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**It Is Time for An Industrial Revolution in Our Fisheries.**

For generations we have stuck to the same methods of catching and curing our fish, and with the exception of an individual firm here and there which has shown more enterprise than the rest, there has been no deviation from the line of action followed by our forefathers. The same may be said of marketing the products; year after year we have followed in their footsteps; year after year we have stumbled over the same objects which impeded their progress, season after season the same dissatisfaction has been voiced, and varying only in intensity it time goes on.

Our grandfathers laboured under disadvantages which no longer exist. They were unaware of any better methods whereby they might harvest the wealth of the sea. The scientific and commercial knowledge which we possess, and which today can be applied to the fisheries as a sealed book to them. The modern devices for communicating with foreign markets had not been dreamt of, transportation was irregular, and the only forces by which they could propel their vessels were sails, oars and elbow grease.

It is true that we have to some extent equipped our boats with gasoline engines, but of the many facilities that practical science has placed at our disposal, we have made but little use. We are like the unprofitable servant and have buried our talent in the ground.

England had her industrial revolution which laid the foundation of her greatness. The American and Canadian farmer has replaced wherever possible hand labour with up-to-date mechanical appliances. In the Yukon and Australia, machinery is wresting wealth from the goldfields long ago abandoned by placer miner. A revolution has taken place in transportation, and steam, oil and electricity have superseded the more primitive appliances.

In view of the fact that we are constantly faced with difficulties that seem insurmountable, although our fisheries show no signs of diminishing, the only conclusion that can be arrived at is that the time has come for an INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Let us look facts squarely in the face. There was a time when seamen were satisfied with a fare of salt horse and weevily biscuits. That time has long since gone by. There was a time when even in the larger settlements of Newfoundland fresh meat and fresh vegetables could by no means always be procured. Those conditions belong to the old days also. Once the people of the West Indies were satisfied to purchase fish no matter what the quality. They are more particular over their diet to-day. These changed conditions are but the natural consequences of the adoption of modern methods in the handling of food products

and in transportation. If our greatest industry is to survive, we too must adapt ourselves to the times and revolutionize our methods.

Capital? Yes, of course it means capital, and it is useless to say that the money is not available. Let some plausible promoter from abroad land on our shores with the prospects of a "get rich quick" scheme in his pocket, and he is received with open arms. Readily we part with our cash for his "gold bonds," be they shares in a gold field, a gusher, a moving picture concern, or real estate in the suburbs of New York. Afterwards we are sadder and, we think, wiser—until a similar tempting bait is dangled in front of our eyes. All the time we possess in our fisheries a proposition which is sound and which if fully utilized would yield rich dividends.

In previous issues have appeared several articles written by Mr. M. E. Condon with reference to this question of development, or to be more correct with regard to the revolution of our industry. This gentleman is known throughout the length and breadth of the Island, and if he is better known for one thing more than another, it is for his persistence. He has preached new methods and his ideas have been appearing in the papers for years. Lack of public support has not discouraged him, and absolute confidence in his proposals has been the mainspring of his untiring efforts.

Let us summarize his principal ideas in order the better to decide whether they are sound, feasible, practicable, or ridiculous.

- Bait depots.** They have been generally advocated, tried in the past, and abandoned only because the methods used were incomplete. Every year, and often in the very best part of the season, the fishermen are idle because bait is not available.
- The utilization of the several parts of the fish.** We consider sounds and tongues the most delicious. So do people in the outside world, but we have not attempted to supply them. Instead we throw them away. But the outside world supply us with potted meats and even fish in glass or tin containers, and we do not consider the latter a case of carrying coals to Newcastle.
- The utilization of fish offal.** The farmers all over Newfoundland and beyond are searching for world for fertilizer, and yet we throw it back into the sea or allow it to rot on the shore!
- Centralization of curing centres under supervision.** We are constantly complaining because of the low standard of our cure. Is it not because in nearly all cases the fisherman is his own supervisor? Is not the lack of standard in the lobster pack due to the fact that practically every lobster fisherman is a licensed packer?
- Smelling fish.** Iceland and Norway have proven the superiority of the fish that have undergone this process. Its clean appearance alone is an inducement to a customer to purchase it rather than the discoloured looking fish that has not been treated in this manner. In the purchase of food, appearance is the most important factor.
- The exploding of our herring fishery.** We have but touched the fringe of this industry which can be made to yield a harvest not only as a food product, but as oil and as fertilizer.

Mention might be made of many other suggestions which have been contained in the articles referred to. Can it be claimed that the above are not sound commercially? Are they not feasible or practicable? Salt Cod, Salt Herring, Salt Salmon form the bulk of our output while the world is crying out for fresh foods.

What is the responsibility of the Government in such matters? Already a precedent has been established by the British Government which passed in 1921 The Trade Facilities Act. Already the Newfoundland Government has endorsed the principle of supporting an industry in a practical manner by its action in connection with the Humber operations. If a guarantee can be given in the case of a new industry, surely the claims of the staple industry are materially stronger.

Demands are made for Government assistance in the form of a bonus. It is the politician who starts such an agitation. Why? Because it is the cheapest way out for the Government, and because it is a practical way of

securing votes. No one can admit that 60 cents, or for that matter \$1.00 a quintal is going to put the ordinary fisherman in easy street. What he requires is employment which will provide him with the means to live and in addition something which he can put by for a rainy day. The bonus is but a means of prolonging the agony, that is all. The solution of the difficulty is to expand and develop our fishing resources and then unemployment will cease and a remedy will have been found against unemployment in the future.

**George St. Methodist Church Golden Jubilee**

The celebration of this event was brought to a fitting conclusion at yesterday's services. Large audiences, good music, hearty congregational singing and polished sermons marked the day.

Rev. Dr. Hemmeon was the preacher both morning and evening. In the morning taking as his text St. Mark's Gospel, Chapter 6, verse 31, "Come ye apart into a desert place" he spoke on "Roses in the wilderness." Speaking of the world effort to make deserts and the waste lands of the north profitable and the success attending that effort, he pleaded for the cultivation of the wilderness of the soul. Every life had its gardens and also its wilderness.

Anybody could grow roses in the garden but it took a gardener to grow roses in the wilderness. There were numerous wildernesses—deprivation and loss of means—loss of friends—having to go out into new countries. One of the greatest wildernesses in the lives of men was the wilderness of loneliness of spirit. In the lives of the world's greatest—Paul, Cervantes, Bunyan—this was a great wilderness, but the world had smelt the fragrance of the flowers grown there. The great number of the world's greatest were lonely men. The life of all lives was lonely and by copying his example we could too make roses bloom in the wilderness.

In the evening the text was from the third Chapter of Revelation, verse 3, "Behold I have set before thee an open door." The subject was "The Church of the Future." The congregation was adjured to keep open the doors of the mind and always to welcome truth in whatever form it appeared. There might be cause for discouragement in the almost complete disappearance of certain religious practices and certain phraseology dear to our forefathers.

The old religious motive actuated by the dread of hell and hope of getting to heaven had disappeared. He did not regret it. Religion actuated by such a motive could never produce character. But in spite of all religion remained an unvarying factor in the life of man, though it manifested itself from generation to generation by most varying phenomena. Some say human nature does not change. He said it does. Subconsciously in the minds of men there are high ideals. Fresh high ideals and they will be eventually awakened. Thirty years before the abolition of child labour in England the sin and wrong of it did not appear to the English conscience. Religion, though it changed its face always endures. We must ease or tighten our sheet and even alter our course to take advantage of the breezes which will bring us to the desired haven.

The great need of the world to-day was an undivided Church. You cannot save a divided church. This undivided church is what we should all pray and strive for.

At the close of the sermon it was announced that the amount of collections during the week for the new institutional building exceeded \$2500. A special appeal was then made to the congregation when an additional \$1000 mostly in \$5.00 amounts was promised to be paid by February 1st, 1924.

The week just past will be a memorable one in the lives of George St. people. A large part of its success has been due to the organist and choir and the untiring efforts of the Rev. R. E. Fairburn.

**Man Missing**

On Tuesday morning last, Mr. Harris Keefe, a former messenger at the Colonial Secretary's office, left his home, No. 3 William's Street, and has not since turned up. The man has been in the habit of absenting himself for a short while, but owing to the length of time he is now absent, there is some anxiety as to his whereabouts. His wife has reported the matter to the police and enquiries are being made. There is a report that he was seen going countrywards on Saturday.

**To Undergo Survey**

S.S. Westerlan, which was badly smashed in a storm off St. Pierre last week, will move to the dock premises this evening for survey. The owner representative, Mr. Secord arrived on Saturday night's express from Montreal.

**Coastal Boats.**

Argyle arrived at Argenta at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, sailing this afternoon on Red Island route.

Clyde left Lewisporte at 6.55 a.m. Glouceon on dock.

Home left Springdale at 7.40 p.m. Saturday, outward.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 10 a.m. yesterday.

Meigle left Marystown at 2.15 p.m. yesterday, going West.

Malakoff arrived at Port Union at 10 a.m. yesterday.

Sagone left Humbermouth at 5.15 p.m. Saturday.

Prospero left Pilley's Island at 9.50 a.m. going North.

Susu left Joe Batt's Arm at 10 a.m. this morning, going North.

**Shipping**

S.S. Sable I. leaves Halifax on Dec. 17th, and is due here on the 29th inst., resuming the Halifax-St. John's service.

S.S. Jan leaves Charlottetown tomorrow and is due here on Friday.

Schr. Flowerdew arrived in port this morning, 15 days from Philadelphia, with a cargo of hard coal consigned to T. H. Carter & Co.

S.S. Palike, 6 days from Montreal with a general cargo, has arrived at A. E. Hickman & Co.

S.S. Digby left Halifax at 10 a.m. yesterday and is due here at noon tomorrow.

S.S. Sachem leaves Liverpool on the 18th for this port.

Schr. Helen Vair has entered at Grand Bank to load codfish for Halifax from Lake & Lake.

Schr. Jean MacKay has entered at English Harbor to begin loading fish for Oporto.

**Cause of Delay**

The express which arrived in the city late Saturday night, was comprised of nine cars and two engines. Train-crew report that the delay was caused by the accumulation of passenger traffic between Humbermouth and Bishop's Falls. Summer-like weather prevails over the whole line.

**Supreme Court.**

(Before Chief Justice Horwood.)  
Arthur M. Earle, plaintiff, and J. W. Hiseock, defendant.  
Morine, K.C., for plaintiff announces that the parties have agreed to enter judgment for \$2,000 and \$300 costs. Mr. Jarrett for defendant consents. It is ordered accordingly.

**Motor Accident Near Cape Broyle**

Through his car running into a ditch on a newly repaired section of the road near Cape Broyle, Mr. J. Silverlock met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon when he was coming cityward with Rev. Fr. Maher as a passenger. When about three miles this side of Cape Broyle the car skidded and turned over in a ditch. Mr. Silverlock, in attempting to get clear of the machine had his leg jammed by the door which came open when the car tipped. Rev. Fr. Maher escaped with but a few scratches. A car was sent out from here following the accident and both Mr. Silverlock and Fr. Maher were brought to the city. The former will have to remain in doors for several days as the result of the accident. Mr. Volsey went out this morning to tow in the damaged car.

**Red Cross Service**

Messrs. Harvey & Co. received a radio this forenoon, stating that the Rosalind from Halifax would dock at midnight. The S.S. Silya is leaving New York at 11 a.m. on Wednesday for Halifax and is due here on the 17th inst., with a full load of Christmas goods, including poultry. With the sailing of the Silya from New York the Red Cross Line anticipates continuing the weekly service to New York as long as weather conditions permit.

**Magistrate's Court.**

Several drunks arrested over the week-end were released upon paying the usual deposit.

A 22-year-old telegraph operator was arraigned before court this morning on the charge that he had, within the past six months, while in charge of the Post Office at Deer Lake, embezzled and stolen from the said post office the sum of \$540.40, monies of the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. The accused was not asked to plead. In the meantime bail was granted in the sum of \$3000.00, \$1000.00 by himself and two other independent securities of \$500.00 each.

A labourer resident of the Battery, charged with being drunk and disorderly, and using foul and obscene language on the public street Sunday night, was sentenced to 7 days imprisonment with hard labor, without the option of a fine.

An old offender taken in by the night guard for safe-keeping, was hustled out of the court and ordered to keep walking.

A drunk and disorderly given in charge by his wife was given another chance to make good.

A father had his son before court and charged him with doing malicious damage to the complaints window and door valued at \$10. An amicable settlement was made between the two. His honor suspended judgment in this case.

A case of indecent assault preferred by a 15-year-old boy named Hanton, in which an ex-Royal Naval Reservist is implicated, was heard before Judge Morris in camera. The hearing did not conclude up to 1 p.m., when postponement was taken until 4.30 this afternoon.

**Mr. Richard Foley,**

RENEWS, ATTAINS HIS 100th BIRTHDAY.

The two representatives of the Southern Shore had occasion to-day to forward a parcel containing a smoker's set to a centenarian in the person of Mr. Michael Foley, of Renews, who recently attained his 100th birthday. Mr. Foley is probably the oldest living inhabitant in the Island to-day. He is hale and hearty, has all his faculties and takes a short walk almost daily.

**Rev. T. B. Holden, B.A., Bids Farewell**

Yesterday in the Congregational Church was a day of Thanksgiving and the occasion for a farewell sermon by Rev. T. B. Holden, B.A., who at both the morning and evening services to largely attended congregations. Mr. Holden expressed regret on his retirement and said that his prayers would always go out for the future of the Church. At the evening service Miss B. Langmead rendered a solo "Lead Kindly Light" with very telling effect. Rev. T. B. Holden with his wife and family leaves by tomorrow's express enroute to Brooklyn, N.S., where he assumes the pastorate of the United Church. The entire membership in regretting his departure took opportunity to wish Mr. Holden success in his future work.

**BORN.**

On the 9th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Crowther, a son.

On the 5th December, a daughter to Jeremiah and Mrs. Joy, 13 Holloway Street.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

In loving remembrance of my dear son, Samuel Sparks, R.N.B., drowned when the H.M.S. Dagon was mined in the North Sea, Dec. 8th, 1916. Cherished memories of one so dear, often recalled by a silent tear. Only those who loved and lost. Can understand the bitter cost. We who loved him sadly miss him. As it draws another year; in our lonely hours of thinking, Thoughts of him are ever near.

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**ADMISSION 20c.**

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