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News of the Week

Local and Foreign

EXTENSION OF BUCHANS ORE FOUND

A prospecting party of mining men have located in the vicinity of La Poile Bay, in Burgeo District, an extension of the ore at Buchans.

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BEARS KILL SHEEP AT GANDER BAY

Reports from Gander Bay state that many black bears have been seen in the woods there, and that at Victoria Cove practically all the sheep have been destroyed by these animals.

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MADRID NOW MAIN OBJECTIVE OF INSURGENTS

General Mola, commander of the Northern insurgent army in Spain, says that Madrid is now the main objective of the Nationalist armies, and that they expect to take the capital within a few weeks.

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REBELS CAPTURE IMPORTANT CITY

The Spanish rebels completed their occupation of the important town of San Sebastian on Monday of this week and set up a civil administration of the city. It was estimated that approximately 10,000 civilians and foreigners fled before the rebels occupied the city.

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PRESIDENT OF DOSCO RESIGNS

Arthur Cross, of Montreal, succeeds Sir Newton Moore, as president of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, which concern operates the limestone quarries at Aguathuna and the iron mines at Bell Island, Newfoundland, and the steel plant at Sydney, C.B. Sir Newton Moore has resigned because of ill-health, says a Montreal press message.

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WILL SALVAGE WRECK

Mr. Sam Patten, of Grand Bank, has been authorized by the Western Marine Insurance Co., and the Mutual Marine Insurance Co., to proceed with a vessel, to Salmon Bight, Labrador, where the Banker Laverna was lost, some time ago.

As much as possible will be salvaged from the wrecked vessel which was owned by the Grand Bank Fisheries Ltd.

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LATEST FROM SPAIN

Spanish fighting, which had been more or less at a pause during the last few days, was vigorously renewed on Wednesday when residents of Bilbao were forced to leave the city immediately, because they were going to be bombed.

Further despatches stated that the morale of the Government troops has been greatly affected by recent defeats.

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KING EDWARD ENDS VACATION

King Edward has finished his vacation on the continent. He flew from Zurich to England and landed at Feltham. After a brief call at his country home, Fort Belvedere, he motored to London and dined with the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

According to present arrangements the King will leave London, for Balmoral Castle, Scotland, tonight.

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NO GOLD MINE AT SOPS ARM

Dr. Hans Lundberg, who had an option on most of the mining claims around Sops Arm, White Bay, has relinquished his option. The result of assays on samples of ore taken from the area proved disappointing.

It was thought that there were possibilities of a gold mine at Sops Arm, but the assays showed that there was only about $2 gold value to the ton. This was not considered a commercial proposition.

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AVIATORS IN BOG AT MUSGRAVE HR.

Harry Richman and Dick Merrill, two American fliers, who left Southport Sands, England, at 11.34 p.m. Sunday (Newfoundland time) on a trans-Atlantic flight, made a forced landing at Main Point Marsh, Musgrave Harbour, at 3.15 p.m. on Monday. The landing was forced by shortage of fuel and the propellor was damaged in the landing. The plane was otherwise undamaged, but it sank deeply into the bog.

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AGRICULTURE FAIR AT TWILLINGATE

Twillingate, Sept. 12—An Agriculture Fair is being planned by the Twillingate Agriculture Society and Community Club to be held sometime during the latter part of this month or early in October. Most people having good vegetables, livestock, and we presume flowers, will have an opportunity to put the same on display and—well we cannot say yet, but it might be profitable to anyone showing at the stalls a No. 1 specimen article.—Twillingate Sun.

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MOTOR VESSEL ASHORE IN STRAITS OF BELLE ISLE

The following message, from Flower's Cove, was received on Monday by the Secretary for Customs at St. John's:

M.V. "Eastwood" 281 tons, J. W. Cruickshank, Sydney, owner, and S. Harding, Master, in ballast from Hawke's Harbour to Sydney, ashore at Eddies Cove Point Straits, Belle Isle, September 13th, 12 a.m. No damage as yet but possible chances of her becoming total wreck if northeast wind prevails.

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BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS TRADE SHOWS EXPANSION

London, Sept. 14—Allowing for seasonal influences overseas trade continued to expand in August.

Imports amounted to £66,057,087 as compared with £68,731,020 in July and £59,146,232 in August last year.

Exports totalled £35,258,115 as against £40,085,922 in July and £34,882,955 in August 1935.

Re-exports were £4,355,909 as compared with £4,991,716 in July and £4,185,561 a year ago.

Although the figures for imports, exports and re-exports are all lower than in July they represent an increase on August of last year and also on August 1934.

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Catalina Notes

Personal

Catalina, Sept. 16—By this evening's train came Mr. Max Lane, of Grand Falls, to spend a holiday at Catalina.

Mrs. Lane and daughter June, have been at Catalina for some time, and they expect to stay here until some time in October. They are the guests of Mrs. Lane's mother, Mrs. J. Miles.

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Mr. R. G. Fahey, representing the Purity Factories Ltd., is at present in Catalina on business for his firm.

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We regret to note that Mr. Gordon Rowe, whom we mentioned last week as being very sick, has not improved any and is still very ill.

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Shipping

The schooner "M. M. Gardner," Capt. S. Elliott, arrived last week from the Labrador with 900 quintals of fish.

On the way home an explosion of gasolene took place on board the schooner, with the result that Capt. Elliott, and two of the crew received severe burns. Damages to the extent of $120.00 to the sails and gear were also caused by the explosion.

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The schooner "Maggie M.," Capt. F. Brown, arrived this evening from Trinity Bay. She brought fish, turbot and berries for the firm of P. Templeman Ltd.

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The Fishery

Some of the Catalina boats, and also some boats from Melrose and Little Catalina, are still fishing out in the Bay, when weather permits, and get fairly good catches.

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Road Work

A misunderstanding has arisen over work on the Highroad from Bonavista to Catalina and consequently the Catalina men are not working until the rate of pay is put at the regular Highroad rate of $3.50 per day.

We understand that the matter has been placed before His Excellency the Governor, and until things are settled and the responsibility for the trouble is fixed, I shall say no more, but I make the statement, that no man Catalina born and bred is responsible.

—SCRIBE

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Through the columns of the **Advocate** Mr. Allan Pritchett and family desire to express their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. John Hall, of Newtown, in his recent bereavement, by the death of his dear wife.

Do not think of your faults; still less of others faults; in every person who comes near you, look for what is good and strong, honour that; rejoice in it, and, as you can, try to imitate it. For the rest you will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. If, on looking back, your whole life should seem rugged as a palm tree stem, still never mind, so long as it has been growing, and has its grand green shade of leaves and weight of honied fruit at top.

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Rev. Edward LeGrow, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Burgeo, in place of Rev. Harold Stevens, left the District; Rev. James Sweetapple, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Flat Islands, in place of Rev. Isaac French, left the District; Rev. Stanley Williams, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Garnish, in place of Rev. Arminius Young, left the District; Rev. W. H. Harris, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Petites, in place of Rev. David G. Decker, left the District; Rev. J. T. Clarke, B.A., to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Hant's Harbour, in place of Rev. George A. Norman, left the District; Rev. L. A. D. Curtis, B.A., B.D., to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Lower Island Cove, in place of Rev. S. R. Cooper, left the District; Rev. H. M. Davis, B.A., to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Western Bay, in place of Rev. E. H. King, B.A., B.D., left the District; Rev. Robert Dawe, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Bonne Bay, in place of Rev. Allan Barrett, left the District; Rev. Samuel Baggs, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Channel, in place of Rev. John T. Clarke, B.A., left the District; Rev. Frank Cotton, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Glovertown, in place of Rev. A. H. Foyles, left the District; Rev. S. R. Cooper, to be a member of the United Cthurch Board of Education for Bay Roberts, in place of Rev. A. R. Baggs, left the District; Rev. S. R. Cooper, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Coley's Point, in place of Rev. A. R. Baggs, left the District; Rev. John W. Winsor, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Burgeo, in place of Rev. Harold Stevens, left the District; Rev. James Sweetapple, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Flat Islands, in place of Rev. 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Levi Perry, B.A., left the District; Rev. Ian McKay, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Campbellton, in place of Rev. John Bursey, left the District; Rev. Ian McKay, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Summerford, in place of Rev. John Bursey, left the District; Rev. Harold B. Snow, left the District; Mr. Edward G. Meadus, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Greenspond, in place of Dr. C. D. Kean, resigned; Mr. Fred White, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Greenspond, in place of Mr. M. A. Bourne, resigned; to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for Bonavista, in place of Mr. J. Crewe, retired; Rev. David G. Decker, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Sound Island, in place of Rev. Harold G. Norman, deceased; Rev. J. Harold Tomkinson, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for St. John's East, in place of Rev. Ernest Davis, left the District; Rev. A. Allison Rodgers, B.A., to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for St. John's West, in place of Rev. J. Curtis, left the District; Rev. W. J. Butt, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Bay Bull's Arm, in place of Rev. Robert H. Dawe, left the District; Rev. Stanley LeDrew, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Exploits, in place of Rev. A. E. Wilfong, left the District; Rev. Stanley LeDrew, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for New Bay, in place of Rev. A. E. Wilfong, left the District; Rev. Leonard S. Woolfrey, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Herring Neck, in place of Rev. N. Burns, left the District; Rev. Thomas Evans, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Long Island, in place of Rev. H. M. Davis, B.A., left the District; Rev. Thomas Evans, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Little Bay Islands, in place of Rev. H. M. Davis, B.A., left the District; Rev. Arminius Young, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Musgrave Harbour, in place of Rev. R. J. Marles, left the District; Rev. J. F. Shirren, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Nippers' Harbour, in place of Rev. Ebenezer Davis, deceased; Rev. B. B. Snow, to be a member of the United Church Board of Education for Pilley's Island, in place

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WEDDING BELLS

—BROWN—NORRIS—

In the presence of a large gathering that filled nearly all the standing space of the Church, the marriage of Mr. James R. Cook and Miss Madeline [illegible] took place on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 10th, in the United Church, Port Union, by Rev. R. F. Mercer. To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin played by Mrs. Rev. Ian McKay, to be a M. Ted Brown, the bride entered the Church leaning upon the arm of Mr. J. H. Scammell, who gave her in marriage. She was prettily attired in a dress of royal [illegible] chiffon velvet with hat, shoes and stocking to match and carried a bouquet of white and [illegible] carnations and maidenhair fern. Her attendants were Miss Minnie Tulk, who wore a dress of [illegible] and Miss Effie Randell, who wore a dress of flowered [illegible]. Both carried bouquets of pink and asters with fern. The groom was ably supported by his brother, Mr. Edward Cook. The hymns sung during the ceremony were [illegible] "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden" and [illegible] "How Welcome was the rest." During the signing of the register Mrs. Fred Thistle beautifully rendered the solo—"O Perfect Love."

On leaving the church the happy couple were greeted with volleys of musketry, and the wedding party entering motor cars went for a short motor drive.

A reception was later held at Congreg. Hall at which a large number of guests from Port Union, Catalina and elsewhere, were entertained and [illegible] dancing and games indulged in.

The table was splendidly laid and beautifully decorated with freshly cut flowers. The health of the bride and groom was proposed by Mr. J. H. Scammell and responded to by the groom. Mr. Fred Thistle proposed the health of the bride's parents and Mr. C. R. Norris responded on behalf of his wife and himself. The health of the groom's parents was proposed by Rev. R. F. Mercer and responded to by Mr. M. W. Cook. Dr. George Baggs then spoke on behalf of the guests. The reception concluded at 12.45 a.m., with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Norris of Port Union, and the groom, who is linotype operator with the Advocate is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Cook.

The young couple were the recipients of many pretty and useful presents testifying to their popularity in the community. Their many friends wish them both good health, and a long and happy married life.

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Association of Herring Curers Formed

The Fishery Board having expressed a desire to meet the herring curers of Bay of Islands, a meeting for that purpose took place in Curling last Tuesday night. R. Gushue Chairman of the Fisheries Board, was in attendance. The meeting consisted of a large number of herring curers and other citizens interested in the industry.

Mr. Gushue acted as chairman and explained the object of the meeting.

There was then a general discussion from which it was quite plain that here was much dissatisfaction with the former policy governing the herring industry, particularly in the marketing of the goods.

Mr. Gushue thought that if an association of herring curers was formed, with its own executive, the Fisheries Board would be pleased to deal with the industry and the curers through that executive and the association. That sugestion was acted upon, and the following men were elected as the executive: G. G. Sheppard, Geo. Allen, M. G. Basha, W. Loader, T. J. Dunphy, Jas. Furlong, E. T. Basha.

We understand the old Herring Board is to be dissolved; and it is proposed to form similar associations in other herring producing centres.

Mr. Gushue then announced that it was being considered by the Board to bring an experienced man from New York to advise the methods of cure and pack that were required to meet the demands of the market.

We understand it is not the intention of the Fisheries Board to fix prices or control sales in connection with this year's operations unless necessity for such action should arise.

Exports of Codfish

Exports of codfish from July 1st, 1936, to August 27th, 1936, amounted to 77,728 quintals, valued at $[illegible],798.

Of the total amount exported in the period referred to above, 17,673 quintals were Shore fish and 2,432 quintals were Labrador fish.

The countries to which fish was exported since July 1st, and the quantities sent to each country are as follows:

Country	Quintal
Brazil	8,068
British W. Indies	24,088
Canada	21
Foreign W. Indies	35,249
Greece	190
Italy	
Malta	765
Portugal	2,418
Spain	1,995
United Kingdom	3,030
United States	1,301
Other Countries	603
Total	77,728

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Applications for licenses to pack Scotch Cure herring must be in the hands of the Fisheries Board by next Tuesday, 15th inst., and after that the quota will be set for this season's pack.

There is yet, so we understand, a portion of last year's East Coast pack still unsold, but it is expected this will have gone into consumption before any of this season's pack reaches the market.—Western Star.

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The Dole Distribution System

In its Estimates for 1936-37 the Government has budgeted for an expenditure of $1,100,000 on relief to able-bodied persons for the fiscal year July 1st, 1936, to June 30th, 1937.

With conditions at present, and indications of future conditions, such as they are the Government will likely find at the end of June next that the provision for able-bodied relief was short by half a million dollars. In any case the expenditure will not be much short of $1,500,000.

The fishery is short, in some places it has been an absolute blank, the price of fish is low, there are no indications of any new avenues of employment being opened up—all of which gives good ground for the opinion that expenditure on relief this year will be much larger than last year.

Now $1,100,000 or $1,500,000 whichever it may prove to be, is quite a large sum of money and we long ago came to the conclusion that the manner in which it was being spent by the Government was not fair, equitable or just to the trade in general either in St. John's or the outports. A few firms and stores are filling these orders exclusively and are doing a roaring business, while others who are trying to carry on and keep their staffs employed have to stand by and look on.

One aspect of the injustice of the present system may be presented thus. A supplying firm in the spring of the year takes the risk of advancing to a number of fishermen salt, gasolene, oil clothes, rubber boots and other supplies in order to get them fishing. Not a cent of cash changes hands. When the voyage is wound up the fishermen may be able to turn in enough fish to square accounts or they may not. In any case the supplier has then the second risk of selling such fish as he collects from the fishermen. Later the fishermen go on the dole and are told they have to take their orders to a particular store in a place that probably has not taken an ounce of risk or helped a single fisherman to get fishing. Yet this man gets the Government trade and the Government cheque in payment for the goods supplied.

Such a state of affairs is manifestly unjust and ought to be ended. It would not be tolerated by business men in general in any country outside Newfoundland. The dole recipient should be left free to take his order to be filled where he chooses. If any business firm or store does not desire to fill such orders when presented that is the business of such firm or store. In the general run the majority of the recipients will take their orders to the store or firm that helped them with supplies in the spring and saw them through the early summer months.

There is also the question of giving the dole recipients the amount of their ration in cash. This might well be done and is the only way in which there would be an equitable distribution of the huge expenditure on dole amongst the trade in general. We see no reason why an adequate check could not be kept on expenditure by the individual, even if he were given the value of his ration and that of his family in cash.

These are two aspects of the distribution of relief which the Government should reconsider, and we agree with the Trade Review on this subject, when it says:

> "If the Government wants to take the most important step that it has ever taken in the rehabilitation of Newfoundland; if it has the courage and daring and the ultimate faith in the future of this Island; it could inaugurate a system of cash payments to dole recipients before its November contracts are made.
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> "It may need the Nelson daring—and bureaucracy rarely exhibits that—but such a plan offers the most rapid method of helping dole recipients to a new independence, an independence which mere food rations can never aid in re-establishing."

Cullers Regulations

We made reference a little while ago to the cull of fish and asked if any cull of fish was really legal.

At the same time we printed a list of "Proposed Regulations for Culling Dried and Partly Dried Codfish," which were drawn up about two years ago, but which were never gazetted.

A part of these Regulations were Regulations as to Cullers, and as they may be of interest to our fishermen readers, we print them herewith:

PROPOSED REGULATIONS AS TO CULLERS

1. No person other than the persons excepted herein shall cull codfish as between vendor and vendee in the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies unless such person shall have previously received a license from the Department of Natural Resources and shall have previously been sworn before a Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, honestly, faithfully and impartially and without fear, favour or affection to discharge the duty of a fish culler to the best of his ability. Provided that cullers' licenses properly issued under the Fish Culling Act, 1933, shall have full force and validity for the period provided for in such licenses, and shall be subject to all the provisions of these regulations as fully as if they were issued thereunder.
2. The oath to be taken by such culler shall be in the form prescribed in these regulations.
3. The license to be granted as aforesaid shall be in the form prescribed in these regulations: provided that such license shall continue in force for a period of five years and may be renewed at the expiration of that time for a like period, and so on from time to time for a like period of years but the Department shall have power to cancel such license at any time without assigning any cause therefor. The fee for such license shall be one dollar upon the first issue and fifty cents for each renewal thereof, the said fees to be paid to the Department of Natural Resources.
4. Any person who shall cull codfish as between vendor and vendee without being the holder of such a license and any person who shall employ an unlicensed person to cull codfish shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten dollars for each offence or in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a period of not exceeding ten days for each offence.
5. Any licensed culler who shall be found guilty upon summary trial of a violation of any of the obligations contained in his culler's oath shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence, or in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two months, and shall also on conviction thereof forfeit his license as a culler of codfish. Any person who shall induce or conspire or attempt to induce or conspire with a licensed culler to violate any of the said obligations shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations and subject upon summary conviction therefor, to a similar penalty and in default of payment to a similar term of imprisonment.
6. In the case of any dispute arising between a vendor and vendee as to the culling of codfish by any licensed culler engaged in culling the fish of such vendor, such dispute shall be forthwith referred to a culler specially appointed by the Department of Natural Resources and his decision shall be final and binding between the parties.
7. Every Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace swearing such cullers as aforesaid, shall in each year make out, sign and transmit to the Department of Natural Resources a statement showing the person or persons so sworn before him.
8. Stipendiary Magistrates or Justices of the Peace are hereby empowered to administer the oath provided in these regulations to persons applying for a culler's license, in accordance with the provisions thereof.
9. All penalties under these regulations shall be recovered upon complaint and summary conviction before a Stipendiary Magistrate by any one who shall make such complaint and prosecute the offender to conviction.

Pensioners Under Pay?

There seems to be a feeling abroad that several persons who are in receipt of pensions from the Newfoundland Government are finding employment in other capacities. It is even said that some of them have been actually employed by the Government itself and paid for special jobs.

We trust that this is not so. If it is so then it is outrageous. The Government pensioned dozens of men who were still able to carry on with their work. Any man who is in receipt of a Government pension, should forfeit that pension if he finds remunerative employment elsewhere.

Take the case of Mr. T. A. Hall, late Government engineer. We are told that he is in receipt of a handsome pension from the taxpayers of this country. Yet he is now said to be employed by the British Air Ministry in connection with the construction of the aerodrome at Cobb's Camp. If Mr. Hall is being paid by the British Air Ministry, or Imperial Airways or anyone else for any services he renders in connection with the aerodrome, then we consider it unjust to the taxpayers of this country that he should continue in receipt of a pension. The same applies to any other pensioners, employed in any other capacities.

This sort of thing should not be permitted as it means that such persons are standing in the way of someone else getting a job.

If a dole recipient goes to work for a week his dole is stopped. Why not stop pensions from civil servants in similar circumstances?

We trust the Commissioners will have the decency to look into this situation, and if there be any ground for public feeling and suspicion on the matter, to see that it is stopped.

The Situation in Italy

The following information has just been received from Naples. It may be of interest to **Advocate** readers:

The situation with regard to importations of Newfoundland codfish into Italy is about the same as it has been for some months. No permissions have been obtained to import Newfoundland Shore or Labrador codfish. In fact, two shipments of Shore and Labrador that arrived in Naples some months ago are still in the Customs House there and cannot be entered as imports.

There has recently been formed in Italy an organization called the "Consorzio" which consists of all the importers of preserved fish. This organization is negotiating the purchase of codfish and stock fish from Iceland, France and Norway, through Government Institutes, because agreements have been concluded with each of these nations as they are buying Italian goods.

With Great Britain, however, nothing has yet been done as it is apparently impossible to date to arrange trade relations between both countries and Italy, therefore, will not negotiate the purchase of Shore or Labrador codfish from us.

It would appear that Italian importers are prepared to do business with us as soon as they have the necessary permission from the Government to do so. It is unlikely, however, that any arrangements will be made that will be of benefit to this country this season.

Iceland, Norway and France are selling fish to Italy under trade agreements and these countries are purchasing Italian goods. What is England doing to help out our position?

Town Notes

Schr. "L. M. May," Capt. Bob Bannister, Port Rexton, was in port yesterday, en route home from the Labrador fishery. He hails for 600 quintals.

Aux. "Young Hood" arrived from North on Monday night with a load of dry fish taken at Greenspond, Valleyfield, Wesleyville and Cape Island.

Aux. "F. P. Union" arrived from Princeton and Keels on Saturday last with a cargo of dry fish taken at those places. She sailed again for Tilting yesterday morning.

Extensive repairs are now being effected to the tower of the R.C. Church here, the work being done under the direction of Mr. John Flemming, of Spillar's Cove.

Mr. H. C. Spurrell, Manager of the F. U. Trading Company's Store at Valleyfield, B.B., was here this week on business for his Store. He returned by the aux. "Young Hood" on Wednesday.

Mr. R. F. Sparkes, Supervising Inspector from the Dept. of Education is here from St. John's in the Department's motor boat "Pedanaut." Mr. Sparkes is visiting schools as far North as Cook's Hr.

Aux. "Swift" arrived from North on Wednesday with a load of dry fish taken at Seldom, Ladle Cove, The Wadhams and Peckford's Island. Capt. Tulk said he encountered much sea and hard winds, while on the trip.

A visitor to the **Advocate** office this week was Mr. Harold Mifflin, of the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John's. Mr. Mifflin is spending his annual vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mifflin, Catalina.

A terrific hail storm raged here for about 10 minutes around noon on Sunday last, and hailstones of a very large size fell. The noise was so deafening that people in church could not hear a word being spoken by the Lay Reader, who was reading the sermon at the time.

S.S. "Kongshaug" was here yesterday and took a large shipment of codfish, turbot, berries, codoil and caplin. The shippers were F. U. Trading Co., Ltd., J. T. Swyers & Co., Ltd., (Bonavista) and P. Templeman Ltd. (Catalina).

Present Position in the Codfish Market

(The Mailman)

The uncertainty facing the codfish market this year as the season for export of new fish opens is quite unprecedented. In the past there have been difficulties to face at the opening of the season but these have usually been met and successfully surmounted as time went on. There is this to be said about it, that time is usually our best friend and difficulties become ironed out as the months progress. Last year and the first part of this some very serious odds have been met and overcome though chiefly at the expense of low prices.

The difficulties facing the country's codfish export at the opening of the season last year were bad enough. There had already been difficulties with Italy where restricted payments and restricted purchase of codfish had narrowed down the possibilities of a market, which in normal years absorbed up to 200,000 quintals of Newfoundland fish, to a small fraction of this volume. But difficult as the situation was at the beginning of the summer of 1935 few people realized either the imposition of sanctions by the League of Nations or the fact that such sanctions would mean the total closing of Italian markets to Newfoundland fish.

Italy's Position

This season, while sanctions are legally at an end, there is no present indication that Italy will have any funds available for the purchase of our codfish. All Italian foreign exchange funds are controlled by the government and although negotiations recently took place between Great Britain and Italy in an endeavour, on Britain's part, to establish some basis of exchange agreement, they met with no success up to the present. As Newfoundland has to depend upon the good efforts of Britain to effect any such arrangement touching exports of codfish the general feeling here is that the Italian market will afford no more opportunity for Newfoundland fish than last year.

Last year this country wrestled with the problem set up by the closure of the Italian market. It was overcome by finding a market for all fish except Labrador held in stock. This had to be sacrificed at low prices and brought heavy losses.

This year to some extent this state of affairs in regard to Labrador fish was somewhat minimized by curtailing supplies of Labrador vessels and reducing the number of the fleet. If conditions abroad had got no worse than last year with this curtailment of potential catch the country might have been at least in no worse predicament than last year.

Spanish Revolution

Unfortunately, to further upset calculations this year, the worst blow the codfish industry has ever sustained was felt when the Spanish Revolt, now nearly six weeks in existence, absolutely demoralized all possibility of trade with Spain for the present and perhaps for many months to come. The Spanish market usually absorbs about 225,000 quintals of codfish. About half of this is the choicest shore fish demanding the best prices obtained anywhere for Newfoundland fish and the rest of it is Labrador. So unsettled is all commerce with Spain that trade with that country is absolutely barred. Not only is payment impossible to secure if codfish could be shipped there, but even if the risk of sending shipments was undertaken there is little security that such shipments would reach their destination.

Even before the revolution broke out the financial situation was so difficult that most exporters refrained from making purchases for that market.

With this situation facing the export trade of the country we have to reckon with the loss of Spain as a consumer of codfish as well as Italy.

Others Affected

But there is another point in this unfortunate mixup. If Newfoundland were the only shipper of codfish to Italy and Spain the situation might be less intolerable than it actually is; but as Iceland and Norway also depend upon these markets for sale of their products and are now denied entrance to them, it naturally follows that they too will be endeavouring to exploit the remaining markets in order to provide themselves with some relief for their output. This extra competition will naturally tend to make sales possibilities all the more severely constricted in these other markets.

This is not a very rosy picture to have to present to the producers of this country but it would be foolish to attempt to express any views on the situation facing the codfish market without detailing these overwhelming circumstances which now confront us.

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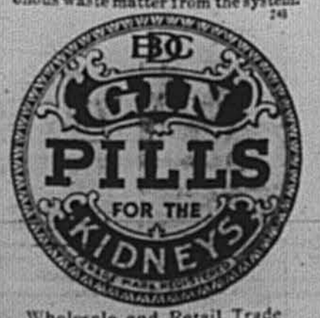

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