



Evening Telegram

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France as a Rival.

The entrance of France into the fish markets of Europe, in competition with Newfoundland is an event which can be regarded neither with equanimity nor composure. Hitherto it was the business of French fishermen at home and from St. Pierre to supply fish for domestic consumption only, and all efforts were turned in that direction, encouraged by a Government bounty, thus making it impossible for any cis-atlantic country to send fish to France on a competitive basis. True there were certain years, when with an over-supply the French buyers placed their surplus in Portuguese hands, in every case at lower prices than those for which Newfoundland merchants could sell, but as the French shipments were not made in abnormal quantities, very little—if any—financial injury was done local exporters. To-day we are facing a different situation. France is devoting all the energies of her fishing population, both shore and bank, along her coasts and in her North American possessions, to increasing her sea products, and with such success that already cargoes have been disposed of in Greece at a lesser price than is being asked for Newfoundland fish. The contiguity of Portuguese and Spanish ports will doubtless attract the attention of French fishing firms ere long and we may expect to see the tricolor flying over many a cargo of dry cod, caught in Atlantic waters, cured in St. Pierre and Miquelon and shipped from these islands direct to market. The demand for fish is as great as ever it was, but the countries impoverished by the

war are not able to afford long prices, and consequently are compelled to buy in the cheapest market. The crippled condition of these countries must not be overlooked in our dealings with them. The old saying that you cannot take a shirt from a naked man, applies quite aptly here.

In going through her period of reconstruction following the war, France is determined to conserve her credit by doing all in the power of the Government to foster and increase local production whether by land or sea. In order to do this it has become necessary for the government to enact that in the fish line, only such as French craft catch will be consumed at home, and that no more money than can be spared will be sent overseas for the purchase of frozen meat. To further encourage the consumption of fish food, large cold storage plants are being erected at St. Pierre, subsidized by the Government, also other smaller plants on the French coast. Shortly all these will be in a position to receive a continuous supply of frozen fish from the Grand Banks, the steam trawlers operating in connection with these plants being fitted with refrigerating chambers—caught and handled throughout by French fishermen, thus creating a greater demand and a bigger consumption and keeping in circulation at home the money which would otherwise go to the rancheros of the Argentine and the sheepherders of Australia for their beef and mutton products. Necessity has solved a problem facing the French Government, and in future it will stick to its text and import no more excessive quantities of meat, but will consume more fish. Fresh cod will thus be introduced into French homes and the demand will be correspondingly great. But that does not mean that the dry fish industry will be abandoned. On the contrary greater efforts will be made to increase this output and extra vessels will be sent to the banks, making St. Pierre their headquarters. Their fish will be cured in the old fashioned way and such as are not required at home will be shipped to the ports of the peninsula and up the Mediterranean, going into direct competition with Newfoundland cargoes. The war ended our practical monopoly of the markets across. To-day we are facing conditions such as never existed before, for the whole world is engaged in the catch and sale of fish, and our

numerous rivals are both keen and eager.

Mexico and Newfoundland.

"Mexican Socialists propose setting up a guillotine to execute all journalists. They know what class is protecting the people."—Montreal Daily Star.

The senior Government newspaper of Newfoundland suggests the appointment of censors for the Opposition Press, the purpose of these being to prevent the people from hearing the truth. There is not a great deal of difference in autocrats after all.

Notes and Comments.

The re-publication of the Burnt Islands correspondence has been a solar plexus for the Acting Premier.

American women have established schools to teach their sex how to use the ballot. How many men can qualify as teachers?

The price of cigars persists in remaining high in the States, owing either to the political campaign or the light crop of garlic.

A big Chicago grocer says butter and eggs will remain where they are at present. They will, so far as most of us are concerned.

A gun-trap in a Kingston, Ont., orchard went off and shot a boy who was stealing apples. Had this gun-trap system prevailed years ago, the world might have lost some of its greatest men.

A clergyman tells a New Brunswick audience to prepare for an early end of the world, but most people down there are too busy preparing for an early provincial election.

Cable from London re the Greek fish markets, says: "No confidence shared in N. F. Government's fixed prices, unless guaranteed not lowered for six months." What does this just mean?

An Esperantist lecture was recently given at Montreal by W. Frost, editor of the American Esperantist, who was present at the International Congress of 400 delegates from 25 countries, where ways and means of encouraging Esperanto were discussed. Mr. Frost claims that Esperanto is not the language of any political or other movement, but its simplicity recommends it to those who wish to facilitate international communication for business and other purposes. The next Esperantist congress meets at Prague, Bohemia, in 1921.

PROGRAMME Grand Promenade Band Concert Prince's Park. BY C. C. C. Band.

1. Concert No. 1. March: "Colonel Bogey."
2. Dance No. 1. Lancers: "Jolly Crowd"
3. Concert No. 2. Selection: "Hunting Chorus."
4. Dance No. 2. One-Step: "Old Man Jazz."
5. Concert No. 3. Fox-trot: "Tell Me."
6. Dance No. 3. Lancers: "Scotch."
7. Concert No. 4. Selection: "Scotch Airs."
8. Dance No. 4. Waltz: "Sunset on the St. Lawrence."
9. Dance No. 5. One-Step: "I Used to Call Her Baby."
10. Concert No. 5. March: "Blaze of Glory."
11. Dance No. 5. Waltz: "Carolina Sunshine."
12. Dance No. 6. Lancers: "Jolly Crowd"

S. S. Sebastopol and the Coastal Service.

S. S. Sebastopol has her freight on board ready to sail on the Humbermouth-Battle Harbor service. She is at the dock pier and was expected to get away yesterday, but it was found her winches would not work, so that she will be delayed another day or two before repairs are made. Tests of her tanks are being effected also, as it is suspected they are leaky. Captain Norman of Bay Roberts is taking charge and James Kavanagh, who has been on the S. S. Fogata for the past nine years, goes as mate. The firemen have not signed articles yet.

Express Passengers.

The S. S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques from North Sydney this morning and landed the following passengers who joined the incoming express:—B. A. Rennie, Mrs. R. W. Legge, Miss C. Chaplin, C. Curran, J. J. McDonald, H. Tintre, B. P. Burke, C. F. Cane, Miss B. Hennesbury, Mr. and Mrs. Avery, J. Pittman, F. Bankham, D. Curtin, R. W. Hogan, G. H. Lawrence, G. Chase, Jno. Mercer, Miss L. Gordon, Miss W. Childs, S. Bennett, M. Cohen, Miss S. Clarke, Mrs. M. Mercer.

WEATHER ALONG THE LINE.—S.E. wind, light breeze; raining in places; temperature 40.

Lessees Get Surprise.

Big Cement Claim Allowed to Lapse Through Inadvertence — Lucky Watcher Renews Rental on Property.

That there is many a slip twixt the cup and the lip has been amply demonstrated within the past few days, when certain promoters of a big cement claim in Trinity Bay, allowed their interest to lapse with the result that a smarter man than any of them put in his application at the Crown Lands Office and succeeded to the title, which is now unassailable. To tell the whole story of this transaction would amuse the public, yet would not reflect any credit upon the prime mover and general financier of the original affair, consequently we refrain from making a prominent railway man look more ridiculous than he really appears, and especially when he has to bear the execrations of those who were associated with him in a deal involving close upon a million dollars.

The whole trouble appears to have been caused by the too-cock-sureness of the man who was responsible for renewing the rentals, but doubtless his mind was too much filled with railway commissions and other things apparently of more importance, particularly the general manager'ship of the whole line. Be that as it may, other interests were allowed to go into the discard, and a splendid cement proposition in Trinity Bay, into which hundreds of thousands had been put by city speculators, went to another by default, and subscribers to-day are wondering just how it happened. But there it is, and the latest documents in the Crown Lands Department tell the tale, one which a proper business man will read with disgust, because it shows a state of mind that appears superior to anything ever developed by the proletariat, but unfortunately for the wise-acre, one in which the proletariat showed its superiority over the trained minds of experts, or at least a member of the class did. There is many a heart shakings over the collapse of get-rich-quick notions in the city to-day, and it will be interesting news to the people that one of themselves put the kibosh on a scheme calculated to make a few rich at the expense of the majority.

To epitomise the whole story, it appears that a large mineral claim, a cement property, situated at Trinity Bay, and judged by American experts to be one of the best of the kind in the world, lapsed to the Crown on Saturday last, and has since been taken over by Mr. M. L. Parrell. Some of the most prominent local business men were shareholders in the company that formerly held the property and are indignant that the license was allowed to lapse. The original company was capitalised at a large sum.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Corunna leaves Montreal Saturday for here via Sydney.
S.S. Rosalind will not be leaving New York this trip before the 13th, her schedule for the summer having ended.
Aux. schooner Germain L. sailed for Sydney this morning in ballast.
Welsh topsail schooner David Morris, 31 days from Liverpool, arrived in port this morning to A. S. Rendell & Co.
S.S. Bourassa sailed to-day for Bell Island to load ore for Sydney.
Schooner Cento cleared from Catalina yesterday with 598 qtls. old prime Labrador, 396 No. 1 heavily salted Labrador, 1006 old ordinary Labrador, good quality, for Malaga from P. Templeman.
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PAID OFFICIAL VISIT.—His Excellency the Governor and suite paid an official visit to the French warship Ville D'ys this forenoon and received the customary salute.

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ALTERING MALAKOFF.—A large number of iron workers and shipwrights are now busily engaged making alterations to the trawler Malakoff, putting her in condition for the coastal service.

Here and There.

St. Joseph's Vegetable Sale will be held in the Parish Hall, Plymouth Road, on October 6th and 7th. Candies, Teas and Refreshments served. Grand Concert Thursday night at 8.15.—Oct. 6, 1920.

FIRE ALARM.—At 7 o'clock this morning the Central and West End fire companies were called to the residence of Mrs. Hayes, George Street, where the chimney of the house was in a blaze. The services of the firemen were not needed as a few pails of water quickly applied quenched the outbreak.

Basaan Off.

A message from Tropassy received by the Collector of Customs says that the Canadian Government ship Lady Laurier pulled the stranded ship Basaan off successfully at 12.30 p.m. yesterday. She is now at anchorage in the harbor.

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