

A LUCKY MAN!

Dame fortune has smiled on Mr. Willar, sailmaker of this city, who last week purchased a portion of the land and house, formerly owned by the late Walter Walsh, of Quidi Vidi Road. Shortly after his purchase the announcement was made that Messrs. Bowring Bros. had taken over the lake side for a park. We learn that Mr. Willar could make a nice profit on his bargain.

Our Motto: "SUUM CUIQUE."



(To Every Man His Own.)

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Fish Situation

YESTERDAY and today the prices fixed by Mr. Coaker for sloop Labrador have been maintained and the fishermen appreciate the action of Messrs. Job Bros., W. B. Grieve, Bowring Bros., G. C. Fearn, A. H. Murray, Alan Goodridge & Sons, R. G. Rendell and A. E. Hickman who bought at \$4 for Labrador sloop.

Most of the larger firms are buying their dealers fish and are paying \$4, which is a reasonable price, and should be maintained and could be maintained if the buyers so desired, as prices abroad are good enough to pay \$4 here.

If prices fall here they will fall abroad and the buyer who exports sloop fish at \$3.50 will not get any more profit than if he paid \$4, for he will be sure to undersell the others and tumble prices abroad.

There never was more need of Government action than at present, for if the Government said no one was to buy here at less than \$4, every buyer would be delighted, for it would assure all equal treatment and prices.

Sir Edward Morris is injuring the whole people very considerably just now by not taking action to prevent any from buying at less than \$4. If he took such action every buyer would go ahead with confidence and if, when present orders were filled and the markets well stocked it was seen prices should decline for winter stocks, action could then be taken to adjust the price.

One firm alone refuses to buy dealers fish at \$4, with the result that those dealers are in an indignant state of mind and justly so, for no fish merchant ought to confess by his actions that he is not as capable a seller as any other along the street. It is also very hard on his dealers and calculated to do him immense injury. We trust that he will see his way clear to take his dealers fish as the other large firms are doing.

Mr. R. G. Rendell deserves the best thanks of his dealers for his action in buying his dealers fish at the ruling prices rather than have them hawking around fish seeking a buyer. Mr. Rendell is not a fish exporter but to relieve the situation he considers it his duty to take his dealers sloop fish.

Messrs. Knowling, Ayre and Steer supply a large number of floaters and if those gentlemen would combine and hire space at Tessier's and store the fish of their dealers they would confer great benefits upon their dealers and the country and greatly assist in maintaining a fair price.

Every man must put his best out at such a crisis as this. If merchants possess any means, they should endeavor to prevent a panic and as the stupid men who form the Government won't act to protect the public interest and do their duty to the country, the business men who supply should do all in their power to arrange for the disposal of their dealer's fish.

We trust Mr. Barr will consider his ways and be wise after our little advice to him yesterday.

Harvey & Co. are not buying any fish and although a wealthy firm, are doing nothing to assist the situation. They are taking in the piles of cash every day but take good care they

Litany of Our Army and Navy

(To be sung to 'Mellita'—Eternal Father Strong to Save.)
God of our fathers at whose call
We now before Thy footstool fall,
Whose grace hath made our Empire strong,
Through love of right, and hate of wrong;

In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's cause on land and sea,
Asleep beneath Thy ample dome,
Not for the lust of war we fight,
But for the triumph of the right,
The strife we hate is on us thrust;
Our aims are pure, our cause is just;

So strong in faith we plead with Thee
For Britain's cause on land and sea,
Asleep beneath Thy ample dome,
With many a tender dream of home;
Or charging in the dust and glare,
With warbolts hurling through the air;

In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's sons on land and sea,
If wounded in the dreadful fray,
Be Thou their comfort and their stay,
If dying may they in their pain,
Behold the Lamb for sinners slain,
In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's sons on land and sea.

And soon, O Blessed Prince of Peace,
Bring in the days when war shall cease,
And men as brothers shall unite
To fill the world with love and light,
In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's cause on land and sea.

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TO THE EDITOR

Queer Retrenchment

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—You have recently been advocating some possible retrenchment by the Government in the crisis which at present faces this Colony, and sure enough they have commenced a system of so-called retrenchment, but which I doubt will meet with the approval of the people at large.

Here is the system, or an instance of it, which our wise Government have initiated for the purpose of saving as much as possible (in their idea) of the public revenue.

There dwells at Long Pond, near Kelligrews, an aged widow, (87), who recently was in receipt of poor relief, receiving the munificent sum of \$1.50 per month. In addition to this two grandsons occasionally assisted her with as much as they could afford from their meagre earnings at the fishery.

But an allwise Providence saw fit to remove these two neepers in the awful disaster last spring, in consequence of which, her name was placed on the list of beneficiaries of the disaster fund, she receiving the sum of \$100.00 or at least a note to get its equivalent at a nearby store.

Now steps in our paternal Government and promptly stops the widows mite from being paid to her.

The question now is: "If she could only get along with the widows mite together with what her grandsons could give her, how is she to manage with that mite taken away from her? And again, what has it to do with the Poor Commissioners?"

As I understood it the Relief Fund is a private affair, not in anyway having anything to do with the Government; why should the two clash? And as this has been done in the instance I have quoted, perhaps it has been done to others in some other parts of the country.

I am not in any way connected with

An Appreciation

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—It gives me much pleasure to hear the good work you are engaged in going on with much success. I being a Newfoundlander myself, it creates much more interest within me than there otherwise possibly would be, but my love for the workers is world-wide. I am engaged in the Co-operative Society here as Asst.-Secretary and proud to say we are having wonderful success as you will see by the balance sheet and co-operator enclosed. I am a native of Burin, although about 12 years away from there.

I am always glad to hear the men are waking up to their duties as time goes on. I would like to have some information as to the membership of the F.P.U. (numbers); also Union Stores, etc. If there is anything I can do at any time to help on the work in the Old Home Land, believe me, sir, I would be only too pleased to do it. Hope the men will flock to the Union and when polling day comes to put union members on Parliament

the person referred to in the above, but I have written this in the interest of the general public and for their information.

If you are able to publish this, you will be doing a service to the relatives and friends of this poor old woman.

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Hill, Then we will see how things have gone and be in a position to work for the great commonwealth of the people.

The situation is entirely in their hands. They have all a work to perform and nothing is gained without sacrifice. They have nothing to lose but their chains and a world to gain. I suppose the conditions are not of the best for the coming winter on account of this great war that is now raging.

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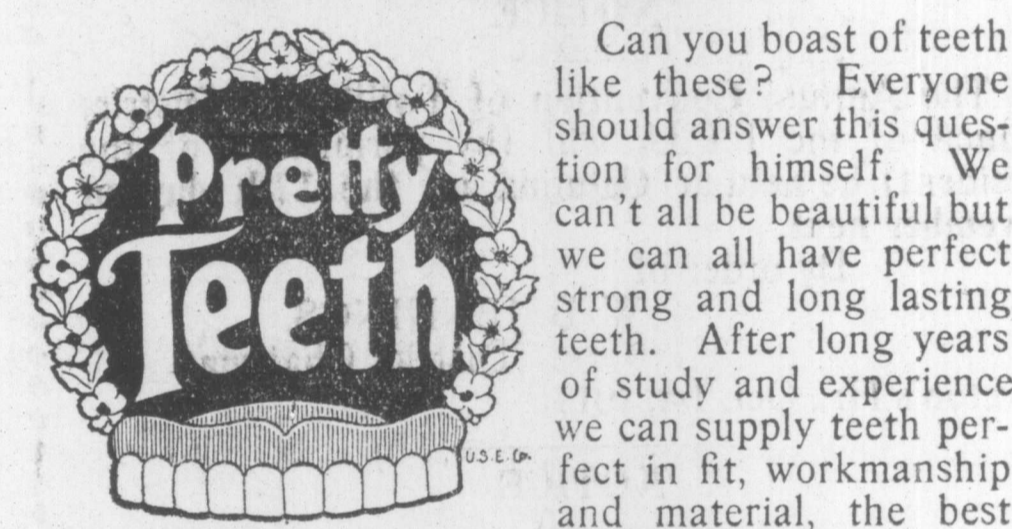
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