

able News.

to Evening Telegram.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.

With more elastic powers, Finance Minister Fiddling and Minister of Finance Patterson are engaged drawing to completion a Reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States. This agreement will follow the lines of a miniature apportionment of the principles of free trade and will not touch drastically the manufactured products of the nation; nor is it likely to affect the Industrial World. It is believed that Pulp Wood, Coal and Lumber have been wiped off the Canadian list.

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TORONTO, Jan. 16.

Warrent has been issued against Healy Nisbett, one of the most prominent citizens of Toronto, and today for the Mayoralty in 1908, charged with making false statements to the Government, in connection with the Farmers Bank, of which he was the first President. The General Manager, W. R. Travers, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

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KINGSTON, Jan. 16.

The British liner Brilliant sailed on Monday for heavy orders for repairs. The Brilliant returned from her last voyage to the West Indies, and is now being repaired. The ship is now being repaired by the British War Department, and is expected to be ready for service in a few days.

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BERLIN, Jan. 16.

The German balloon Wildbrand, which since its ascent from Schöndorf on December 29th, has been found in a lake in Pomerania, Germany, in Prussia. The bodies of the two men were in a gondola.

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LONDON, Jan. 16.

It is rumored that the Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock is about to retire from his position as British Ambassador to the United States. The name of Sir John Lubbock is mentioned in connection with the position, and it is probable that he will be succeeded by Sir John Lubbock.

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OTTAWA, Jan. 16.

Under Laurier's son in the House of Commons, the Government had no objection to the coming of the Duke of Devonshire, as Governor-General, to the notice of his removal.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.

Best authorities believe that the United States will not be able to secure the fisheries rights, have been secured by the Fisheries Commission.

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HALLIFAX, Jan. 16.

Good cold weather is reported from Western Canada. At Regina, Saskatchewan, the thermometer registered 41 below zero.

the Hockey Outlook.

The outlook this season for Hockey is bright, and it looks as if some very exciting games can be looked for. St. John's and their first hockey team last evening at 6:30 at the St. John's rink and the Victorias at 10 o'clock. The Victorians practice at this evening and the Crescents at 10 o'clock. Of these teams the St. John's and the Victorias will have strong teams to uphold their honour this year. The other teams will also have strong teams and closely contested matches are in store.

A Lady Says :

These Magic are wonderful power-relieving headache. I don't ever took anything which relieve me so quickly and without any other effects. They can be had at W. T. COURTNEY, corner of Water and Prescott Streets.

Politician's

Sore Throat.

Correspondent recalls a pointed remark and yet not wholly unkind intonation made at a political meeting. A lady, whose husband had temporarily lost his voice, loyally appeared to give a speech on his behalf. She good deal at the outset about the loss of his voice, and then plunged into politics. Having speedily reached that theme, she speedily turned to her husband's health, and ended not only his disappointment but being unable to address him for the fray. She had tried everything, she had tried poultices, she had made him gargle his throat, she had sprayed his throat, and she had tried every kind of remedy, but nothing else she could do. A voice said, "Cut it."

The BOARD OF TRADE

Annual Report and Election of Officers.

The Board of Trade held its second annual meeting in its rooms yesterday afternoon, with the retiring President in the chair. The Secretary read the annual report, which in part is as follows:

The Council regretted the partial failure of the fish trade. But the Board of Trade, which had been the previous year by 15,000 quintals. Westward of St. John's the fishery yielded fair results, although in some localities the season was unproductive.

Northward of St. John's, in Trinity and other Bays, the fishery was considerably short; while in the Straits and on the Labrador it has been one of the worst on record.

This shortage enhanced market values, and the average prices in foreign markets are probably as high as they ever reached. The prices paid fishermen in many cases have been phenomenal. The long period of bad weather was a serious drawback to the merchants, as it resulted in leaving much partially made fish in the hands of the merchant, would have been fully made for market.

RECIPROCITY.

The small and yearly diminishing fishery of Gloucester has induced some enterprising American firms to send vessels to our ports to buy green fish. They purchased large quantities of this fish at satisfactory prices to us, and it is generally expected, in view of the revised appraisement of Newfoundland fish imported into the United States in American bottoms, that this business may be continued, and probably largely developed.

It is to be hoped that the Premier's contemplated visit to Washington, in reference to fishery matters, and the decision arrived at by the Arbitrators at the Hague last summer, may not only lead to a satisfactory arrangement with United States of the fishery dispute in question, but that the cordial spirit which is now being manifested by Newfoundland and the United States towards each other may result in more satisfactory trade relations, and to the advantage of both countries.

A very brisk business was done in December, probably the best for many years.

Year by year an increasing retail trade is done in the outports by small merchants, who purchase wholesale in St. John's.

This has led to an increase in the wholesale trade and a decrease in the retail trade in some of the large houses in St. John's, showing a considerable increase in turn-over, but with a normal standing in the cost of assistants in retail trade, it is questionable if profits have increased.

Lumbering has been carried on with increasing vigor with the prices of last year. The European markets are not good, but those of South America are healthy. The building of the branch railroads has provided considerable labour. The increased wages on railway construction, the high prices of fish, and additional means of employment, have been reflected in the spending power of the people and in the revenue. The Minister of Finance collected for six months \$70,000 more than in the corresponding period of the previous year. The financial condition of the Colony is good, and the two or three failures have affected the general trade very little.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

The Agricultural Exhibition was a marked success, the building being prettily decorated and the exhibit of vegetables were good and nicely arranged. The needlework contained some specimens of rare excellence, as well as those for ordinary use in the artisans and labourers' homes. The quality of the poultry on exhibition was extremely good, and it seems a pity that these excellent breeds are not more extensively bred in the outports.

EXPLOSIVES.

The importation of explosives into the Colony has an aggregate value of about \$100,000 per year. Negotiations are now being carried on with a view to the establishment of a manufactory for this purpose in the Colony, and it is hoped that large quantities of these materials may be exported, since the Colony can offer all the facilities for the satisfactory conducting of such a business.

PEAT.

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not more extensively bred in the outports instead of the dwarfed and unsatisfactory birds, which are generally found there. The live stock exceeded general anticipations, some very fine specimens being on exhibition.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The Industrial Exhibition, held in the Prince's Rink, was a huge success from every standpoint. The fact of such an exhibition being possible was never contemplated, even by the manufacturers themselves, but when the thoroughly artistic stalls and splendid exhibits of local manufactures were in place, the scene was one of extreme brilliancy and beauty.

The success of an exhibition can be largely gauged by its popularity, and when it is considered that something over 60,000 persons entered this exhibition during the week it was open, that its courts and aisles were always thronged, even on one or two very wet nights, its excellence received a very thorough endorsement.

The importance of manufactures to St. John's may be estimated by the fact that over \$35,000 per week is paid to employees by the various factories in operation, and there is no reason why the prosperity of St. John's should not be largely increased if the local articles were more generally used.

TELEPHONES.

The Council are informed that no fewer than four separate Telephone Companies, in excellent standing, have investigated the condition of affairs here, and they are now making reports, which will be forwarded to the City Engineer, who will consider the same and formulate recommendations to the Government at an early date.

MARCONI STATIONS.

It is with pleasure the Council note the progressive policy of the Government in establishing Marconi stations on the Labrador, and they anticipate that their suggestions for stations on the northern coasts, principally to keep in touch with the sealing fleet, will receive their favorable attention.

TELEGRAPHS.

The establishing of the Night Letters by telegraph has been of very great benefit to the trade.

The Council trust that some arrangements may be come to by the Cable Companies looking to facilities to the trade, similar to the Night Letter, perhaps in a modified form, which could not doubt be framed in such a manner as to vastly benefit the commercial community and the Cable Companies themselves.

HOTEL.

This matter is resting in abeyance at present, pending the arrival of the representatives of the Ritz Hotel Company.

COLD STORAGE.

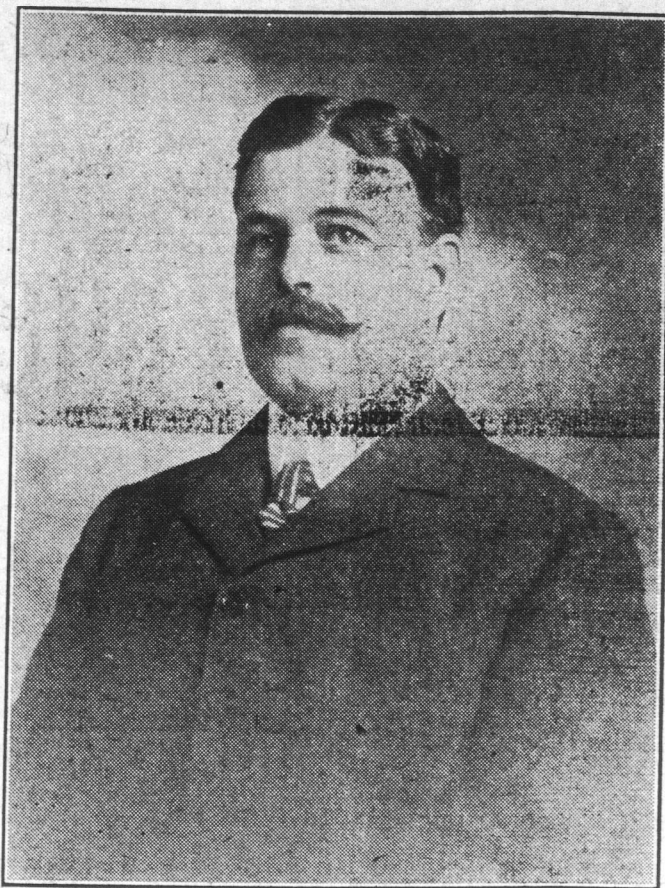
It is understood that an arrangement has been entered into between the Government and Messrs. Thelwell & Lord, of Portland, Maine, for the erection of five Cold Storage Plants, each having a capacity of not less than 1,000,000 lbs. of frozen fish in as many different localities in the Colony, and in addition to the Cold Storage, each plant will have in connection with it, smoking house, glass house and factories for the manufacture of boneless and other kinds of fish and guano. Besides these five Cold Storage Plants, there will also be one Floating Cold Storage Plant, of large capacity, which may be moved from location to location as occasion requires. The Council have reason to believe that this firm have already commenced operations by purchasing the plant of the whale factory lately carried on at Lark Harbor. The subsidy they are to receive is in accordance with the provisions of the Act, passed in the last session of the Legislature for this purpose.

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awaits ratification at the next session of the Legislature. It is understood that this company will manufacture peat in the form of peat coal and briquettes, and in order to do so will erect a number of factories, each having a capacity of 20,000 tons of carbonized peat per annum, and which, it is anticipated, will cost \$125,000 to \$150,000 each.

COLONIAL FINANCES.

The Colonial Finances are in a very satisfactory condition. The surplus at the end of the fiscal year, namely, the 31st December, is \$70,000 in excess of the previous year. This satisfactory revenue has enabled the Government to make a wise provision for Old Age Pensions.

Mr. Fearn also states that the Government floated the 3 1/2 per cent loan in London at a gross price of 97 1/2 per cent, or 96 per cent net.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

The transportation facilities given by the Reid-Newfoundland Company since the establishment of their railway and steamers, have no doubt very



MR. G. C. FEARN,
Secretary of the Newfoundland Board of Trade, Re-elected.

largely contributed to bring this about. The increased tourist traffic, and interchange of commodities between Canada and Newfoundland, would seem to make the time ripe for a daily express service between Port aux Basques and it is hoped that the tri-weekly service, now carried on by the Bruce, will soon be superseded by one of six days a week.

STEAMSHIPS.

The steamship services as performed by the Red Cross and Black Diamond Lines during the past summer season, were of a satisfactory character. The Allan Line have slightly improved their service by taking the S.S. Siberian off the route, and putting a boat, with somewhat better accommodation, in her stead. The Furness Line has also been operated with considerable regularity.

A LOCAL LLOYD'S.

The establishment of a Board of Marine Underwriters in connection with the Board of Trade is in contemplation.

FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

Every effort will be made to exhibit the resources of the Colony at the Crystal Palace exhibition to the best advantage.

TRADE COMMISSIONER.

At the suggestion of the Board of Trade, it has pleased the Government to appoint Mr. George Hawes, of Malaga, Newfoundland Commissioner of Spain.

CURE OF FISH.

It is with extreme regret that the Council note that there is no improvement in the cure of fish. The percentage of merchantable this year is lower than heretofore and it is difficult to obtain fish of a class suitable for the best European markets. Letters have been received in the City recently from the Gorton-Pew Fish Co., stating that some of the fish which they recently purchased in Newfoundland, was of inferior cure, and that if they were not for the excellence of the markets, they would suffer a very large financial loss. It is surely a matter of most serious concern, when fish is condemned even when only in salt bulk. If the people who sold this inferior fish to Gorton-Pew Fish Co., had to split their fish properly, wash it thoroughly, and salted it carefully, three very simple and elementary operations, which every fisherman ought certainly to see done, there would have been no complaint whatever, but what hope can we have of benefiting the individual fisherman, and the Colony at large, by our fisheries, if, at the beginning of the process of cure, the fish is spoiled? In seasons, like the present, when the voyage is a small one, inferior fish may often be sold, but in the event of a large voyage there can be no doubt that all cures of inferior

fish will suffer large individual losses, as well as also inflicting them on the Merchants. It is to be hoped that the repeated warnings that have been uttered by the Board of Trade, and others, will be given heed to, otherwise the inferior quality of dried fish being produced, will lead to its disastrous results, as it has often done before, and the new opportunity we have of introducing our salt bulk fish into the American markets will be killed.

The quantity of "dun" fish this season has been abnormal. This question of "dun" on fish has received the serious attention of the Council. They have got a certain amount of information, and are now awaiting some translations of Norwegian documents on the subject, after receipt of which a Circular will be issued, stating the cause, and the best means of preventing and curing "dun."

STATISTICS.

The Council will endeavor to obtain statistics of the fishery as it progresses. Norway and Canada wish to exchange such information.

FISH SCIENTIST.

The Council have thought that it would be beneficial for the colony to have an up to date Pisciculturist to superintend the preservation and enlargement of our fisheries and they have made a recommendation to the Government to this effect.

TRAWLING.

The hope is expressed that arrangement for trawling on the Labrador be made under conditions which will not interfere with other modes of fishing.

LOBSTERS.

The fishery last year was not prosecuted by so many men as the year before but owing to the increased size of the lobsters, about the same quantity was packed, the value of which is about 15 per cent. greater than before. There have been, and still are, a number of packers who persist in reprocessing leaky and blown cans, and a number of prosecutions have been undertaken by the Department of Marine and Fisheries for offenses of this kind. The Council are strongly of opinion that the offenders against the law in this way should have their licenses permanently withdrawn and that punishment should be of a more severe character than it is at present. The law which came into operation last year in Great Britain forbidding under any circumstances the importation of "Do overs," makes this class of goods quite unsaleable there. Germany, the other large consumer of lobsters, also rejects them without any compunction.

SEAL FISHERY.

The total catch of the 19 sealers which returned from the sealfishery was 333,349 seals with a gross weight of 7,628 tons, and one steamer was lost, with about 5,000 seals on board. An amount of over \$210,000.00 was distributed as earnings among the 3,364 men employed.

The prices of the seal produce were satisfactory, and but little still remains to be marketed.

HERKING.

The winter Herring fishery gives promise of being good.

DRIED SQUID.

Dried Squid for purposes of bait has been recommended, and several fishermen have been induced to try it with marked success. There has been no case of failure reported by any of the fishermen who have tried it; they have been pleased with results. From shipments which have been made, it would appear that there is a fair opening for our squid in foreign markets, for food purposes. It is, however, a matter of the greatest possible importance, that the squid should be cured in the best possible manner. The trade is at present in its infancy, and the Council strongly urge that the present time should be availed of to pass most stringent laws, forbidding the export of dried squid for food purposes, unless in



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BRAZIL REPORT.

The report of Mr. Dallas' mission to the Brazils is now completed, and is open to any member of the Board, on application to the Secretary.

INSPECTION.

The inspection of fish has been proceeded with during the past year, with great success. Two of our largest firms have exported all their casks fish under the Board of Trade inspection, and the result has been of a most satisfactory character.

The inspection of Berries, undertaken by the Board, has also been successful.

The inspection of Cod Liver Oil has been suggested, and the Council are now considering the matter.

WHALE FISHERY.

The Whale Fishery for 1910 has been pursued with only moderate success, by many of the Companies.

There were six steamers operating, and the catch was as follows:—Balena—16 whales, and Snook's Arm—60 whales for 1 steamer.

Dublin Cove—4 whales, and Trinity—130 whales for 2 steamers. Hawk's Bay—30 whales for 1 steamer.

Rose au Rue—9 whales for 1 steamer. Hawke's Hr—33 whales for 1 steamer.

Some of the Companies will show a profit, others will not. One steamer was lost in the early part of the season, that of the Labrador Whaling Co. She will be replaced by a new one next season.

The produce has been realized at unusually good prices.

RETIRING OFFICERS.

With the advent of the New Year, the Council will be remodelled; the President (Hon. M. G. Winter), 1st Vice-President (Hon. John Harris), retiring, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations, are also Messrs. W. C. Job, R. F. Goodridge, W. A. Munn, J. H. Monro, W. F. Horwood and J. J. St. John.

The Rooms have been used a great deal during the past year by various people interested in the welfare of the Colony, and the Council have granted their use for such purposes in the hope that much good may be accomplished thereby.

President Winter stated that the Board's clean balance sheet was due to the generous action of prominent

citizens, who had guaranteed and defied that would occur during the first three years of the Board's history. This year they had liberally responded to a call for \$1,935. The names of the guarantors were:—For three years:—

T. & M. Winter, Job Bros & Co., Harvey & Co., Ayre & Sons, Ltd., A. Goodridge & Sons, Bishop, Sons & Co., Bowring Bros, Ltd., G. C. Fearn & Son, Hearn & Co., W. A. Munn, Jas. Ryan & Co., J. J. St. John, Marshall Bros., Franklin & Co., G. M. Barr, Smith Co., Ltd., Steer Bros, G. Browning & Son, Royal Stores, Monro & Co., Reid, Nfld. Co., Campbell, McKay & Co., J. V. O'Dea.

And for one year only:—Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank of Canada.

SECRETARY'S WORK.

The President, Hon. M. G. Winter, paid a tribute to the great services of the Secretary. He announced that Mr. Fearn had offered to act as Hon. Secretary for next year if he was provided with an assistant. The arrangement would effect a net saving to the Board of \$1,200 a year. He also referred to the assistance rendered to the Board by the Premier.

Mr. Charles Marshall in seconding a motion for the adoption of the report urged that the Telephone Service was a franchise which should not be allowed to pass out of local hands, and expressed the opinion that it was a matter for the attention of the Municipal Council.

On motion of Mr. G. A. Hutching, 25 was made a quorum for all meetings except the annual one, when it would be 50.

A cordial vote of thanks was moved by Mr. R. B. Job and seconded by Hon. J. Harvey, and carried to which Mr. Fearn made a suitable reply.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, Messrs. J. W. Withers and T. B. Clift being appointed Scrutineers. The election resulted as follows:—

President—Hon. W. C. Job.
1st Vice-Pres.—W. G. Gosling, Esq.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Hon. M. G. Winter.
Councilors—Messrs. John Browning, C. Marshall, F. Steer, and A. H. Murray.

The other members who serve for a second year are Messrs. R. K. Bishop, John Harvey, J. B. Ayre and J. S. Munn, Esq.

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