

Notice to Fishermen.

On the 13th June, 1922, the Government reduced the Export Tax on Fish, viz: Cod, Haddock, Hake, Ling, Pollack and Halibut, dried or otherwise preserved.

On the 17th November, 1922, the Government removed the export tax altogether from the above named fish, and the amount paid as export tax was to be paid the Exporters and they to repay the fishermen.

This was found impossible because the Exporters could not be sure of whose fish was exported and whose was not, so on the 22nd January, 1923, the Government decided to pay 10 cents per quintal to all fishermen who actually caught any of the above named fish, provided he produced a receipt or certificate where it could be proven that the fish was sold between the 13th day of June, 1922, and the 17th day of November, 1922, both days inclusive, and thereby was entitled to the 10 cents per quintal that the Government had decided to give.

The following Committee:—
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Asst. Deputy Minister of Customs,
W. H. CAVE,
Minister of Shipping,
HON. W. W. HALFYARD,
Minister of Posts and Telegraphs,
HON. ELI DAWE,
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under the direction of H. W. LeMessurier, Esq., Deputy Minister of Customs, has been appointed to go into the payment of this refund. As this work represents the payment of 10 cents per quintal on somewhere near one million quintals of fish to about twenty or twenty-five thousand fishermen, it must be understood that the payment of such a sum to such a number will take time. Therefore, for the guidance of the fishermen, and to facilitate the work and quick payment, the following is requested of those who are entitled to receive payment:

1st—Have you sold any fish either for cash, barter or credit of your

account to anyone between the 13th day of June, 1922, and the 17th day of November, 1922, both days inclusive.

2nd—If you have the original receipt from the person to whom you sold fish, with the purchaser's address, forward it to the Secretary.

3rd—If you have no receipt, get a sworn statement from the person to whom you sold the fish, stating the date of sale and quantity sold, with the name and address of the purchaser.

4th—A Shareman applying for repayment must get an account of the total catch as landed and sold, and in each case a record of the vessel, and the name and address of each man composing the crew, so that he may get the payment direct for himself.

Owing to the large number of fishermen involved, the first payment will not be made until March 10th, and it will be for receipts received up to February 25th.

Second payment will be made April 10th and will be for receipts received up to March 25th.

Third payment will be made May 10th, and will be for receipts received up to April 25th.

Fourth payment will be made June 10th, and will be for receipts received up to May 25th.

Fifth payment will be made July 10th, and will be for receipts received up to June 25th.

Sixth payment will be made August 10th, and will be for receipts received up to July 25th.

Last payment will be made September 10th, after which date the accounts will be closed and no further applicants will be considered.

Positively no payments will be made other than on dates named, and it is useless for anyone to bring receipts to the office and expect payment.

Save time and expense by NOT coming, but address all communications to

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The Need and the Challenge

Editor The Guardian.

Dear Sir—Allow me space in your esteemed paper to state a few facts and ask a few questions about this country in which we live.

Long we have heard the slogan, "The people for the country!" and right it is. No place should be so dear as the land of one's birth—her hopes, aims, losses and failures should have a place in the heart of every patriot. Suppose we change that quotation and let it read not "the people for the country," but rather "the country for the people." And, in developing let us be foursquare, mentally, physically, socially and spiritually.

How many imports do we use which could be manufactured right here in the district of Hr. Grace? This would mean employment for our young men and women for they would be working in their native land and Newfoundland would profit by the money being earned and spent in the country.

What about agricultural resources lying stagnant? Great tracts of land are barren and bare when they should be laden with produce. How many thousands of dollars are sent from the country year after year when a little planning and expenditure might keep them in!

Look again to the mineral wealth which is so undeveloped! Note the success which has marked the work of the companies who have "kept at it" and finally made deals which has brought a living to thousands. But there are greater resources which have been left untouched. A country must go forward or backward—it cannot stand still. I have noticed that there are but seven ships going "to the ice" this spring and when has the Labrador fishery been operated on such a small scale?

We look for an answer to these difficulties which face us and inevitably turn to the heads of Government. And to these leaders of the country comes the challenge of looking for greater things than the past has ever known and making them possible! Let the slogan be: The country for the people—Newfoundland for Newfoundlanders.

Yours truly,
Terra Nova.

Bay Roberts,
Feb. 22nd, 1923.

A Japanese papermaker has produced a paper so durable that it may be used for the covering of umbrellas. A thousand other uses have been suggested. It can be crumpled up and washed in the tub same as fabric. It is not to be confused with oiled paper.

THE LAUGH LINE.

Obeying Orders

Porter: "Now my lad what are you walking about the platform for?"

Young Scout: "Please sir, that bill says 'LOOK OUT FOR PICK-POCKETS,' and I'm looking out!"

A Real Surprise

"Where are you goin', ma?" asked the youngest of five children.

"I'm going to a surprise party, my dear," answered the mother.

"Are we all goin' too?"

"No, dear, you weren't invited." After a few minutes deep thought: "Say ma, then don't you think they'd be lots more surprised if you did take us all?"—Pearsons Weekly.

A FELLOW FEELING

No more independent folk are to be found anywhere than the Yorkshire moorland dwellers. And drunkenness and fighting are considered excusable sins among them. A man brought before a local justice of the peace charged with drunkenness and assault was given the following sentence by the magistrate: "Noo then, for t' assault we'll find you a shilling and costs. As for t' drunkenness, we'll say nowt about it, as we get drunk 'oursels."

Something Different.

A boy had picked a bower in the botanical gardens in defiance of the rules of the society. His mother a stately and somewhat pompous dame approached one of the keepers, leading the culprit with one hand and holding forth the flower in the other, and in solemn tones said: "This is the delinquent."
"No, beg your pardon, ma'am," replied the civil official, "that there's a polyanthus."

Sixty Thousand Drug Addicts in Canada

According to statistics presented at a council meeting of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, Canada has some 60,000 drug addicts. Bootlegging of narcotics is declared to be prevalent with drugs costing \$4 an ounce, retailing at from \$50 to \$100 an ounce.

Grafting of Pig's Eye Restores Sight

Dr. Edward B. Morgan, of Paterson, N. J. on January 23 grafted portions of a pig's eye to the eye of Alfred Lemanowicz, in an effort to restore the seventeen-year-old boy's sight. The operation has been pronounced a success, young Lemanowicz declaring that he can distinguish between light and darkness.

He Forgot.

"Where is the car?" demanded Mrs. Diggs.

"Dear me!" ejaculated Professor Diggs. "Did I take the car out?"
"You certainly did! You drove it to town."

"How odd! I remember now that after I got out I turned around to thank the gentleman who gave me the lift and wondered where he had gone."

An Ignorant Bunch.

A regular reader sends this one the origin unknown: The prosecuting attorney had encountered a somewhat difficult witness. Finally he asked the man if he was acquainted with any of the men of the jury. "Yes, sir," announced the witness, "more than half of them." "Are you willing to swear that you know more than half of them?" demanded the lawyer. "Why, if it comes to that, I'm willing to say that I know more than all of them put together."

TRADE NOTES.

Codfish.—The foreign markets showed no improvement last week in respect of prices. The export of codfish from several firms were sent from St. John's totalled 37,780 qtls.

Codliver Oil.—The exports this past week were 3,615 gallons to Boston. The market continues good and the highest price for the year are being paid in Boston. The immediate future of the market as regards the 1923 price holding to the present levels depends largely on the Norwegian catch of fish now in progress. The holdings of 1922 oil in Newfoundland are now very low.

Flour.—Caused by a bill passing in the U. S. A. Senate will likely mean an advance in the price of flour. The local wholesale price of flour, leading brands, remains at \$9.10.

Molasses.—The new season is opening at Barbados. Several Newfoundland schooners there awaiting cargoes have been ordered elsewhere. This is caused by the sudden jumping from 43 cents to 48 cents per wine gallon. As this fishery does not promise to demand large supplies the merchants have no wish to stock up at advanced prices.

Toes Went up in Smoke.

It was cold the other day when Mrs. Hugo Moats, of Harrisville, Va. sat down before an open gas fire to warm her feet. A few minutes later she was startled by an explosion, which, she says, tore off the tip of one of her shoes. Her toes were, so badly injured that amputation was necessary. Mrs. Moats has filed suit in Circuit Court for \$5,000 charging that the manufacturer used celluloid instead of leather in the inner lining of the shoe.

Easy to Explain.

"Did I understand you to say, sir, that you have a wife and six children living in Glasgow and had never seen one of them?"

"Yes, sir; I so stated it."

Another and longer pause of silence.

Then the interrogator again inquired: "How can that be, sir, that you never saw one of them?"

"Why," was the response, "one of them was born after I left."

Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.—Duke of Wellington.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Constantinople, Feb. 26.—Russia will come to the aid of Turkey if the latter is attacked by the Western Powers, it is declared by M. Orloff, Soviet representative here, in a published interview. The Turkish and Red Armies are watching, arms in hand, he said.

London, Feb. 26.—The various inter-Allied conferences held in London and Paris during December and January on reparations and inter-Allied debts, culminating in the disagreement of January 4, formed the subject of a blue book issued to-day. The report shows how the Allies unsuccessfully endeavoured to bridge the difference between Great Britain and France. The breaking point apparently was reached on January 3, says the book, when Prime Minister Bonar Law's reply to Premier Poincare said the difference between them was one fact, and he believed it was best to get the most money they could from Germany and not attempt to get as much as they would like. Bonar Law pointed out that the information in his possession showed Germany on the point of industrial collapse "and indeed in my opinion it would be contrary to the whole experience of history and the view of all economists if such terrible inflation as has been going on there is not followed by the biggest crisis seen in almost any country. I am afraid lest that crash be precipitated." After adjournments and resumption of negotiations the final break came on January fourth, when M. Poincare made it clear he was unable to modify his opinion, stating that the British proposals were tantamount to complete upsetting of the Treaty of Versailles, and the respective view points of the two Governments were absolutely irreconcilable. Bonar Law thereupon handed in a note asserting that if the French proposals were carried into effect, "they will not only fail of attaining the desired results, but are likely to have grave and even disastrous effect upon the economic situation of Europe." M. Poincare submitted a note expressing regret that France was unable to accept the British proposals, at the same time thanking the British Government for its friendly statements and expressing assurance of a continuance of friendly and cordial relations between the two countries.

Halifax, Feb. 26.—It was the Lunenburg Outfitting Company's schooner, "Hilma" Pauline, 80 tons, from Turk's Island, with salt for Lunenburg, which was abandoned, and whose crew was rescued by the steamer Storvic, February 22, and not the steamer Helena Tooline as previously reported, according to corrective advice to-day to C. H. Harvey, Marine and Fisheries agent here. The Pauline was built at Mahone Bay in 1919.

New Battleships Called After Great Seamen.

The names selected for the two new British battleships which were laid down in December will be the Rodney and Nelson.

THE STARVATION POINT.

To the question, "If there were a siege, how long do you think the soldiers and civilians could live after the food supplies gave out?" an English paper answers: Science tells us that, if he can get drinking water, an ordinary man can exist for thirty days without food. At the end of that time, the machinery of the body will not be spoiled, and can be brought back to its former strength by careful feeding.

About a quarter of our body weight is fat, and it is mostly this fat that is absorbed as food during the period of starvation. We can absorb and burn up all our muscles until sixty per cent. of their weight is gone. We can do the same with from thirty to forty per cent. of our livers and digestive organs, and twenty per cent. of our lungs. Our hearts can lose ten per cent. and our brains and nervous systems can lose five per cent.

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