



## An Act to Regulate the Exportation of Salt Codfish.

Be it enacted by the Governor, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:—

1. There shall be a Codfish Exportation Board (hereinafter called the Board) which shall consist of seven members, namely the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who shall be Chairman, four members appointed by the Governor-in-Council, who shall be licensed exporters of Codfish, and two members appointed by a majority of the exporters of Codfish holding licenses thereunder. Three members shall constitute a quorum of the Board at any meeting thereof for the transaction of business. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries shall have power to appoint a substitute to act in his place as Chairman at any time during his absence. A vacancy in the Board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made and in the temporary absence, through any unavoidable cause, of a member, the Governor-in-Council or the licensed exporters, as the case may be, may appoint a substitute to act in his place during such absence. Failure on the part of the said exporters to nominate or appoint any members of the Board shall not prejudice or invalidate any acts or proceedings of the Board.

2. It shall be the duty of the Board to advise the Governor-in-Council generally as to the exportation and marketing of salt Codfish; and more particularly to recommend to the Governor-in-Council rules to regulate:—

- (1) The issue, holding, suspension and cancellation of licenses to export salt Codfish.
- (2) The conditions and terms of sale abroad.
- (3) The minimum prices for the sale of salt Codfish in particular markets at particular times.
- (4) The maximum quantity of salt Codfish which may be sold for or exported to any particular market at any particular time.
- (5) The Board may also from time to time recommend the modification, suspension, or repeal of any rule already approved and published in the Royal Gazette.

3. Any rule recommended by the Board, approved by the Governor-in-Council and published in the Royal Gazette shall have the same force of law as if included in this Act. Such rule may be modified, suspended or repealed by a new rule, recommended by the Board, approved by the Governor-in-Council and published in the Royal Gazette. Immediate notice by telegram of any new rule or the amendment of any existing rule shall be given by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to all licensed exporters of Codfish. In recommending any rule respecting the fixing of prices the Board shall not have power to interfere with any contract lawfully made under Rules and Regulations existing at the time of the finalizing of such contract.

4. (1) No salt Codfish shall hereafter be exported except under license. Such license shall be granted to any applicant who undertakes to comply with the rules made under this Act. A fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be payable by the applicant on the issue of every license, and in addition a fee of ten cents per quintal on every quintal of cured salt Codfish, and five cents per quintal on all green Codfish; provided that the initial fee of Fifty Dollars shall not be payable by any fisherman exporter who exports Codfish in shipments of less than one hundred quintals each. The Board shall have an absolute discretion to determine whether or not any applicant is a fisherman exporter.

(2) Such license shall be in force until the thirty-first day of December of the year in which it is issued.

(3) Such license may be suspended or cancelled by the Governor-in-Council for non-compliance with, or breach of, the provisions of this Act, or the rules issued under the authority of this Act.

5. A meeting of all exporters of Codfish shall be convened by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries during the first week in September in each year to consider and discuss with the Codfish Exportation Board all matters relating to the exportation of Codfish for the ensuing season. Such meeting shall be held at St. John's and two weeks' notice thereof shall be given.

6. It shall be the duty of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to carry out the provisions of this Act; to forward to the Governor-in-Council the advice and recommendations of the Board; and to report to the Governor-in-Council the non-compliance with and breaches of the provisions of this Act or the Rules issued under the authority of this Act.

7. The Governor-in-Council shall have power to appoint Trade Commissioners or Government Agents to act in any country or place in the interest of this Colony and its trade, and shall have powers to prescribe their duties and fix their salaries, which shall be payable out of the revenue of the Colony. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries shall have power to authorize and direct the carrying on of research work in connection with the fisheries of the Colony, the cost and expense of which shall be payable out of the revenue of the Colony. All fees paid under the provisions of section four of this Act shall be collected by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and paid by him into the public treasury.

8. Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall have effect as though they were included in Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), entitled "Of the Customs"; and the provisions of this Chapter, and of any Act amending or extending that Chapter shall apply accordingly; and if any person ships, or attempts to ship, Codfish in contravention of any rules made under this Act with respect to exportation, he shall be liable to a penalty equal to the value of such Codfish including the duty thereon.

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## More "Popular Delusions."

Everybody remembers that story of the Russians who, with snow still on their boots, were believed to have passed through England in the first year of the war on their way to the western front. They were seen tip-toeing it through London's streets and journeying by train in still larger numbers through British territory from several of the northern ports. Rumor had it that from 35,000 to 1,000,000 of the Czar's troops were thus on their way to take part with the Allies in the struggle against Germany. It was all in vain for the newspapers to point out that the trains seen were conveying men of the British army or recruits who were to join it. If that were so, why should such pains be taken to conceal the passengers? Why drop screens before the windows and why exclude the public from the way stations if no secret had to be kept?

A similar legend has just shaken Berlin, arousing a storm of protest from lovers of the Fatherland. British soldiers have been seen by the thousands in course of transportation through Germany, "armed to the teeth" for use against the "Red" armies on the Polish front. The authorities protested that nothing of the sort was happening. But there were hundreds of otherwise normal persons ready to aver that they had themselves seen the troops or to quote perfectly good testimony to the same effect from relatives or from friends. "There could be no doubt about it," writes a correspondent—"whole trainloads of soldiers wearing khaki and speaking some strange language, which, of course, must be English." Think of the breach of neutrality that was being committed, and of the danger of "a new war on a tremendous scale." As in the English case, of course, there was a sullying explanation. Such soldiers as traversed Germany were Czech-Slovaks returning to their homes from imprisonment in Russia for a long rest. An official statement to this effect has been issued by the war office, but the original story is still believed in nevertheless.—Boston Herald.

## Shot in Joy Ride.

An extraordinary affair, in which the wife of a New York banker was found shot after a joy ride with her husband's chauffeur, who was also killed, is reported from New York. The lady is Mrs. Arthur de Cordova, who was holiday-making with her husband and children near New London, Connecticut. Mrs. Cordova was found dead on the road, and her chauffeur, Bernard Geissler, was lying across a barbed wire fence not far away with a bullet hole in his temple.

Evidence shows that the pair had been joy riding for about three hours before the tragedy occurred. They left the hotel in a three-seated sports car and headed for the old colonial section of Stonington.

Half an hour later James F. Brown, of North Stonington, came upon the body of Mrs. de Cordova, and the chauffeur, still breathing, but evidently fatally wounded. Between the two was an army pistol. The chauffeur was rushed to the hospital and operated upon.

In Mrs. Cordova's purse was £20 in money, and her jewels had not been touched. In the automobile were found a bottle of Scotch whisky, partly consumed, and many cigarette stumps.

## Baby Pharaohs' Fancy Socks.

Not even the most noble "aut" of to-day would dare—or care—to venture out wearing socks with alternate stripes of green, red, black, yellow and brown.

Yet such hose were worn by Egyptian children of the third century A.D. Four separate socks, all gaudily colored, were discovered in the ruins of Antioch. All were in excellent condition.

Other discoveries proved that children in those days were very well supplied with toys. Specimens of rattles, dolls, whips, rag balls and even wooden horses were unearthed.

That the grown-ups didn't do so badly is evidenced by the discovery of fragments of a luxurious pile carpet, decorated with a red border. According to some authorities, this is the oldest carpet known to be in existence.

## Girl-Wife's Sacrifice.

A painful drama of domestic unhappiness is reported from Pontefract, where an Italian girl-wife named Zanello, aged 19, deliberately destroyed her beauty with vitriol. She had been married only ten months. Her action was due to the jealousy of her husband, an engineer, who constantly reproached her with courting the attention of other men. The young wife explained in a pathetic note that she was unable to help her beauty and did not desire attentions as she loved her husband and she, therefore, decided to make the sacrifice.

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