

IN FREEDOM'S
CAUSE

Evening Telegram

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Confusion Worse
Confounded.

The state into which the country has been plunged by mischievous tampering with the course of established trade, causes more than one to wonder where it is all going to end. The fruit borne by the Fish Regulations is of the Dead Sea kind, looks pleasant to the eye, but bitter to the taste. As an exhibition of Bumbledom no finer exemplification could have been made by tyros in the art of legislation than these same Regulations. Schoolboys would have had better ideas of making laws governing the exportation to, and sale of fish in, foreign markets, for no schoolboy would have been so appallingly ignorant as not to have foreseen their effect upon trade. But as a matter of fact it was the men—styled "schoolboys," and third rate ones at that, by Mr. Coaker—who fathered these regulations and persuaded and flattered and cajoled Mr. Coaker into having them become the law of the land. And Mr. Coaker was not possessed of sufficient perspicacity to visualise the road over which he was to be led, when he gave his unqualified support to the measures which have precipitated loss and disaster everywhere they have touched. The general trade of St. John's has suffered greatly, because of the effect had upon outport business by the Regulations. Everybody knows that outport merchants, particularly those on the West and South coasts were hard hit by the inhibition placed upon them with regard to the time when they should or should not ship their fish collections to market, this resulting in a tie-up of money when vessels were laden and ready for sea, for until cargoes were on the way no advances of cash could be obtained against them. Trade immediately became depressed. Orders failed to come in to St. John's, and an embargo was upon business. And it has continued, and will continue while pernicious laws like the Codfish Export Act, remains upon the Statute Book.

The sale of several cargoes of fish to Italy, outside the Government channels, has shown that it is possible to do business once more with that country, providing that there is no interference by regulation. But the powers that be do not intend that there shall be any trade with Italy excepting as they shall dictate and permit, and the Gazette Extraordinary of December 17th has but one object in view, viz., to prevent any person from shipping fish to Italian customers, until such time as the latter accept the terms insisted upon by the Government and provided for in the regulations. The annoyance to shippers of having such silly proclamations directed at them must be intense, and should only have the effect of increasing their determination to get fish into markets that will buy it, without delay, and thus recoup themselves for the losses they have incurred and the incon-

veniences to which they have been subjected by tyrannical regulations. The proclamation is in the nature of approval to an amendment to the amendment of the Regulations in respect of the Exportation of Codfish, made on the 12th day of October, last past, and reads as follows:

"The following shall be added and stand as Sub-Section (f) of Section 1 of Part III. (shipments to Italy) viz., The maximum quantity of salt codfish which may be sold for or exported to Italy during the months of December, 1920, and January, 1921, shall be One Hundred Quintals."

Such proclamation is obviously intended to apply to the Hickman sale, for while the edict is dated December 17th it includes the whole month, and may therefore be classed as retroactive. Whether it will be effective or not is for the courts to decide, should a case be made against the Hickman Co., for an alleged violation of the regulations. Another important aspect of this recent proclamation is that it evidently has in view the shutting out of any shipments to Italy in time for the Lenten season, as the prohibition extends to January 31, 1921. As Lent next year begins on February 3, the time to get away fish to Italy is now, but it must be inferred that only upon adherence to the regulations will any fish whatever be allowed to go into that market, in time for Lenten consumption. And seeing that the Consorzio has set itself strongly against restricted trade, the prospects of making any sales are very remote indeed. Truly Newfoundland has fallen into a state of confusion worse confounded, and the end is not yet.

Christmas Giving
at George St. Church.

Yesterday was a time of genuine delight to the people of George Street Methodist Church, for they largely responded to the invitation of the Sunday School and took part in the Christmas Giving Service. And they did give! Christmas groceries, stockings stuffed to the top, cakes and puddings, candy and toys, until the platform groaned and creaked under the weight. Nor were the gifts confined to parcels, for many brought their cash and made bank notes and coin mingle in glorious profusion, until the Managing Committee were smiling in a way that threatened dislocation of the countenance. The Chairman, Rev. Mr. Hemmison, smiled and beamed. The Speaker, Mrs. Good, was enthused with the spirit of Christmas. The choir sang with the joy of giving and even the organ caught this spirit of the occasion as though the keys and pedals knew it was Christmas-time and would not be outdone in joyful expression. All agreed that there is no fun like giving. All were busy thanking each other, and it was generally conceded that there never was such a Giving Service in George Street Church. And the fun is not over yet for there remains the delight of distributing these splendid gifts and that will be the summation of it all. Every one who helped is hereby thanked.

Died at New York.

News was received here during the week that Capt. William Morrissey died suddenly in New York some two weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey had been in New York on a visit. While travelling on the elevated railway Captain Morrissey was taken ill and died shortly afterward.

The deceased, who was here on a visit some five years ago, was born in Carbonear, and lived here for over ten years, when he left for Boston where he has since resided. At first he followed the fisheries out of Boston, then was in charge of a Steam Ferry in that port, and was lately engaged as a pilot to the Panama Canal. He was about 59 years of age, and leaves, besides a widow (nee Miss Call of Carbonear), a grown-up family. Capt. Morrissey's friends, both here and in Carbonear will learn with regret of his sudden passing.—Hr. Grace Standard.

Alice in Wonderland!

"Alice in Wonderland" will be presented by the Students of Spencer Lodge in Canon Wood Hall (by kind permission of the Vestry), on Monday, December 20th. The play will be preceded by a lantern lecture at 8 p.m. on "Constantinople," by Miss A. M. Richards. Admission 30 cents; in aid of No. 2 Coy., St. John's Girl Guides.

A Chapter of Accidents.

Judging by the number of mishaps which have lately befallen the American steamer Coskata, there might be some excuse for thinking she is "hoodooed." Whilst on a trip to Rotterdam the ship's main steam pipe got damaged, necessitating her coming to St. John's for repairs. Shortly after getting away from this port, the necessary repairs having been effected, her circulating pump got out of order, and she was forced to return to port on Thursday and berthed at the dock pier to have the pump repaired. As these repairs were completed on Saturday, the Coskata expected to get away yesterday morning. Trouble, however, seems to have followed her, and with the heavy undertow in the harbor, Saturday night, the ship broke her moorings and the crew had considerable difficulty in getting her secured. Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock the ship was again ready for sea, and with the assistance of the tugs Mouton and D. P. Ingraham, she was towed from her berth at the dock. There was a stiff breeze on the harbor, and the ship being light drifted amongst the schooners that are moored for the winter in the western part of the harbor near the dock premises. After many narrow escapes amongst the vessels, the Coskata struck the schooner Ella May, carrying away her bowsprit and doing other damage to the rigging. With the assistance of the tugs the ship was eventually towed clear, and brought to a berth further down the stream. It was then found that the steamer's injection pipe had become choked with mud, and the Coskata is obliged to remain in port, whilst the pipe is being cleared. This will be done this morning, and it is expected that the ship will resume her much interrupted voyage during the day.

"Herald" Closing.

We understand that the Herald Publishing Company will suspend operations at the end of the present year. Owing to the high cost of production the management could not run the enterprise without entailing heavy losses. The staff have received due notice of the suspension of operations and in this connection it may be noted that the single men employed on the staff would not stand in the way of the family men in getting employment, that is that if a job offered, the married man was to get it first.

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Japanese Cups & Saucers, 40c.
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Berry Sets, Rose & Gold \$4.50
Table Sets, Rose & Gold \$4.50
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B'g Fire on Signal Hill.

SMALLPOX HOSPITAL DESTROYED.

On Saturday evening the Smallpox Hospital, Signal Hill, was entirely destroyed by fire, only the ruins of the four walls being left standing. The fire, which was caused by a defective chimney, started at 4.45 p.m. The roof was burning freely when the fire was discovered, and was almost burnt through, before the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow, caretakers, and three nurses, were aware of it. The living quarters of the nurses were in a different part of the building, and before the fire reached them they were able to save their personal belongings. The caretakers also saved most of their furniture. The fire companies were informed by telephone that the place was on fire, but owing to conditions of the road and the distance, did not respond, and no attempt was made to save the building. It continued burning until nearly midnight, and besides the furnishings, some 40 barrels of potatoes and about 45 tons of coal were consumed or rendered useless. Sgt. Furlong and some of the police were at the scene shortly after the fire was discovered, but they were unable to do anything, it being too far advanced when they arrived. The original building, which was one of the oldest in the colony, was built in 1785, and for a considerable period was used as a barracks. Since 1888, it has been used as a Smallpox Hospital.

C. of E. Orphanage
Acknowledgment.

The Hon. Secretary of the C. of E. Orphanage gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the Xmas Tree.

Mrs. Charles Harvey \$5.00
S. H. Bennett, Esq., Bell Island 5.00
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Toys and Sweets.—Mrs. W. Long, Toys.—Geoffrey Anthony, Elizabeth Goodridge, Myrtle Ivy and Sadie Ruby, Sweets.—Betty Benson.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hayward left yesterday via Halifax for Barbados where they will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. W. R. Cheshire. Rev. Hugh McDermott, of Pool's Cove, Fortune Bay, came to town on Saturday night, having landed from the Portia at Placentia. Miss Violet Marshall left by yesterday's express for Grand Falls, where she will spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Charlie Raines. Hon. H. J. Brownrigg, Minister of Finance and Customs, left by express yesterday, enroute to New York, to undergo special treatment for eczema, from which he has been suffering for some considerable time. Many friends and colleagues were at the station to bid him bon voyage and wish him a speedy return, completely cured.

Frank Urban
Stock Company.

OPENS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.
The Urban Stock Company are scheduled to open a limited engagement at the Casino Theatre commencing Christmas Day.

Frank Urban is no stranger to St. John's theatre-goers, as he has been coming here as a partner in the Klark-Urban theatrical enterprises for many years. This year he comes with a company of his own, consisting of a well balanced cast and his plays are all renowned New York successes. Some of the offerings for presentation here are, "Cappy Ricks," which will be the opening attraction; "The Woman in Room 13," "Mary's Ankles," "Crimson Alibi," "After Office Hours," "Johnny Get Your Gun," and others which will be announced later.

For Christmas Gifts.

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Regular prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$70.00.

Regular prices ranging from \$1.70 to \$160.00.

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MISSSES' MILLINERY HATS—Trimmed and untrimmed, in Velours, Plush, Veltet, etc., ONE-THIRD OFF REGULAR PRICES.

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Explanation.

Mr. G. M. Barr takes exception to the following statement included in an article headed "Muddles and Bungles," which was printed in Saturday's Telegram:

"An exporter interested asked, why did Mr. Tracey, an agent of Mr. G. M. Barr, go to England on the Canadian Miller?"

In fairness and justice to Mr. Barr we desire to say that the statement to which he takes exception was jotted down by our reporter as part of a discussion in which some exporters had engaged concerning shipments by the Canadian Miller, and the report current that there was price cutting in Liverpool. There was not any intention on our part to imply or cause to be implied that Mr. Barr's firm had sold fish at a lesser rate than the regulations called for, and we make this explanation without prejudice, and regret exceedingly if any misconception was placed on the connection of Mr. Barr, even by suggestion. Mr. Tracey merely took passage by the Canadian Miller in order to expedite some business which it was necessary should be transacted early, the Miller being the only available boat of which advantage could be taken. We further state that while Mr. Barr shipped some fish by this steamer, it was sold at regulation prices, and a permit to export same was applied for and granted by the Marine and Fisheries department in the regular way.

Judge Dismisses Case

OF MARINE & FISHERIES AGAINST HICKMAN.

The case of Hon. W. F. Coaker, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, vs. A. E. Hickman & Co., Ltd., was heard this morning before Judge Morris. The charge against defendant was for failing to report quantities of codfish in hand for November. The Deputy Minister of Justice appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Bradley for the defendant company. R. Manning, a clerk employed with the A. E. Hickman Co., testified that it was his duty to prepare the report, but that owing to several other statements which he had to get up, the one in question was delayed. Upon Mr. Smith, of the Marine & Fisheries department asking for the report, Mr. Hickman told witness to hurry it up. Later Smith telephoned witness, who offered to send the substance of the report over the telephone, but this offer was declined. There was no intention on the part of the defendant company to refuse to send the report. Mr. Sumner stated that this was a clear breach of the Act, as the report should have been in by the last day of the month. He would not, however, press for a conviction, as the minimum fine which could be imposed was \$100, but if a nominal penalty could be imposed he would have pressed for a conviction. The case was therefore dismissed.

For Evening Wear, Evange-line Pumps; 25 p.c. off at Smallwood's.—dec13/21

Prospero's Report.

Reports received by the U.S. Prospector state that weather conditions North are not very severe. The Prospector, it will be remembered, was ordered back from Conche to Lewisporte where some 18 cars of freight consisting mostly of beef, pork, flour, tea, molasses, which were taken on was landed at Conche, Bay's Arm and H. Deep, relieving a desperate situation. At Western Arm people are badly in need of food, William's Port, Canada Harbor and Hooping Harbor are also out of provisions but we understand arrangements are being made to send relief there.

Messrs. Dawe and Norris are now employing a number of men to cut pit props. Coming along the coast yesterday the Prospector met the full force of a storm but came through without damage. She brought up a full cargo of fish, oil and herrings.

For your health's sake we offer Nature's answer to Constipation, "LES FRUITS." EL-LIS'S.—dec3/21

Precarious Walking.

Although a few Water Street merchants have conformed to the street clearing Regulations and have removed the ice from the pavement outside their premises, there is still a lot of ice on the South side of the street, making it extremely dangerous for people walking on that side. The North side, as well, is not so clear of ice as it should be.

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DIED.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 19, 1920, Mary, daughter of the late Patrick and Margaret Byrne, Funeral of Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from her sister's residence, Mrs. Wm. Billingsley, Gower Street, B.I.P.
Passed away, Sunday morning, Elizabeth A. James, wife of John Savary, leaving one daughter and two sons. Funeral Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, Beaumont St. Friends please accept the only intimation.
On Sunday, Dec. 19th, after a short illness, Catherine, widow of the late Jno. Connell, Funeral from her son's residence, No. 90 Circular Road, Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this, if only intimation. American paper please copy.