

A Tip For The News

(To the Editor)
Dear Sir:—It is a pity that even after having the mistake pointed out to him that the editor of a city daily should persist in making the same mistake day after day.

The "Daily News" has a very clumsy way of rendering thermometer readings. For instance one takes up the paper to read that last night the thermometer registered 30 degrees of frost, or yesterday the temperature was 10 degrees below freezing point.

These mistakes may seem trivial when looked at at first, but as straws show how the wind blows, it is by such mistakes as these that a man's intelligence is measured. When persisted in by a leading daily paper they pass as an index to the mentality of the readers as well, who put up with it. The errors have been pointed out to the "News" in a quiet way, and seeing no notice taken of the gentle hint, may be a public reminder will do.

The "News" has turned the scale of the thermometer topsy-turvy, and nobody outside that office can tell exactly what is meant by saying 20 degrees of frost or 10 degrees below freezing point, as the case may be.

The degrees below freezing point on the Fahrenheit scale must mean 22 degrees plus, or just 22 degrees.

The reading of the scale begins at zero and not at the freezing point.

It is quite possible the "News" means 10 degrees above zero, but who can tell.

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St. John's, Nov. 23, 1916.

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SHIPPING

The Portia arrived at Burin at 10 a.m. to-day.

The Prospero sails north at noon to-morrow.

The S.S. Fogota sailed yesterday for Labrador with a full cargo of freight on board.

The schr. Miss Morris is loading codfish at Job Bros. & Co.'s premises for Europe.

The S.S. Susu left Catalina at 10 a.m. to-day and is due here at 6 p.m.

The 3 masted schr. Duchess of Cornwall comes off the dock to-day.

The Florizel left New York at 4 p.m. yesterday and is due here Monday afternoon.

The schr. "Mark A. Tobin" left yesterday for Halifax from Rose Blanche with 2,284 qts codfish from R. Moulton Ltd.

The S.S. Louisburg, Capt. Jas. Kemp, which underwent extensive repairs at the dry dock some time ago, leaves to-day for Louisburg.

The barton. Alembic, Capt. Coward, is now loading oil from Job Bros. & Co. and will sail for New York shortly.

The schr. Ocean Bride, Capt. E. Perry, is loading goods at the F. P.U. wharf for the Union store at Newtown.

The revenue cruiser Fiona is having repairs to her keel rapidly affected and will undock in a day or two.

BOY FOUND ON STREET

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night Const. Whalen found a little boy named Vincent Wiltshire aged 8 wandering about Water Street and shivering with cold and hunger. The officer brought him to the Station where he was looked after and it was then gleaned that he is an incorrigible, though so young. His father is dead and his mother deserted her children and left the country some few years ago. A charitable lady took this boy and his brother, but both are willful and she can get very little good of them, though she has given them a comfortable home. The police discovered to-day that the little lad who was picked up was sent by Mr. Gosse, tailor, yesterday with 12 pairs of pants for Mr. Antonio Michael, but that instead of delivering them to the owner the boy sold them at a sacrifice on board various craft. The police are now looking up the purchases with the idea of their prosecution as purchasers of stolen property. When the boys were brought before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., to-day as a vagrant that gentleman commented strongly on the necessity that exists for a reformatory for such children and hoped that if the state could not provide such that some charitable or philanthropic citizen would do so. The boy, owing to his extreme youth could not be sent to jail and was released.

Annual Sale of Work

The Congregational, Ladies Aid Society held their annual sale of work at the Congregational Church yesterday, and, as in former years, it proved a great success. Following is the list of stallholders:

Refreshments—Mrs. (Rev.) Thomas, Mrs. George Whiteley.

Fancy Work—Mrs. H. E. Cowan, Miss N. Barnes.

Candy—Misses Thomas, Hutchings, and Barnes.

Jumble—Miss Garland.

Handkerchiefs—Misses Harris, Caldwell and Steel.

Toy—Misses B. Langmead and Hill.

Everything possible was done to make the stalls pretty and attractive and the goods which they contained were easily disposed of. The saleswomen in charge proved themselves experts in catering to their many friends present. Supper was afterwards served, after which a concert was held, the following contributing items—Misses P. Inkpen, G. Brookes, Traphin, Hanlin, Duley, Hayward; Messrs. Courtney, Thomas, Williams, Christian, King and Wheeler, Messrs. Christian and King acting as accompanist.

Congratulations are due to President Langmead and all others connected with the affair for the splendid management and results achieved. Quite a large sum was realized.

REV. DR. DICKIE COMING

By the express to-day there will arrive here the Rev. Dr. A. B. Dickie and his son, Rev. Gordon Dickie. Rev. Gordon Dickie recently resigned the pastorate of St. Stephen's, N.B., and has been appointed pastor of the Presbyterian Church in St. John's. Dr. Dickie is well known as the historian of the Presbyterian Church in the Dominion of Canada and much excellent matter from his versatile pen has appeared in the Canadian Church press. On Sunday next the Rev. Gentleman will preach at both services in St. Andrew's Church and will remain in the city some time to take part in the induction of his son at St. Andrew's on December 1st. The congregation of St. Andrew's are to be congratulated on obtaining such a distinguished gentleman for their church.

FISH AND BREWIS FUND.

Previously acknowledged	\$1367.00
Dr. A. B. Lehr	5.00
Mrs. E. E. Duncan	5.00
C. F. Stevenson	5.00
L. E. Rendell	2.00
E. Rendell	3.00
Thomas Winter	10.00
William Frew	10.00
Steer Brothers	25.00
F. W. Bradshaw	5.00
George Shea	10.00
A. F. Buffett, Grand Bank	2.50
H. W. LeMessurier	5.00
S. J. Foote	10.00
Donald Morrison	10.00
H. Andrews, Port de Grave	2.50
G. J. Carter	10.00
H. Dickinson	5.00
W. G. Campbell	5.00
F. F. Berteau, Bell Island	5.00
Rita & Kathleen Ryan, Placentia	1.00
"Peggy H."	5.00
F. J. Morris	10.00
	\$1518.00

FROM PRIVATE T. FITZGERALD

News has been received here from Pte. Theo. Fitzgerald, who was formerly with Marshall Bros. and well known in the city. He will soon be going from Montreal to France and is with the Fifth Overseas Pioneer Battalion and says that Mr. John O'Reilly, son of Mr. P. J. O'Reilly of Water Street, and Pat. Jackman, son of the late E. M. Jackman are in the Irish Rangers, drilling in his neighbourhood. Ed. Jackman, a brother of Pat. is a member of the Fifth Pioneers. Pte. Fitzgerald says that the commander of his company is Capt. Noall who was in Newfoundland some time.

STILL VERY ILL

Hon. John Anderson has been laid off the past few days with a severe cold. Mr. Anderson had a message from England to-day saying that Mrs. Anderson's condition is very little changed. Mrs. Anderson has been seriously ill in England for some time past.

A CORRECTION

In a letter which appeared in our issue of Tuesday we had it read as referring to Private Fred Snow. It should have read "Lance Corporal Fred Snow."

Some of the local fishermen are still continuing at work on the outer grounds outside this port and are meeting with success and yesterday several were out and took very good fares.

Dog Fish As Fuel

There are many vicissitudes and trials which beset the Newfoundland fisherman while engaged in his hazardous calling, and many unforeseen obstacles contribute to convert a promising voyage into a very unprofitable one. Some of those are beyond the control of human endeavour, but of all impediments perhaps none are most destructive to his prospects or more calculated to ruin his tackling and temper, than the tantalizing dogfish. The depredations of this voracious species of the shark family have been so frequent and annoying of late years, and its effect upon the codfishery so disastrous in some sections, that a means of coping with the destructive pest have become an important subject of thought. The matter has presented thorny problems to solve. The evil and suicidal habit of this finny scavenger are so well known to many, the unfortunate fishermen, that an effort has been made to locate in him some redeeming virtue so that it may be utilized as a commercial product and thus render profitable and agreeable, what has always been a source of repugnance and disgust, viz.—the execution of the rapacious dogfish.

It has been suggested that those fish be used as a fertilizer, while some claim that the oil they contain would render the business of catching them a profitable one; and there are still others who maintain that this much-despised denizen of the deep could be utilized as an article of food. But as most people would, however, prefer to burn rather than swallow the dogfish, on the strength of sentiment, the writer desires to recommend his qualifications in the peculiar capacity.

It may not be generally known that the flesh of this fish when dried in the summer sun furnishes one of the finest and most lasting of fuels. When exposed to the sun for a few days the fish dry up quickly to a hard odorless flinty substance, still retaining sufficient oil to render it extremely ignitable. If cut up in pieces the drying process is hastened and no form of fuel yet discovered can surpass it for the splendid glowing heat it furnishes, and will remain without being consumed twice as long as the same weight of any quality of coal. Hence, possibility of utilizing this most hated of all pests as a source of warmth and comfort during the long winter months, when the ordinary fuel supply is scarce to prohibitive prices. The flesh of this fish when in a dried state also makes a splendid torch light, shedding its lurid rays a remarkable distance, nor is it easily extinguished by wind. Several people have occasion to use this form of candle power with satisfactory results, amongst them being our well-known and experienced citizen, Mr. Arthur English.

One can imagine with what rapture the fisherman could gaze on the carcass of his tormentor consuming in the grate and in this way atoning for his depredations of the past. There is a belief amongst a great many who have given this matter some consideration, that if the dogfish is ever destined to serve in a commercial way it will be as a source of heat rather than as food.

Recruiting Movement

The different committees of the Patriotic Association met yesterday in the Board of Trade Rooms for the purpose of arranging for a recruiting campaign in the outports. Sir Joseph Outerbridge presided and it was decided to begin with a systematic campaign in Conception Bay, and to make Heart's Content the depot, where the volunteers belonging to that district would assemble. Soldiers who have returned from active service will assist in the recruiting work and it is hoped that their appeals will meet with the response the great cause deserves.

OBITUARY

REV. JABEZ HILL.

A message from William Ashbourne, Esq. J.P., this morning conveys the sad intimation of the death of Rev. Jabez Hill, at Twillingate. The deceased clergyman came from England to Newfoundland in 1873, when he entered the Methodist Ministry in this country, his first circuit being Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay. His subsequent appointments were Channel, Fortune, Catalina, Fogo, Old Perlican, Freshwater, Twillingate, Wesleyville, Western Bay, Pouch Cove and Brigus. From Brigus he removed to Canada, where he laboured on different circuits in connection with the Hamilton Conference, until failing eyesight made his retirement necessary. In Newfoundland he occupied positions of honour and responsibility in connection with his Conference; such as Chairman of District, President of Conference, and Delegate to the General Conference. For more than a year he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. William Ashbourne, of Twillingate, his wife having died in Canada some years since. Many old friends will read of his death with sincere sorrow, to whom, as also to his bereaved relatives, we extend warmest sympathy.

MR. WM. H. GOODLAND

An estimable, widely known and most respected citizen died this morning in the person of Mr. Wm. H. Goodland, of the firm of Gray & Goodland, Water Street. Mr. Goodland was a man who was highly regarded in the community and justly so for he was the personification of those traits of head and heart which endear a man to his fellows. He was prominent socially and for many years was President of the Nfld. British Society and also Grand Treasurer of the Sons of United Fishermen. Mr. Goodland was one of the oldest and best printers in the city and in the beginning of his career served with the late Mr. Fredk. Bowden for many years, later working on the Evening Telegram and he had the reputation of being an artist in his profession. For the past 25 years he has been in business with Mr. Wm. Gray in the publishing and stationary house of Gray & Goodland. A wife and several sons and daughters are left to mourn the deceased and to them The Mail and Advocate proffers its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

REID CO'S SHIPS.

S.S. Argyle left Sound Isld. at 6.55 a.m. yesterday, inward.

S.S. Clyde arrived at Lewisporte at 9.20 a.m.

S.S. Dundee left Wesleyville at 9.20 a.m. yesterday.

S.S. Ethie arrived at Humbermouth at 2.30 p.m. yesterday.

S.S. Glencoe is leaving Placentia to-day.

S.S. Home left Springdale early yesterday morning going out.

S.S. Neptune is on her way from N. Sydney with freight.

S.S. Kyle left Port aux Basques at 12.50 a.m.

S.S. Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.20 a.m.

S.S. Meigle is on her way to North Sydney.

S.S. Wren arrived at Clarenville at 5.20 p.m. yesterday.

ANOTHER RECRUITIN RALLY

To-night there will be another big recruiting rally, which will begin at the Recruiting Department, near the Court House. A parade will start at 7.30 and the Highlanders' pipers will precede the demonstration. The procession will go through Water Street to the British Hall, where addresses will be made by Lieut. Cyril Carter and W. R. Howley, K.C.

WINTRY WEATHER PREVAILS

Along the railway line yesterday the weather had a decidedly wintry appearance and from the Topsails West snow fell in considerable quantities during the night.

Laid To Rest

LOCAL ITEMS

The shore train arrived at 12.15 to-day.

Mr. C. R. Rendell of the Tailor Stores, Manuels, who has been visiting the city on business, returned home by to-day's express.

A girl from Waterford Road was sent to Hospital yesterday ill of diphtheria. This is the first case of contagious disease reported for over a week.

Some fine salmon were taken on the Southern Shore to-day, especially at Cape Broyle. The fish were sold to city dealers and fetched 25 cents per pound.

There will be a meeting this evening at 8 o'clock in Canon Wood Hall of St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class. Mr. W. H. Jones will address the meeting, taking as his subject—"The Ragged Army." All men are cordially invited to attend.

Among the number who enlisted in the R.N.R. the last 2 days were—Leo. R. Byrne, J. H. Burridge, R. J. Coleman, St. John's; Wilfred J. Bonnell, Lamaline; E. W. Harlich, Fair Island, B.B.; E. T. Allen, Burin.

Mr. E. Whiteway received a message from Dr. McKay of Catalina stating a boy of that place had been accidentally shot there last evening and that he was being rushed to St. John's by to-day's express for treatment at the hospital.

People residing in the region of New Gower and Barron Streets complain that a number of the rougher element gather at the foot of Barron Street each night and their behaviour is most disgraceful. The police are requested to visit that section at night and thus prevent decent people from being insulted as they pass by.

LAME DUCK IN PORT.

The S.S. "Ellsworth Hall" arrived here this morning in command of Capt. Melke, 18 days out from Norfolk, Va. to Liverpool, G.B. The ship has had a terrible time of it ever since leaving Norfolk, gale succeeding and mountainous seas running. The weather during the 17th, 18th, and 19th inst. was awful and the wind blew with hurricane force, while the sea was the worst that captain and crew ever experienced. Seas swept constantly on board and at times it was very risky for the crew to work the decks. The waves running on board smashed everything in their way and all moveable objects were swept overboard. The rudder was put out of commission, deck steam pipes broken, the bulwarks battered away on the port side forward, and general havoc was wrought. The ship has a cargo of cotton and timber, and will get thorough repairs and an overhaul in this port before resuming her voyage. Bowring Bros. Ltd. are her agents. The Ellsworth Hall is 3,797 tons gross, 2,459 net; is 340 ft. long, 48.1 ft. wide, 25 ft. deep. She is owned by Weidner, Hopkins Sons, of New Castle on Tyre, and was built in 1901.

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