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Lorenzo Noseworthy vs William A. Munn Supreme Court

(Charles Jerrett, continued)

Re-examined by Mr. Mews, the witness said as follows:—

I was not at Battle Hr. when they were shipping their fish. I am told it is a better class of fish, that it is drier. This is only hearsay. What I have said to Mr. Howley about the Battle Hr. fish is only hearsay. Dry fish is worth a higher price than damp fish. It takes more dry fish to make a quintal than damp fish. Sometimes you get good dry fish, and sometimes bad fish. I was never present at Battle Hr. when they were shipping fish; we have good fish at our own place, but "Battle Hr. cull" is a general saying amongst the fishermen. The Battle Hr. fish goes to the same market as the other fish, so far as I know. I don't know what is the usual time for fixing the current prices of fish at Labrador. I cannot say what month the current price is fixed. Sometimes it is about September or October, but I could not say what month the price would be fixed in, or whether it has ever been fixed in September. I took no part in fixing it. As far as I understand the current price is fixed according to the conditions at the time it is being fixed. At the time the current price was fixed in October things did not begin to improve before well up in November.

If the price was fixed in November I cannot say whether they could have afforded then to give \$4; I don't know that. I made a profit last year. If I had given \$4 for fish last year, I dare say I could still have made a small profit.

Cross-examined by Howley, K.C., the witness said:—

I know of my own knowledge that the Battle Hr. fish is a better cure. At our place we don't get fish until the latter part of July or the beginning of August; Croucher had fish on the flakes at that time. I know of my own knowledge that the Battle Hr. fish is a better cured fish. It is caught earlier and has the advantage of finer longer days for making. I know or my own knowledge it is worth more than the Northern fish. My estimate that it is worth from 50c. to \$1 a quintal more is only guess-work.

The above examination was taken before me at St. John's on the 12th day of May, 1915, the witness having been first duly sworn, and the said evidence was read over by him, and signed by him.

Dated the _____ day of _____ 1915. Morine, K.C. appears for the plaintiff; Howley, K.C. for defendant. Arthur Donnelly, examined by Mr. Morine, K.C. on behalf of the plaintiff, said as follows:—

I am in the employ of Baine, Johnstone & Co. I am cashier with them. A branch of their business is carried on at Battle Hr. It was so carried on in 1914. They exported codfish from the Labrador in 1914. Two cargoes were exported, both by sailing vessel. The names of these vessels were the Elizabeth and other whose name I can't recall. There were somewhere between 8,500 and 9,000 qtls. between the two cargoes. That fish was all collected in and about Battle Hr. within a radius of about 40 miles. The collecting was done by schooners sent out. There was no more than one grade or quality of fish purchased; it is all known as Labrador sloop. It would go to the Mediterranean markets. We paid \$4 for the fish we purchased; for the 9,000 qtls. Some of it was caught by crews fitted out by ourselves. Those persons that we ourselves employed were sharemen under us in most cases. I should say, that is sharemen at the Battle Hr. branch. They were settled with at \$4 that was the uniform price. We gave no bonus. I am not personally acquainted myself with the Labrador trade, to a very large extent. I have never heard of more being paid for what is called Straits fish than for fish caught anywhere else on the Labrador. I have never heard of it within the last 20 years. Our radius for the catching of fish goes as far as Chateau in the Straits and as far as Francis Hr. on the Labrador. So that some of the fish would be from the Straits and some generally from what is called Labrador. All the fish taken at the Battle Hr. premises was shipped to markets abroad with the exception of about 100 qtls. which was brought on here.

Cross-examined by Howley, K.C. for the defendant the witness said as follows:—

All our fish was paid for last year at \$4. All we shipped to the markets from Labrador was paid for at \$4. It was all settled for at \$4 with the exception of about 60 qtls. brought on

here, which was settled for at \$3.60, or some other price fixed by the seller himself; that is fish we would have to take to help a man. I did not see the contracts made on the Labrador, but our Head Office here instructs as to how the fish should be bought. J. T. Croucher purchased the fish for us. Croucher is now on his way to Labrador; I think he left last night, but I am not certain. He said he was leaving and I have not seen him this morning. He was in St. John's on Monday.

William F. Coaker, examined by Mr. Morine, K.C. on behalf of the plaintiff, having been first duly sworn said as follows:—

I am President of the F.P.U. I was interesting myself in the purchase of Labrador fish last year. I am also President of the Union Trading Co. The Union Trading Co. bought some Labrador fish last year. As to the prices paid for Labrador fish last autumn I have to say that the price of Labrador soft up till the 7th October, was from \$4.50 to \$4.60. On the 7th October the price was \$4.25; on the 8th \$4.25; on the 9th \$4. On the 18th price fell to \$3.80 cash and \$4 trade; on the 20th it fell to \$3.50; on the 22nd it began to advance a little and \$3.60 to \$3.80 was paid. (\$3.80 was received by the dealers of some of the firms). After November 2nd prices gradually advanced again till about Dec. 15th when the price reached \$5.50. That would be the highest price paid for fish in at that time. That Labrador soft, so-called, is the same as Labrador sloop. It is about the same cure as the fish usually shipped from the Labrador by vessels to the foreign market. A quantity of Labrador fish is brought to Labrador, for instance, and cured, what is known as hard cure. That commands a higher price. I have been speaking, entirely, of the sloop or soft. That sloop fish sold in St. John's comes in by what is known as floaters. The fish shipped from the Labrador to Mediterranean markets is by Conception Bay people who go down to the Labrador and live there for the season, or by people living on the Labrador, but chiefly Conception Bay people. They do not usually take vessels down, but go down there by vessel or steamer. They don't fish from vessels but fish from the shore with traps. Speaking of the price of the same kind of fish sold on the Labrador and sold in St. John's, if it was brought from the Labrador to St. John's it would cost the freight of 40c. a qtl. In comparing prices in St. John's and prices on the Labrador, if the seller brought it from Labrador and sold it in St. John's, it would be fair for him to take into consideration that he would have to pay a freight.

So far as the buyer is concerned it is more convenient for him to ship from the Labrador; it is less expense, furthermore it would have the advantage of getting earlier to the market as it is then nearer to the market. As far as possible the fish caught by these stationers and liviers is shipped direct from the coast. The quantity brought to St. John's is that there is no way to ship it from the coast; the vessels taking fish down there would be loaded. Generally speaking it is late-caught fish, and the vessels would be filled up and not able to take any more, or the fish would not be quite ready when the vessel was leaving. What I know about the Labrador fishery is what I gather from the men; I have never been on the Shore. I have been running the Trading Co. for four seasons. During that four years I have been dealing with Labrador fish to some extent. What is known to the trade as Straits fish is superior fish. Straits fish in St. John's is known as the same quality fish as the Labrador dry. Straits fish caught in the Straits and shipped as sloop, so far as my information goes is always the same price as the Labrador. So far as I know there is no preference between Straits sloop and Labrador sloop; the only difference I know of is in the cure. Some of the fishermen make there fish better than sloop and get an extra price because it is better than sloop. The large quantity of Straits fish caught by the people who live along the Shore, or fish from the shore, is cured as sloop. The better quality of cure is exceptional. There is Newfoundland caught fish also sold as Labrador sloop. With regard to the fish caught in the Straits or on the Labrador, shipped to market by vessel or steamer—that is this soft or sloop—I have never known any difference in the price based on its quality as sloop in any year.

Cross-examined by Mr. Howley, K.C. on behalf of the defendant, the witness said as follows:—

I have never been on the Labrador. My knowledge of the fishery down there is based on what I have heard from fishermen and from what I have known in connection with the trade. I purchased some Labrador fish the past season. I purchased it in St. John's; at various times during the latter part of the fall. We purchased most in the latter part of the Fall. I have not with me the date when my first purchases were made. The fish we purchased here would be chiefly

fish sent in from outports in barrels and in packages; sent in as sloop. That is sent in by small dealers who would want to barter it. Of this fish I purchased altogether not more than 200 or 300 qtls.; that is fish we took in our own stores; I had other dealings with Labrador fish besides 200 or 300 qtls. We sold a large amount of fish on behalf of men who came in to our stores in the outports. We sold that to the various firms round town. An account of these sales would not be entered in our books. The men would come into the office and ask if I would sell a certain quantity of fish for them and I would make arrangements with merchants to buy it. The prices for that fish and which I have stated in my direct examination, were the prices obtained from day to day. \$4.60 was paid for fish in the early part of the season, then it fell to \$3.50 and advanced again to \$5.50. We sold some fish last season to Union Councils for our own stores. I sold some fish in Nova Scotia last season. I sold in Nova Scotia about 1,600 qtls., I think. That sale was made some time in October, probably about the 20th October. That was sold at \$3.60, taken on the spot where it was caught. It was from the Labrador. It was fish caught on the Labrador and brought home in schooners to Green Bay and sold down there. We sold some of that fish at \$3.60. There was an effort made to make an agreement to sell more than that amount. The effort was made by the people who wanted to buy it. We had no refusals last Fall in St. John's for fish we were trying to sell in St. John's; not at the price from day to day. \$3.30 was the lowest price got last fall for fish that came to St. John's for sale. Several of the fishermen on the Labrador communicated with me during the season last year as to the probable price of fish. I cannot remember receiving any communication from anyone of the name of William Coombs, of Horse Hr. last year. I replied to most of these fishermen by telegram as to the probable price or value of fish. I don't remember sending a reply to William Coombs, or to anyone individually, but I remember sending replies (To be continued)



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