

PROFITEERING IN THE OLD COUNTRY AT 900 PER CENT

High Prices Retained and Buying Restricted in Spite of Greater Supply—Enquiry Being Made Into the Profits Made on Fish—A Great Surplus, But Much Restriction in Buying and Selling.

London, Sept. 25—England has been looking into the problem of fish profiteering. The special correspondent of "The Manchester Guardian" at Grimsby says that inquiries among the fish traders regarding profiteering among retail fish mongers, of restriction of sales and the consequent loss of much valuable food, meet with an indorsement of these charges that is often embarrassingly emphatic.

"It is admitted," he says, "that under the control of the last two years trawl owners, wholesalers and retailers have had no cause to cavil at the profits they have made, but retailers have aroused resentment in the trade by attempting to apply to a period of plenty practices calculated to maintain the prices of a period of scarcity."

"So it is said, and indeed there would seem to be little doubt that the trouble of continued high prices to the consumer begins and ends with the refusal of the retailers to be induced by greater supplies and lower prices at the ports to increase their own supplies and lower their own charges accordingly. Whether haddock cost two shillings or ten shillings a stone (last week they dropped as low as sixpence per stone), the price per

pound to the consumer remains very much the same, the retailer taking the extra profit of 300 to 700 per cent as his due.

More Fish Than Ever

The most remarkable fact that emerges is that more fish is now available for consumption in this country than was available before the war. This results from the rapid return of the fishing industry to normal and the temporary closing down of the large Continental trade. Thousands of tons of cured fish were sent to Spain, Portugal, Italy and South America before the war, and large quantities of fresh fish were sent to Antwerp and Hamburg. It would seem that the community is the victim of a partial return to the competitive system, which lay dormant during the war, but which was the public's best protection against high prices in the days of peace. Normal conditions have revived the proverbial "cutthroat competition" in the wholesale market, where every man is out to undercut his neighbor. Thus we have the spectacle of wholesalers fighting for the custom of retailers, who may buy the cheapest fish, but sell it (having no serious competition at their own doors) at something like the old fam-

ine prices.

"More serious perhaps, than the retention of high prices is the almost generally adopted policy of restricted buying, no matter how plentiful and how low-priced fish may be at the ports. The inevitable result is that some fish cannot be sold even at nominal figures, and what cannot be given away on the spot goes for manure."

"A prominent merchant here told me today that the food lost to the country in that way was not very considerable, but it is not denied that recently many tons of fish could not be disposed of. The explanation of the retailer's restriction of supplies is the obvious discovery that he can make as much money by selling a small quantity of fish at a great profit as by selling a large quantity at a small profit."

"The opinion of the secretary of the Grimsby Fish Merchants' Association is that retailers are applying to themselves very successfully the principle of the 44-hour week. He believed that the rediscovey of the street hawker would have a salutary effect in bringing prices down and would compel the fishmonger either to turn over a larger number of fish or be content with a smaller profit."

"The fried-fish shops of the working-class streets of our towns absorb 50 to 60 per cent of the haddocks, landed at Grimsby. I am informed that the proprietors of these businesses have been reaping a rich harvest since the reduction in wholesalers' quotations began. My informant paid fourpence (8 cents) for a square of fish representing half a haddock on a day when haddocks were selling at 2 shillings (48 cents) per stone (fourteen pounds). Not allowing for labor, this represents a profit of about 900 per cent. It should be pointed out that fish is not consistently cheap, just as catches are not consistently plentiful. Some fish might be plentiful and cheap while another might be scarce and dear."

DREADED INFLUENZA

Medical Men Believe it will Again Visit Canada This Autumn and Winter.

There is a widespread belief among medical men that the epidemic of la grippe, or influenza, which swept over the world last year, will again appear in Canada during this autumn and coming winter. This dangerous trouble spares neither age nor sex, but it naturally finds its easiest victims among those who are run down in health, or those whose blood is weak and watery and it is among the latter class in which the greatest number of fatalities occur. The surest way to prevent an attack of this dreaded trouble is to keep the blood rich and pure, and the safest and best way to do this is through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

No reasonable precaution to avert an attack of influenza or la grippe should be spared. The disease itself is deadly, but its after-effects, among those who are spared, make the life of the victim one of constant misery. Ask almost any of those who have been attacked by influenza what their present condition of health is and most of them will answer: "Since I had the influenza I have never been fully well." This trouble leaves behind it a persistent weakness of the limbs, shortness of breath, bad digestion, palpitation of the heart, and a tired feeling after even slight exertion. This is due to the thin-blooded condition in which la grippe almost always leaves its victims after fever and influenza have subsided. They are at the mercy of relapses and complications, often very serious. This condition will continue until the blood is built up again, and for the purpose of building up the blood and strengthening the nerves nothing can equal a fair treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From first to last these pills make new rich blood, which reaches every organ and nerve in the body. Thus the lingering germs are driven out, and the weak, despondent victims of influenza are transformed into cheerful, healthy happy men and women.

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MONCTON GIRL IN TROUBLE IN THE WEST

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 27—Miss Pearl Rose, arrested with Dr. Frank Luther Goodspeed of Whitman, Mass., several weeks ago under the Mann Act testified in behalf of the man whom she admits she loves. She declared that he did not wish her to come west till after he had been divorced from his wife in Whitman, but she became heart-broken over the separation, she said, and followed him to Seattle, and later to this city.

"He was very unhappy with his wife and they made some sort of agreement to separate," she said. "We had been constantly thrown together in his office, where I worked as assistant, and we were infatuated with one another. I lived with my parents, he lived at his home, although estranged from his wife."

"When he decided to go to Seattle I asked him to take me, but he said that would never do."

So I went to Brockton, drew out my bank savings there, went to Moncton N. B. and remained with my aged grandfather till I could stand it no longer. Then I bought a ticket to Seattle to go to see him."

"I wired him from Vancouver that I was coming and he met me in Seattle and an hour later he took me to Tacoma, where I lived with Mr. and Mrs. John Craig and their little boy, till they decided to go to San Francisco. Dr. Goodspeed and I travelled with them, then came to Los Angeles. I went to live with an old friend of mine, Miss Margery Albrecht, at Forty-second street and Western avenue and remained there till we were both arrested."

"Dr. Goodspeed rented an apartment on West Tenth street, and I often visited there for an hour or so and prepared meals for him. I paid my own fare out here, bought my own tickets and came without his consent or knowledge."

United States Commissioner Stephen G. Long continued the case to give the government opportunity to produce further evidence, otherwise he stated he would be compelled to dismiss as to both defendants.

Talk is cheap—it's votes that count. Some people make the best of everything and others take it.

The experience we buy on the Midway don't seem to last through the next fair.

The great trouble with easy-going people is that it is always so difficult to get them started.

How many do you know who allow their religion to interfere with their business?

Easy going men are apt to spend too much time up in the clouds looking for the silver lining.

One of the most difficult things in the world is for a girl who weighs 200 pounds to look cute.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

The time taken to produce good flavor in food is well spent.

If you have a pan or bottle of sour milk, let it stand until it is thick. Put into a dough with three cups of graham flour, sprinkling in slowly with small pieces into a shallow pan and pour the milk over them. Let them remain in the milk half an hour or longer, then wash them and rejoice in their brightness.

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Cream Graham Rolls.

To one-half cup of cold cream add one-half cup of soft ice water. Make into a dough with three cups of graham flour, sprinkling in slowly with the hands, beating at the same time, so as to incorporate as much air as possible, until the dough is too stiff to be stirred; then knead thoroughly, form into rolls and bake.

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