICS.

The Trade Review, in its current issue, voices a complaint that is general, concerning statistics. At this time of year when these should be forthcoming, application at the various departments, whose duty the compilation is, meets with the stereotyped reply "not ready yet," and so at a season when everyone expects trade and other figures to be published in the press, such cannot be availed of because they are not made up. On several occasions the Telegram has made a request to be furnished with statistics dealing with shipping and the fisheries, but the invariable formula of none ready is the only answer, and yet we are supposed to have up-to-date institutions. There is certainly an overstock of officials in some of these departments, and yet it appears that the more employees the less information.

The article on Statistics in the Trade Review is so comprehensive, covering as it does every aspect of the unavailability of departmental returns, that we take the liberty of reprinting it, without additional comment:

"There is no reform that is more liberally wanted by the whole Trade of the country than a real live up-to-date Statistical Department in connection with our Custom House. If it wasn't for the indefatigable efforts of the present Assistant Collector, H. W. LeMessurier, Esq., C.M.G., we would be as ignorant of the actual figures of what is being done in Newfoundland as any six-year-old school boy. Ever since the Board of Trade was reorganized nine years ago, persistent efforts have been made to get some system of statistics of actual occurrences but things are getting worse instead of better. It is enough to

break the heart of any business man, who knows what is done in every other civilized country, to think that he is living in a country that carries on business by "happy go luck" and never considers the actual necessity of any calculation before he makes up his mind to go into business transactions.

"If you want any information about what business is done in Canada, just write to the Statistical Department in Ottawa on any question you like to mention regarding imports from any country or exports to any country, and you will get a courteous and intelligent answer that is sure to satisfy any person no matter whether you are a resident of Canada or not. Now let us consider for a minute 'Our Fisheries,' the most important industry of the country. The Government are insisting on an advance in prices, but beyond the crudest guess there isn't one of the Executive Cabinet that can give any figures. Here we are within a week of New Year, and we don't know from Custom House returns what vessels left the Labrador coast for Europe, or actual figures of shipments off that coast. We don't know the number of vessels prosecuting the bank fishery or what their catches were this year.

"The Board of Trade managed to get a law passed to insist on vessels clearing from Labrador in the spring and entering on their return, but this is carried out more in the breach than the observance. The Board of Trade is supposed to have accurate particulars of vessels that are entered for loading to foreign markets. In many cases the first information that the Secretary gets is a telegram that this vessel has arrived in Portugal or Spain. Instead of being able to make some calculations as to whether there was any increase or shortage in the average fisheries at Labrador, the Straits, or the banks that should be obtained with very little trouble, there is not a person that has any idea except what actually came under his own notice. When the Norwegian fishery is in operation we get the actual quantity of fish caught on a coast line of over two thousand miles each week, and if we want to be up to date we must do the same. Under our present system it will be possible for us to know next July or August (if the printers are not too busy) what quantity of fish was caught in the summer of 1919."

MEN'S OVERCOATS. — We have just received a few High Grade Tailored Men's Overcoats. G. KNOWLING, LTD.
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G. KNOWLING, Ltd.
CROCKERY DEPT.
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Street Car System Tie-Up.

As a result of the big snow-fall of the past few days the street car system of the city has been held up during yesterday and Saturday. The snow covered the rails for a depth, in some places, of several feet, and as all traffic passed over the street in the middle the snow became hardened and solid. On Saturday afternoon and night the conductors and motormen were out in full force clearing the rails, and up to a late hour Saturday night kept hard at it with pick and shovel. The Water Street line was cleared West as far as Bennett's Brewery and East as far as Holloway Street. Yesterday two cars only were running, going from one of the above points to the other. The men were engaged at clearing the rails again this morning, and the line right up to Riverhead will be cleaned up before the afternoon is far advanced. The back section of the system will then be begun and in a few days, it is hoped, the line will all clear.

C. L. B. GRAND CONCERT. — Methodist College Hall, New Year's Night. Tickets, Reserved Seats, 75c., on sale at the store of Gray & Goodland's. General admission 50c. Tickets can be procured from members of the Band.—dec29,31

Star of the Sea Ass'n.

The regular monthly meeting of the Newfoundland Fishermen Star of the Sea Association was held at their hall yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Fifteen new members were admitted to the ranks. The President, Mr. J. T. Martin, availed of the opportunity to extend to the members and their families the seasons greetings and wished each and every member a happy and most prosperous New Year.

The Literary and Amusement Committee during the fall months have made some great improvements, and their Reading, Billiard, and Card Rooms are now all that could be desired, affording every comfort and accommodation to the members. The energetic chairman, Mr. John Myler, and his committee are now preparing a programme of Lectures, Tournaments, and other amusements for the winter months.

Horse Went Through Window.

Becoming frightened by the street car sweeper on Saturday, a horse dashed through the big plate glass display window of the Boston Bargain Store, corner of Water and Queen Streets. Flying splinters of glass inflicted a bad cut on the face of the owner, Mr. Brasher. The value of the glass was estimated to be \$150.00.

Don't miss the C. L. B. Concert, Methodist College Hall, New Year's Night. A real musical treat for all who attend. Tickets at the store of Gray & Goodland's.—dec29,31

Ethie's Passengers Arrive.

The passengers of the Reid-Nad. Co.'s coaster, Ethie, which went ashore last week, arrived in town at ten minutes to eight last evening, having come on the special train which left Humbermouth on Tuesday evening. Terrible snow storms were met on the long run across country, and several times the train was stalled in deep banks of snow. But slow speed was made throughout the entire trip, and the train hands state that the experience was the worst they had ever been through.

A Reliable Flashlight is an essential part of every motorist's equipment. Like Reliable Batteries, they're Lively and Lasting.
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McMurdo's Liniment Cures Dandruff.
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Obituary.

A. R. HIERLIHY.
Word was received in town on Christmas morning that A. R. Hierlihy had passed away at Bay Roberts on that date. Deceased had been ailing since last August and notwithstanding all the skill, care and attention that could be bestowed, the end came on the morning of the Xmas festival. Mr. Hierlihy was a son of the late G. W. Hierlihy, a well remembered citizen of Bay Roberts, and one for many years prominent in all the affairs of that flourishing town. Left to mourn are a wife, two daughters, two sons, one sister, Mrs. Annie Yates of this city and a step brother, Mr. G. W. R. Hierlihy, proprietor of the Oyster Bay Parlor, to all of whom general sympathy is extended.

Attention, Ladies!

Ten buttons. Wool Lined Overshoes of finest quality, just arrived. A beautiful New Year's gift. Our window display will interest you.

We carry a full line of Wales Good-year famous Bear Brand Rubbers for Men, Women, Boys, Girls, Misses, Youths and Children. Look for the BEAR, it is always there on every pair of Bear Brand Rubbers.
dec29,31 JOHN ANDERSON.

An Important Objection.

A cook on a vessel belonging to Jersey at Indian Harbor, who was arrested under warrant issued on sworn information taken by a Justice of the Peace and made by two young girls at the Grenfell Hospital, Labrador, was before Judge Morris this forenoon. Mr. Summers, for the Crown, asked for a remand of the prisoner to which Mr. Fenelon objected, as the deposition had not been signed by the complainants and his client would have to be remanded for six months. The charge against the young man is that of assault and the witnesses could not be brought here before next spring. His Honor would permit bail in two securities of \$500 each and a personal bond for \$1,000. Meanwhile the accused was remanded for eight days. The court takes time to consider the objection.

Stafford's GINGER WINE for sale in each end; at J. J. St. John's, Duckworth St., and U. Gosse, Plymouth Road.—dec20,31

Coastal Boats.

CROSBIE & CO.
S. S. Earl of Devon is at Greenspond.

GOVERNMENT.
S. S. Prospero is in port and sails on Wednesday.
S. S. Fortia left Pushthrough at 6 a.m. yesterday.

REIDS'
Argyle arrived at Placentia at 1 p.m. yesterday.
Clyde leaving Carmanville this morning, coming south with passengers and crew of Dundee.
Dundee went ashore at Grassy Island, near Carmanville Dec. 25th.
Glencoe arrived at Port aux Basques at 3.30 p.m. yesterday.
Home detained at Lewisporte on account of ice.
Kyle left North Sydney at 1.30 a.m. yesterday, coming to Humbermouth. Meigle at St. John's.
Petrel left Clarendville at 9.30 a.m. Saturday.
Sagana north of Bonne Bay.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Dec. 29.
Many children are troubled with intestinal worms and a remedy at once palatable and potent is not always easy to obtain. Our Worm Syrup is certainly one of the best things of the kind, as being palatable, mothers find no difficulty in getting children to take it. A couple of doses of this medicine will clear these parasites out of the stomach and bowels in admirable manner. Price 35c. a bottle.
We have just received a consignment of the well known Aluminum Hot Water Bottles so much in favor at present. One of these indestructible bottles makes an excellent New Year's Gift.

Sordello Refloated.

Mr. F. H. Ellis, manager of F. H. Ellis & Co., received word yesterday that the schooner Sordello, which went ashore at Rocky Hr., had been refloated yesterday and was then anchored in seven fathoms of water. The off-shore wind had blown the ice off, leaving a channel of clear water. Mr. Ellis wired the Susu to try and get in touch with the vessel so as to be able to tow her here. The steamer was on the outside of the ice and would have to cut through it to get at the Sordello. No word has been received since, so it is thought that the Susu is endeavouring to make the tow. It is presumed that the Sordello is making no water.

Concert by Cartwright Mission Circle, Canon Wood Hall, Dec. 30, 8.15. Admission: Reserved, 30c.; General Admission, 20c.—dec27,31

OFFICE SUPPLIES!

KNOWLING'S Stationery Dept.

DAY BOOKS—

200 pages, \$1.85, \$2.65, \$2.50 each.
300 pages, \$2.40, \$2.65, \$2.75 each.
400 pages, \$2.90, \$3.00, \$4.15 each.
500 pages, \$3.10, \$3.90 each.
600 pages, \$4.40 each.
800 pages, \$3.75 each.
Plain and Unit Ruling.

CASH BOOKS—

80, 95c., \$1.10, \$1.20 ea.
RECORD BOOKS—
45, 85, 95c., \$1.10, \$3.15 each.

COUNTER ORDER BOOKS—

15, 30, 35, 42, 45, 50, 55, 60c. to \$1.40 each.

INK—Blue Black, 8, 9, 20c. per bottle.

INK—Glass jars, Blue Blk., 50, 80c., \$1.40 per jar.

FOUNTAIN PEN INK—16c. and 40c. per bottle.

GREEN INK, 7c. per bottle.

PEN HOLDERS—16, 20, 27, 35 to 65c. per dozen.

FOUNTAIN PENS—\$2.70 to \$3.50 each.

JOURNALS—

200 pages, 95c., \$1.40, \$2.60 each.
300 pages, \$1.60, \$3.50 each.
400 pages, \$2.00, \$3.00 each.
500 pages, \$2.40, \$3.60, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$5.00 each.
600 pages, \$3.90, \$4.40 each.
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RECEIPT BOOKS—

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RENT RECEIPT BOOKS, 20c. up.

EXPRESS DELIVERY RECEIPT BOOKS—65c. ea.

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Long and short, 18, 30, 35, 45c., 60c. each.

STATEMENT PADS, 18 & 30c. each.

MUCILAGE, 20, 55, 85c. per bottle.

CICO PASTE, 45c. per btl.

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Ruling 3 Demy, Plain and Unit Ruling.
300 pages, \$2.80 each.
400 pages, \$3.30, \$3.50 each.
500 pages, \$3.90 each.
Ruling 3 Foolscap: 200 pages to 600 pages, \$3.50 to \$4.80 each.
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300 pages, \$3.10, \$3.80 each.
400 pages, \$3.15, \$3.30 each.
500 pages, \$3.75, \$4.00 each.
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RUBBERS, RULERS, PAPER WEIGHTS, PIN RESTS, SEALING WAX, DATE STAMPS, PAPER CLIPS and FASTENERS, SPONGE BOWLS, STAND FILES, BOX FILES, INVOICE and LETTER HOLDERS, ORDER FORMS, LOOSE LEAF, PRICE and MEMO BOOKS, INK STANDS, FOOLSCAP PAPER, Plain and Ruled; BLOTTING PAPER, DESK BLOTTERS, PADS, INDEX.

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Magazines and Papers always on hand.

School Supplies.

Express Passengers.

The following first class passengers are on the incoming express, having arrived at Port aux Basques by the Glencoe at 3.30 p.m. yesterday: J. J. Sullivan, J. W. Evans, F. McDonough, Jos. Devine, C. Mason, B. Shaw, G. Maxwell, Miss K. Frazer, Miss N. Reardon, Miss K. Bennett, Miss B. Mason, G. P. Hart, S. A. Siseler, J. J. Pine, H. J. Short, Miss N. Curwell, Miss C. Stevens, W. Kirby, Mrs. J. Martin, S. Childs, A. D. McIsaac, E. Cooper, P. Collier, G. B. Burchell, N. H. Monton, J. Messervy, A. Pieroway, H. Sinyear.

Majestic Theatre!

Monday and Tuesday



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"Something to Do"

He was the last word in uselessness. He never did anything for anybody in his life.

Then he got a sudden ambition to do "something for somebody."

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SUNKIST ORANGES, EMPEROR GRAPES, ALMERIA GRAPES, TABLE APPLES, LEMONS, PINEAPPLES.

CHOCOLATES!

A choice assortment of fancy boxes in Neilson's, Moir's, Ganong's, also assorted Candies in 5 lb. tins, 20 ounce and 9½ oz. bottles.

DRINKS—Schweppes Non-Alcoholic Wines, Lemon Squash, Ginger Ale, Lemonade, Ginger Beer, Welch's Grape Juice, Evangeline Apple Cider, Lazenby's Assorted Syrups, Rose's Lime Juice, Rose's Lime Juice Cordial.

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Carr's, Gray Dunn's, McCormick's. MOIR'S CAKES.

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GROCERY.

NOTICE!

Newfoundland Government Coastal Mail Service.

S.S. PROSPERO will sail for usual Northern Ports of Call on Wednesday, December 31st, at 10 a.m. (weather and ice conditions permitting).

W. H. CAVE,

Acting Minister of Shipping.

L. P. L. Committee

Meeting.

The Liberal Progressive-Labour Committee will meet to-night in the

N.I.W.A. Rooms, corner of Springdale Street, at 8 o'clock. A full meeting is desired as business of the utmost importance will be up for consideration.

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East, West, Central!

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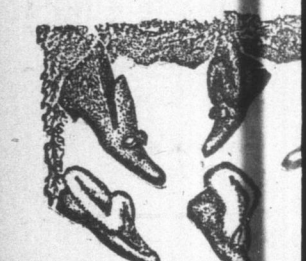
Ladies' F. Cardinal and Navy Chrome sole, cosy

Ladies' D. Ribbon Binding

Infants' Blue Ribbon bow and fur

Infants' Red Felt sole, black

CHILDREN'S RE



East Cent

The Dear Old Bel

Hark! the Christmas carolling pealing softly through the midnight sweet and low their tones are ringing. O'er the snow-clad upland far, Now, in tones triumphant, new joy and gladness in the air, Then, in sweeter cadence, tell Christmas now is here again! Deck the walls with festive boughs, Hang aloft the mistletoe, Banish care and melancholy, Let each heart with pleasure drink all healths with good will, ing. Let the laugh and jest be heard, Sadness to the winds bestow, Naught shall reign but merriment. Let broken chords be re-tuned, Elder ties more firmly bind, Tender vows anew be pledged, Love and friendship true be to us these joys will Christmas bring, Peace and good will in every heart, Then join, and joyous answer, To welcome Christmas here!