

NEWS OF THE CITY AND THE OUTPORTS.

ENTHUSIASM WAS KEY NOTE OF BIG MEETING

Held in the C.L.B. Armory Last Night to Enlist Volunteers

COMMITTEES WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

To Raise Forces For Home Defence and For Service Abroad

About three thousand citizens representative of all classes attended the public meeting at the C. L. B. Armory last night to consider the formation of a Volunteer Corps for active service abroad and for home defence.

That St. John's is anxious to do her share to assist the Mother Country there can be no doubt, after the exhibition of patriotism displayed.

At 8.30 His Excellency the Governor arrived, attended by Capt. Goodridge, A.D.C., and accompanied by the French Consul, Mons. Suzor and Professor Dunstan, and was greeted with a wild outburst of enthusiasm while the C.L.B. Band rendered the National Anthem.

On the Platform

On the platform with His Excellency were the Premier, Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, Hons. J. R. Bennett, S. D. Blandford, R. K. Bishop, R. A. Squires, C. H. Emerson, J. Harris, E. R. Bowring, J. Anderson, M. P. Cashin, P. T. McGrath, Rev. J. S. Sutherland, Inspector-General Sullivan, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, J. S. Munn, Dr. Wakefield, H. W. LeMessurier, W. H. Rennie, G. T. Carty, Dr. Paterson, W. D. Reid, D. Baird, Dr. Keegan, R. G. Rendell, T. J. Edens, A. Montgomerie, F. J. Morris, J. L. Slattery, R. J. Devereaux, A. O'Brien and Press representatives.

Premier Speaks

The Premier explained the object of the meeting, and asked His Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter Davidson, to take the chair.

The Governor on rising thanked the audience for the enthusiastic reception he had received. He knew he would get it, because he felt sure the public were in sympathy with the objects of the meeting.

His Excellency then referred to the causes of the present war. The Germans are an industrious people and did not want to go to war. The burgers of Hamburg and Berlin were not anxious to fight the British, but they were ruled by a military clique.

"War has been forced on us," continued the Governor, "and we will give them full measure. When Germany sues for peace as she eventually will, her people will demand a democratic form of government, for they will no longer be ruled by despots."

Forced Into War

They have been forced into the present conflict with little heart. Their government is a curse to civilization; the people are allowed no voice in such issues as the present. While they are good artisans he would not mind facing one thousand Germans with five hundred of those sturdy men of northern ports, those hardy lads of the west, or the Irish of St. John's.

The trouble has been caused by followers of Bismarck who was one of the greatest footpads of the world. He attacked smaller and weaker men and then gave the spoils to friends. His successors have now met their match, their bluff has been called.

For twenty years the autocrat of Germany has been troubling the peace of Europe.

Intended a Lot

Germany's intention was to seize the North of France and distribute it amongst friends, then cross to England and conquer it, and make Britain her subject.

She intended to be in Brussels by August 3rd, but was disappointed.

England and her allies, Russia and France, are not fighting for spoils, but for the future peace of the world.

The Governor had pledged his word to the Home Government that the Colony was provided to send 500 men for active service at the front, and now was the time for citizens to redeem the bond. We may have a serious struggle. Germany is well prepared, but we will fight the enemy and beat him.

Throughout the Governor's speech he was thunderously applauded. Every word he uttered struck home to the hearts of all who heard, and young and old, rich and poor, made up their minds that they would gladly

Resolutions Passed At Last Night's Meeting

WHEREAS in common with every other portion of the British Empire, Newfoundland is anxious to assist in every possible way in the justifiable war in which the Empire, of which we are proud to be a part, is now engaged;

AND WHEREAS, this Colony through His Excellency the Governor, has offered several hundred efficient, trained men, for enlistment for service abroad in the present war;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that steps should be taken to provide for the enlistment of these men, as well as their equipment and maintenance.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a committee of twenty-five citizens, with power to add to their numbers, be appointed to take such steps as may be deemed necessary for enlisting and equipping these men, and in this respect to act in conjunction with the Government of the Colony and His Excellency the Governor, and that the Magistrates in the outports be asked to take similar steps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

WHEREAS, in common with every other portion of the British Empire, Newfoundland is anxious to assist in every possible way in the justifiable war in which the Empire, of which we are proud to be a part, is now engaged;

AND WHEREAS this Colony through His Excellency the Governor, has offered to recruit serviceable men between eighteen (18) and thirty-six (36) years of age, and to enrol themselves in training for Home Defence, wherever Corps Instructors are available;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that steps should be taken to provide for the enlistment of these men, as well as their equipment and maintenance;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee provided for in the former RESOLUTION be empowered to take such steps as may be deemed necessary, for enlisting and equipping these men; and also in this respect, to act in conjunction with the Government of the Colony and His Excellency the Governor.

that the appointment of this Committee be left in the hands of His Excellency the Governor.

make any sacrifices for the success of the British arms.

Proposed Resolution

Lt.-Col. Rendell of the C.L.B., in a speech equal to the great occasion proposed the first Resolution. He referred to the brigade movement and thought there were sufficient young men who had gone through the ranks of the various brigades to form the volunteers. Our brigade boys were in splendid condition, thanks to their excellent training in drill and athletics. Little differences which existed should be brushed aside and all will stand shoulder to shoulder, supporting the Empire.

Hon. R. A. Squires seconded the Resolutions and made a speech which roused the British blood of all. Major Hutchings intended to second the motion, but he was out of town and would not be back until 2 a.m.

He felt, however, that none would be more anxious to serve their flag than the Methodist Guards. Greater Britain numbered nearly 500,000,000, of which only about 70,000,000 were white and half of that number, the residents of the British Isles, were called upon to defray the expenses of the army and navy.

Outports Enthusiastic

He spoke of the ten reservists who left a northern port and the send off they received. Mothers, sisters, fathers and friends accompanied them on the steamer and cheered them as they left, telling them not to return until they came back victorious. That was the true spirit.

Dr. Wakefield, Captain of the Legion of Frontiersmen supported the motion. The Empire is now fighting for its existence and every one should help. Canada was sending volunteers, every other part of the Empire was doing its share, "Where do we come in?"

Referring to the Frontiersmen, which he represented, he believed at least two hundred of them were ready to fight as soon as they got the word. The services of some were lost through their joining the Naval Reserve, but they could not fight in two forces.

He estimated it would take \$30,000 to send 150 men to England and make some provision for their families. He thought Newfoundland would fully prove her devotion as ever to the Motherland.

The Governor then put the first Resolution which was carried unanimously.

Second Resolution

Major Carty, of the C.C.C., then rose to propose the second Resolution, and in so doing announced that the Catholic Cadet Corps would stand shoulder to shoulder with the other brigades in this movement.

They would also place their armory and equipment at the disposal of the volunteers.

Lt.-Col. Patterson, of the Highlanders seconded the motion, and gave to the meeting Nelson's great slogan: "England expects every man this day to do his duty."

Dr. Macpherson of the St. John Ambulance Corps supported the motion, stating that his brigade was ready for service.

This Resolution was then carried amidst the wildest enthusiasm.

Sir Edward's Speech

The Premier was the next speaker, and pointed out that the meeting had been called to endorse what the Government had already decided on. As soon as war was declared they had pledged the assistance of Newfoundland and we now had the opportunity of earning in the future the claim that we had stood by Britain when needed.

The Naval Reserve had been formed and carried on under great financial difficulties but when despotism, represented by Germany, is overthrown we can claim a share in the victory.

This war as His Excellency stated was provoked, not by the common people but by a despot and England was now engaged to defend herself.

It is dreadful to consider the consequences if we lose, but we can't lose. We have the ships, men and money and the assistance of France and Russia, the latter being the only country which in 1812 withstood the advance of Napoleon. After this war Britain will see to it, that nothing similar will take place in the future.

We have to rely on friends here for money to send men to the front, but every resource will be called on for the purpose. He hoped all would become recruiting officers and later be able to congratulate themselves on the great victory.

Got An Ovation

French Consul Suzor was introduced by the Governor, and when he rose the audience to a unit cheered and waved their hats. It was plain that Consul Suzor was one of the most popular figures in that vast assembly.

The audience sang the Marseillaise and though the majority were no familiar with the words there was no doubt about the sentiment and feeling of the big gathering.

His Excellency thanked the audience on behalf of the French Consul and at the same time paid a glowing tribute to the French Army. Mr. Gosling, Chairman of the Civil Commission, was the final speaker and proposed a vote of thanks to H. E. the Governor for the part he has taken since the outbreak of the war.

Newfoundland—the oldest Colony—the pioneer of the British Overseas Empire, and the Colony would now do its share in bearing the burden of the Empire.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem was sung with the greatest heartiness as it had not been sung for years.

Scores of young men have already signified their intention of enlisting, and that they will give a good account of themselves is the firm belief of all.

The Garden Parties to be held at Bay Bulls and Witless Bay on Aug. 16th and 23rd respectively have been postponed indefinitely.

C.B.B. SOCIETY HAVE EXCURSION TO THIS CITY

Harbor Grace Visitors Had a Successful Dance in the British Hall

The members of the Conception Bay British Society held their annual excursion to St. John's, yesterday, and spent an enjoyable time.

They held a dance at the British Hall last evening, which was largely attended and most successful.

The excursionists return to Harbor Grace by today's trains.

Match Postponed

The football Executive yesterday decided to postpone the Star-Collegian match, arranged for this evening, until Monday evening.

H. M. S. LANCASTER ARRIVES IN PORT FOR COAL SUPPLY

Something About One of Britain's Watchers of the Atlantic Routes

H.M.S. Lancaster, Capt. Warren H. D'Óyly, which had been expected for the last 24 hours for bunker coal arrived at noon.

Hundreds of citizens crowded the waterfront to see her as she steamed through the narrows. She anchored in the stream off the King's wharf.

The coal will be put on board by lighter. She takes 750 tons, which will be put on board with all speed, after which she will proceed to sea.

Ready for Action

The Lancaster is prepared for action, everything unnecessary having been removed from her decks.

During the last week she has been steaming through the waters of the North Atlantic protecting the trade routes and endeavoring to locate the German cruisers which are known to be in these waters.

So far the Germans have kept clear of the British ships, but the Germans must soon run short of coal, and the Lancaster after filling all available space with coal will make another effort to find the enemy. The German ships are faster, but the British are more heavily armed.

The Lancaster is an armored cruiser, sister ship of the Essex, which brought the Duke of Connaught here last month.

Big Ship

She is 9,800 tons displacement, 440 feet long, 66 ft. wide and 24½ deep. She was built at Elswick, launched in 1902 and completed two years later. The Lancaster cost £732,685 (\$3,863,425).

She carries 14 6-in. guns, 8 12-pounders and 5 3-pounders, and two torpedoes. Her speed is 24.01 knots, the horse power being 20,000. Her total crew numbers 537 men.

The bunker space is 800 tons, but she has room for an additional 800 tons, making a total of 1600 tons.

LAD RESCUED FROM DEATH

Jack Field Narrowly Escaped Drowning in Long Pond Yesterday

Yesterday afternoon Jack Field, a member of the C.L.B., accompanied by his brother and his cousin George Phillips, went to Long Pond for a swim. Field was unable to swim and wandered too far off over the verfall, and soon sank. Geo. Phillips being the danger rushed to the rescue and was very near losing his own life.

Mr. W. Jocelyn, who was near at the time, plunged in after him and brought him safely to the shore; the lad was lifeless, as he was under the water for some time. First aid was rendered by Messrs. Vokey and Jicks, two of the C.L.B. Ambulance Corps.

The lad was brought to Mr. Irving's residence and Dr. Roberts was telephoned for and also a nurse from the hospital.

The lad was unconscious for a long while. Life saving apparatus should be placed at Long Pond so as to avoid a serious accident, as every day hundreds of lads visits the swimming place, and an accident may happen at any moment and prove fatal.

Prospero left King's Cove at 10.30 a.m.

Portia left Rose Blanche at 6.35 a.m.

GOT USUAL LARGE HOLIDAY CROWDS

There was the usual large holiday attendance at the Nickel Theatre yesterday.

The pictures had been specially arranged for the day, and all were favorably spoken of. A Pathe weekly showed a number of interesting events.

The feature film was a masterpiece by the Vitaphone artists. It was in two parts, entitled "Whimsical Threads of Destiny." Courtney Foote, Harry Northrop and Julia Swayne Gordon were seen in the principal roles, and played them to perfection.

"The return of Capt. John" was an exciting nautical story, which was watched with interest. "He fell in love with his mother-in-law" was a roaring comedy. This evening the pictures will be repeated.

Tomorrow the feature film will be "Love's Sunset," a beautiful story which has been very popular abroad. Mr. DeWitt C. Cairns will be heard in a new song today.

Sensational Offering!

LADIES' COATS

Owing to a backward season in the Old Country, many manufacturers and wholesalers have been caught with heavy stocks, which they are forced to clear out at a sacrifice.

Our representative being on the spot early, has had his pick of several exceptionally good values, some of which have just arrived.

As a sample we are now offering a small lot of

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUMMER COATS

at Less Than a Third of the original Values.

There are only 50 in the lot, so if you wish to get an early choice, come in TODAY.

\$18 COATS for \$5.00

Less than ONE-THIRD OF Original Price.

- 6 only Navy & Black Serge & Tweed Values up to \$10.00 for **\$3.00**
- 9 only Navy & Black Fine Serge Values up to \$12.00 for **3.50**
- 12 only Navy & Black Serge & a few Colored Values up to \$14.00 for **4.00**
- 17 only Navy & Black Serge & Col'd. Broadcloth Values up to \$16.00 for **4.50**
- 6 only Black Broadcloth Values up to \$18.00 for **5.00**

SKIRTS—JUST OPENED
Dress Skirts in Tweed, Serge and Venetian
\$1.80 to \$4.00

SHOW ROOM
IN OUR
Upper Building.



EXHAUSTING RESOURCES.

IF NEED be Sir Edward Morris is willing to "exhaust the resources of the country" in an effort to aid Great Britain in the war, so said the leader of the Government in a burst of eloquence last night.

It would be far more fitting for Sir Edward Morris to use up some of his energy in an effort to help our own country over the troublesome times ahead.

It would be a greater relief to the people to hear Sir Edward Morris announce the opening of the Legislature just now, so that men may devise means to help us out of the dangerous path that commercially the Colony is travelling.

It is fine to stand upon a political platform and mouth empty platitudes, but it ill becomes Sir Edward Morris to speak of the exhausting of the country's resources, that are already drained dry by his folly and ingenious blundering.

Exhaust the resources of the country, eh, and we with a disastrous fishery, a depleted treasury, a deficit of \$1,000,000 certain and heavy burdens to bear that mean destitution for thousands during the next eight months.

It is easy to talk of resources, but a wise man would hold his tongue just now, about resources.

A heavy deficit in our revenue, a temporary loan to be paid back next year, and debt to Reid for the gigantic muddle in branch railways.

GERMANY WANTS PERMIT TO SEND CODE MESSAGES

Through London to the United States and Asks Americans to Help Her

Washington, Aug. 12.—Secretary Bryan has transmitted to Great Britain, a formal representation made by Germany on the subject of cable and wireless communications to be sent from a neutral country such as the United States to belligerent countries.

Germany sought permission to send coded messages through London to the United States, as the American Government acts as the channel of communication for the diplomatic dealings of one belligerent with the other.

The message was transmitted to the British Foreign Office without comment by Secretary Bryan.

Should Great Britain continue to prevent Germany from sending cable messages through London to the United States, it is believed that Germany will make a vigorous effort to have the United States remove its censorship from German-owned wireless stations.

That the State Department is considering the relation of wireless and cable communication as affected by the neutral position of the United States in the present war was admitted by Secretary Bryan.

Hague, Aug. 12.—The convention expressly states it is not obligatory upon a neutral power to exercise censorship over either wireless or cable communications.

Mrs. N. Cageorge and her little son Jack, who are here visiting Mrs. W. Christian, Hayward Avenue, leave on Saturday by the S.S. Morwenna for their home in Montreal.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 12.—General Carranza has begun the perfection of Mexican Civil Government.

In addition to the appointment of Edward Hay, as Acting Secretary of War, it was stated officially today that Alberto J. Farni was named Treasurer General and General G. Gutierrez, as Governor of Michoacan State.

Gutierrez is credited with having been the first leader to rise in arms against the Huerta Government.

Fogata left Seldom at 9.35 a.m.