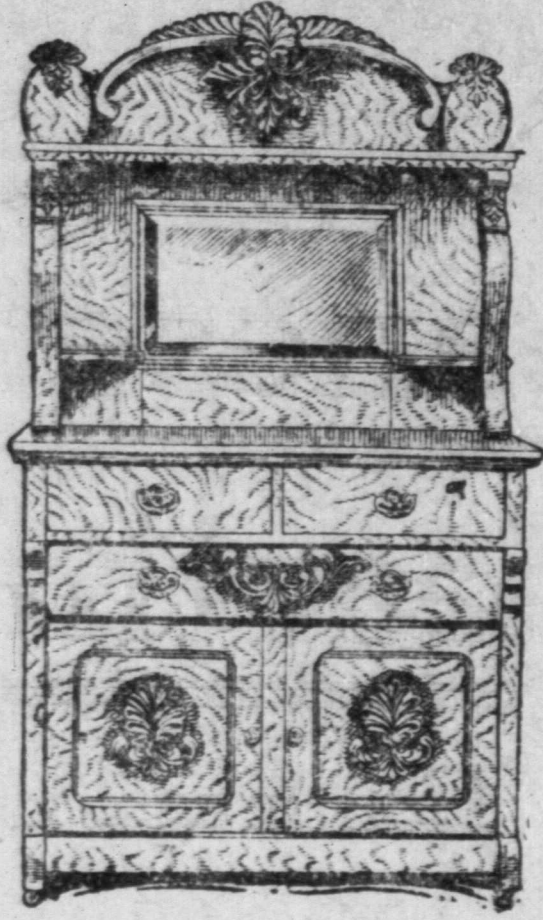


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BOARD OF TRADE HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

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while this is significant enough of its continued activities, one has to consider the list of subjects discussed at these meetings to fully appreciate the amount of good that is bound to accrue to the Country generally by the active co-operation of so many of our leading public men.

Activities of the Board.
The matters dealt with by the Board included such questions of timely import as are here mentioned. Such questions as the Inferior Pack of Lobsters, Pilfering During Transportation, Tariff Changes, Movements of Coastal Steamers, Weights and Measures, Fishery Board and Fishery Inspection, Cold Storage, Bait Protection Service, Coal, Wireless Telegraphy on Vessels, Labrador Boundary, Standardization of the Cull of Fish are closely bound up with the welfare of our people and the advice on these matters of men who speak from first-hand knowledge and practical experience is bound to be of great assistance in solving many of the knotty problems involved.

Civic Affairs.
As regards Civic Affairs, the Board during the past year, took up such vital matters as The Health of the City, The Telephone Service, Hotel and gave up one meeting to a general discussion of Municipal matters.

Standardization of Cull of Fish
It was with considerable pleasure, says the report, that the Council of the Board of Trade noted at the last General Election that both political parties expressed their intention of dealing with the important matter of standardizing the cull of fish.

When the Board of Trade was founded five years ago, this was the chief matter which occupied the attention of the organizing committee, and in the Act of Incorporation submitted to the Government of the day, powers were asked for, which if granted, would have enabled the Board of Trade to establish a desirable method for the buying and selling of fish.

In the meantime it has become a much difficult matter, because now it may be truthfully said that there is no cull of fish to be standardized, all fish being bought talqual.

It was the belief of the organizing committee that the Board of Trade would comprise representatives of all classes—fishermen, tradesmen and laborers, as well as the commercial classes, and that a fair and unvarying practice in the purchase and sale of our commodity could be arrived at by mutual consent, and maintained by the authority of the Board under the Act of Incorporation.

But as the Board was refused the power to deal with the question, it has been able to do very little to check the tendency of the present methods of buying and selling to cause a steady deterioration in the cure of our great staple.

Something Accomplished.
The Board has therefore devoted its attention to the establishment of standards of codfish for export to the different markets, as being the next best thing to having standards for local transactions. For instance, five years ago there was no standard for cask fish on the Spanish markets, and if a merchant in Spain purchased 100 casks of codfish from a merchant in St. John's, he received whatever it was convenient to ship.

By dint of persistent effort, a well defined standard now exists which is conformed to, not only by the exporters who make use of the Board of Trade's inspection, but also by those who do not avail themselves of it.

Unfortunately, the good effect which the exporting merchants may have derived from having a recognized standard article which they could sell for cash, has been minimised by the practice which has again become general of sending large consignments to market for sale.

Cure of Codfish.
Owing to the fine weather which we have enjoyed during the past season, there was a considerable improvement in the average quality of the codfish brought to St. John's. Still there was often a great difference in the quality of different lots on the market at the same time, selling at the same price, which unfair system would be remedied if all fish were culled and sold according to quality.

Fair Returns.
The markets have on the whole been good, and exporters have received fair returns for their shipments. The prices paid locally have seldom if ever been exceeded, and the catch seems to be about an average; therefore it may be said that the codfishery has been very profitable.

It is a deplorable matter that at the end of the season it has to be

said that "the catch seems to be about an average." It should be a matter of knowledge and not speculation, and neither merchants nor fishermen will be able to make the most of the voyage until accurate information as to the catch is obtained.

Regarding New Markets
A great deal has been written and said of late years about new markets. But there is a matter of far greater importance about which less is said, and that is the conservation of the old markets. We do not by any means sell all the fish we ought to in either Spain, Portugal, Italy, or other Mediterranean markets. We sell very little comparatively to Porto Rico, Jamaica, Trinidad, and Cuba; and even our best market (Brazil) buys a good deal from other countries.

Norway Trying to Oust us.
Our principal competitor (Norway) is making great endeavors to supplant us in the Mediterranean markets, and in some places we have lost considerable ground. It behooves us to watch this situation very closely, but as a matter of fact very little attention is paid to it.

In a general way we know that we supply about two-thirds of the codfish imported into the Brazils, and less than half of that of Spain. These two markets therefore could take about half a million quintals more fish from us, if we can beat our competitors in quality and price.

The surest and quickest way to gain new markets, or to keep the old ones, is to make good, clean, wholesome fish.

The Brazilian market has been specially good, having taken 239,284 quintals during the six months from June 30th to December 31st, as against 205,947 quintals for the same period last year.

Sales of Codfish to United States.
A most interesting and important feature has been the increase in sales of green fish to the United States. From figures furnished the Board of Trade, it appears that about 84,000 quintals of green fish have been shipped during the past six months, as against 26,000 quintals last year. The price obtained has been in the neighborhood of 3-4 cents per pound, so that there has been realized from this source no less a sum than \$305,000,000.

Three and a quarter cents "green" may be said to equal \$50 per quintal talqual "dry," so that the business is evidently a highly profitable one. There can be no doubt that it is every prospect of increasing our sales to the United States to an enormous extent. Not only is the business good in itself, but it so reduces the quantity of Bank fish to be marketed in Europe, that the returns from that quarter should also be more remunerative.

Operto Shipments.
The shipments to Operto for the past six months have been 118,405 quintals, as compared with 132,704 quintals the previous year; thus for the fourth consecutive year making a decrease in our shipments to that market.

Labrador Fishery.
The Labrador Fishery has unhappily been short. The exact shortage however is not known, as in spite of persistent efforts by the Assistant Collector on behalf of the Board of Trade, the reports of vessels returning from Labrador have been most incomplete. Eight hundred and eighty-three vessels cleared for Labrador, but only 320 were reported on their return. It is therefore impossible to review this portion of our fisheries with any degree of correctness, or to say whether it has been a paying business or not. The Export from the Coast was 111,876 quintals as against 194,995 quintals the previous year.

Decline in Labrador Outfits.
The Report points out that there has been a great decline in the outfits for the Labrador fishery for whereas, in 1905, 1077 vessels and 14,229 persons went to the Coast, in 1913 there were only 883 vessels and 9,212 persons. There is evidence of a considerable decline, which is reflected in the depopulation of some of the Conception Bay towns. It is therefore a very serious matter deserving of most careful investigation.

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USELESS WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY.

Grants Frittered Away on Fancy Work Prizes Instead of Being Spent in the Promotion of Agriculture.

In reply to Mr. Stone's question to the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, as per Notice of Question, dated 22nd Jan. 1914, for statements of expenses at Trinity Exhibition, 1913, the following statement of expenditure was given:

Printing, Various	85.40
Royal Stores—Prize Ribbons	15.00
Judging Expenses	63.55
Prizes	411.00
General Expenses	377.30
Reid Nfd. Co. freights	5.48
	\$957.73

The following statement showing the number of sheep and other cattle distributed in the District of Trinity during the year 1913:

Sec. Agricultural Society, Hant's Hr.	6 sheep, 3 pigs
Sec. Agricultural Society, Heart's Content	6 sheep, 3 pigs
Sec. Agricultural Society, Dildo	6 sheep, 3 pigs
Sec. Agricultural Society, Port Rexton	1 bull, 6 sheep, 3 pigs
Sec. Agricultural Society, Catalina	1 bull, 6 sheep, 3 pigs
Sec. Agricultural Society, Random	2 bulls, 6 sheep, 1 pig

If this amount had been given to some poor people in order to help them to clear a few acres of land, in a short while we would have considerable land under cultivation, the products of which would be beneficial to the country at large.

But giving prizes to ladies for fancy work and leading people to think its part of an agricultural exhibition, is something a great many of us don't understand. Its like kissing the baby to gain your political end.

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MAIL COURIERS—FOGO DISTRICT

In reply to Mr. Halfyard's question on Jan. 23, as to expenditure on mail couriers in Fogo District:

- Change Islands and South End, Geo. Brinson, \$70.00.
- Fogo and Little Beaver Cove, James Frod, \$326.00.
- Fogo and Seldom Come Bye, James Barnes, \$46.00.
- Fogo and Tilting, Pearce Pickett, \$91.00.
- Gander Bay and Boyd's Cove, Ambrose Froke, \$93.50.
- Gander Bay and Boya's Cove, Edward Francis, \$224.00.
- Indian Islands and Seldom Come Bye, Lorenzo Collins, \$51.00.
- Musgrave Harbor and Gander Bay, Andrew Abbott, \$285.00.

MARINE WORKS, FOGO DISTRICT

In reply to Mr. Halfyard, on Order Paper dated Jan. 23rd, 1914, as to Marine Works allocations in Fogo District during 1913:

- John Downer, Fogo, Harbor Master, \$40.00.
- John Blundon, Gander Bay S., Wharf, \$100.00.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Fogo, Wharf, \$2000.00.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Fogo, Wharf, \$660.00.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Fogo, Wharf, \$340.00.
- J. W. Hodge, Barr's Islands, Breakwater, \$1200.00.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Fogo, Wharf, \$272.33.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Fogo, Wharf, \$732.39.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Fogo, Wharf, \$222.95.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Fogo, Wharf, \$272.33.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Fogo, Wharf, \$272.33.
- Hodge, Earle, Stone, Barr's Islands, Breakwater, \$500.00.

VATICAN DENIES THAT THE POPE IS ILL

Rome, Jan. 26.—From the Vatican comes an emphatic denial that the health of the Pope is causing anxiety, and a further statement that the Pontiff's health is quite normal.

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