

Official Correspondence

Re U. S. Tax on Newfoundland Fish.

New York, Jan. 13th, 1921.
 Hon. R. A. Squires,
 Prime Minister, St. John's.
 Fish Dealers here interested in importing foreign and Nfld. Products pending deputation to Washington to present before Committee against levying Tax on fish entering country. Representative interests have approached me requesting that I go along on behalf of Government of Newfoundland and lodge strong objection projected plan American Government. Advise.

J. M. DEVINE.
 January 21, 1921.
 (Night Letter.)
 Mr. J. M. Devine,
 c/o Hon. H. J. Brownrigg,
 Prince George Hotel,
 New York.
 Government will be responsible your expenses to and from Washington in event of deputation desiring you to accompany them. Kindly see Brownrigg before going and discuss matter with him fully.

R. A. SQUIRES.
 April 1, 1921.
 Hon. W. F. Colker,
 c/o Belmont Hotel,
 New York.
 Message received yesterday stating that new United States Tariff contemplated duty on Newfoundland fish. Would you kindly take this matter up with authorities in New York pointing out large proportion of imports from United States to Newfoundland that there is no differential tariff by Newfoundland against the United States or any other part of the world, and consider matters in light of probable action of Canada, which is also being discriminated against in present proposed United States tariff. Presume that Canada will come back with further protective tariff against United States. Point out that in event our fish being discriminated against, Government might have to consider retaliatory tariff.

R. A. SQUIRES.
 North Sydney,
 April 5th, 1921.
 Prime Minister,
 St. John's, Nfld.
 Arranged send Devine and Collier to Washington re new tariff. Will leave here to-morrow. Probably take all week reach there.

COAKER.
 June 30, 1921.
 Dear Mr. Cowan—I quote the following from telegraph message received this afternoon from Mr. John M. Devine:

"Pacific Coast and New England interests strongly protected in new tariff. Bill reported House yesterday. Following new schedule herring, oil eight cents gallon, whale, seal, sperm, ten cents gallon, cod and cod liver fish half cents gallon; all other fish oils twenty per cent ad valorem. Fresh frozen fish one cent pound; salmon, pickled, smoked or otherwise twenty-five per cent ad valorem; fish dried, salted or unsalted one three-quarter cents pound; fish skinned or boned 2 1/2 cents pound, including weight of packing. British Embassy Washington advises Senate will hear oral evidence. Ways and Means Committee will only accept written evidence. Only hope is action before Senate."

I also enclose copy of Mr. Devine's report in connection with his visit to Washington with respect to the same matter.

Very truly yours,
 (Sgd.) R. A. SQUIRES.
 H. E. Cowan Esq.,
 City.

June 30, 1921.
 Dear Mr. Cowan.—As I understand the Board of Trade is having a meeting with reference to the proposed



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Railway Agreement for 1921-22.

COLONY SADDLED WITH LOSSES. RESOLUTIONS.

Submitted to Committee of the whole House for the operation of the Newfoundland Railway.
 WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the present operation of the Newfoundland Railway.
BE IT RESOLVED

(1) The Governor in Council is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into the agreement with the Reid Newfoundland Co., Limited, set out in the Schedule hereto and the said agreement when executed shall be binding upon the parties thereto.
 (2) A Bill shall be introduced to give effect to these resolutions.

AGREEMENT made the Thirtieth day of June, A.D., 1921 BETWEEN His Excellency Sir Charles Alexander Hays, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., Governor of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, in Council, (hereinafter called "the Government") of the one part AND Reid Newfoundland Company, Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") of the other part; WHEREAS it is desirable to provide for the operation of the Newfoundland Railway for the ensuing twelve months:

Now this agreement witnesseth as follows:—

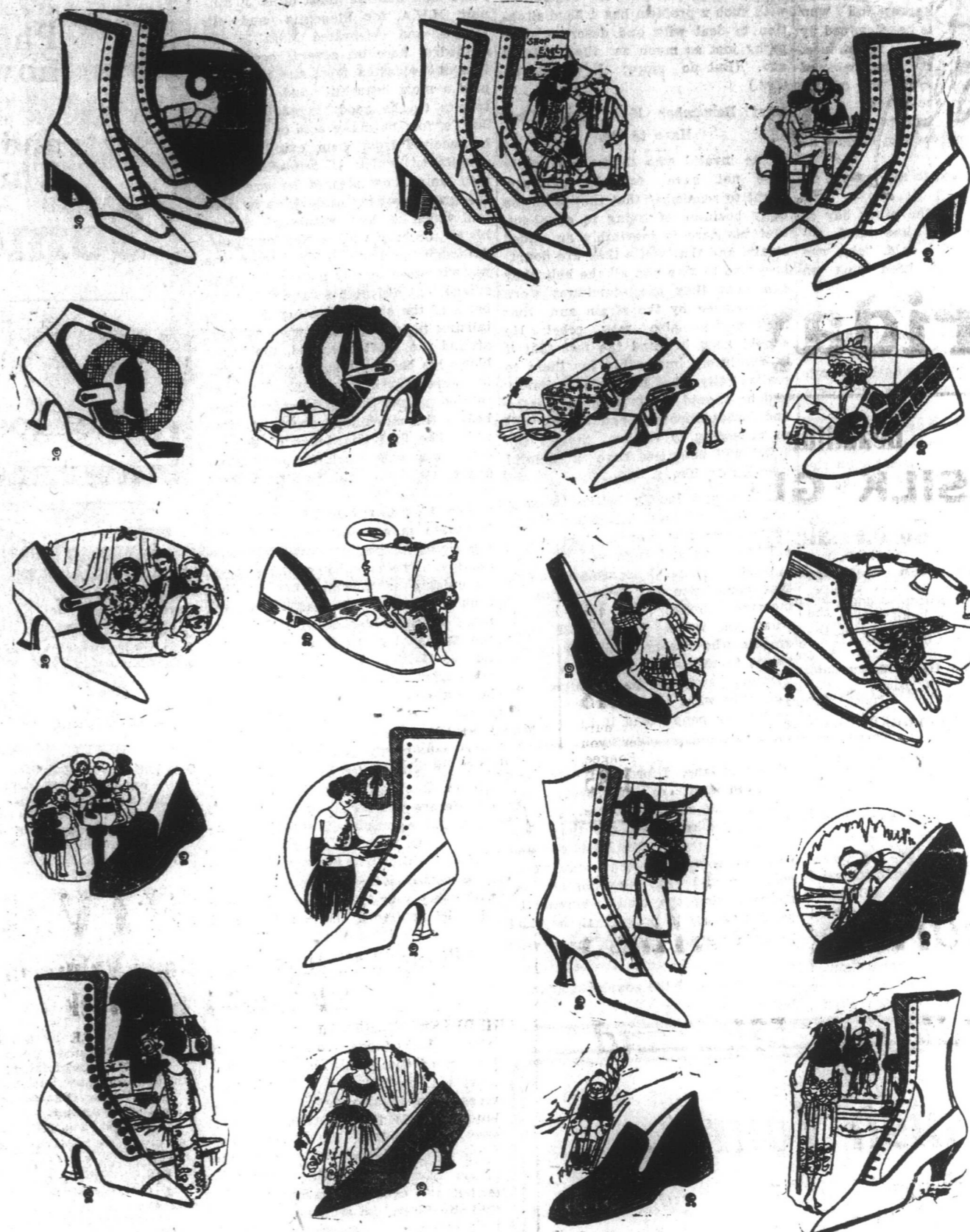
- (1) The Company shall during the term of this Agreement operate the Railway at the minimum cost consistent with safety and giving a reasonable service with the passenger and mixed service laid down in the Schedule hereto as the minimum.
- (2) The Company shall secure the services of a competent person from Canada or the United States of America to be General Manager in full charge of the operation of the Railway, and the appointment of such General Manager shall be subject to the approval of the Government.
- (3) Expenditures on capital account in connection with the Railway shall during the term of this Agreement be made only on the written sanction of the Government, and such works shall be paid for by the Government when completed, and upon the certificate of the Government Engineer. Any amounts so paid shall be charged to the Company with interest at six per cent. per annum from date of payment, and shall be set off against any claim or claims which the Company may have against the Government under Section Thirteen of the Newfoundland Railway Amendment Act 1901.
- (4) The Government shall pay the actual loss of operating the Railway during the term of this Agreement, provided that should such loss exceed the sum of one and one-half million dollars such excess shall be borne by the Company. The payments by the Government as aforesaid shall be made in such a manner as may be agreed upon between the parties hereto. In computing the actual loss of operating the Railway no claim for interest or depreciation shall be included.
- (5) The Government shall have the right to appoint one or more auditors of the revenue and expenditure on Railway operation, and such auditor or auditors shall have access to all the books and records of the Company relating to the operation of the Railway under this Agreement, and shall have the right to make copies thereof or take extracts therefrom, and to examine any official of the Company in relation thereto.
- (6) The term of this Agreement shall be from the first day of July, A.D., 1921, to the Thirtieth day of June, A.D., 1922, both inclusive.
- (7) Except as herein expressly provided with regard to the operation of the Railway during the term aforesaid this Agreement and anything done under this Agreement shall be absolutely without prejudice to the rights and liabilities of either party hereto under existing contracts or agreements.

THE SCHEDULE WITHIN REFERRED TO.

Bonaville Branch—88 miles. Present Time Table: Daily except Sunday. To be: Tri-weekly (up one day, down following day).
 Heart's Content Branch—42 miles. Present Time Table: Daily except Sunday. To be: Tri-weekly (up and down same day).
 St. John's to Carboneau—80 miles. Present Time Table: Two trains daily except Sunday (up and down). To be: One train daily except Sunday (each way).
 Bay de Verde Branch—52 miles. Present Time Table: Daily except Sunday (up and down). To be: Tri-weekly. Last year's Time Table: Daily. Now: Tri-weekly (up one day, down following day) To be: No change, except during severe winter months.
 St. John's to Port aux Basques—540 miles. Present Time Table: Three

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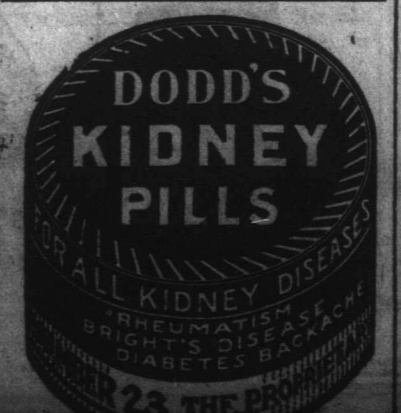
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PORTIONS OF RAILWAY TO BE CLOSED DURING FIRST QUARTER 1922.

Humbermouth to Milltown Junction—94 miles.
 Shoal Harbor to Bonaville—88 miles.
 Carboneau to Bay de Verde and Gables Cove—83 miles.
 Waterford Bridge to Trepassay—106 miles.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has caused the Great Seal of the Island of Newfoundland to be set hereto and has signed these presents, and the Company has caused these presents to be executed in accordance with its regulations the day and year first above written.
 By His Excellency's Command.



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