

"VICTORY" FLOUR-- THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

From Our Fighting Boys

Sailors and Soldiers Write of How They Are Enjoying Naval and Military Life--All Seem Happy and Enjoying Themselves

Ambrose Perks, son of the late Sgt. Perks, a member of our Naval Reserve, recently wrote to his mother from Liverpool. Ambrose, when the first contingent was formed, enlisted and spent months under canvas with the boys at Pleasantville but was not allowed to go on active service owing to his youth, he not being 17 years old then. He was determined to do something for the flag, however, and plucky lad that he is, joined the Naval Reserve going off with the first draft of our men.

For a number of months he was on H. M. S. Cork running to Ireland, and now is on a ship plying to the African Coast and is a gunner on board. He received a great shock when he learned of the death of his brother Joseph. He is a great pal of another gunner, an English chap named Rayour, who was one of the saved on H. M. S. "Cressy."

Ambrose, who was a member of the C.C.C. here wishes to be remembered to all the boys. He has determined when his year of service expires in January to enlist for the duration of the war, a fact which goes to illustrate the pluck and patriotism of the lad. He likes the service and is in excellent health.

Chief P. Kean of the Western Fire Station had a very interesting letter Tuesday from his son, Private George Kean with our lads at Gallipoli. He says though it is warm in the day the nights are very cold, and that they spend a week in the trenches and a week at the rear of the lines. The Turks often send their compliments in the shape of shells, and the British artillery return the grim courtesy with interest.

The chaplains of the regiments near them take a keen interest in the Newfoundland boys, and the day before he wrote the Catholic boys attended mass, celebrated in camp, and received Holy Communion. Mass was to be said the next day for those who could not then attend. When shells burst near all lie flat on the ground which is a good way to escape being hit as the fragments fly upward.

George says, he like all the boys, enjoys great health and is in excellent spirits. He asks his parents to remember him to all his friends and chums here.

Obituary

The death occurred yesterday at his residence, Topsail Road, of a respected resident, Mr. Edmund O'Neil. The deceased was for over a quarter of a century, one of the keepers at the Lunatic Asylum, but was retired last year owing to ill health. The Mail and Advocate extends its condolence to the wife and family in their bereavement.

Another well known and respected resident of the West End, in the person of Mr. Michael Keefe, butcher, passed away on Tuesday last after a long illness. Mr. Keefe formerly conducted a prosperous business as butcher, and was one of our most expert seal skinner. He is survived by several sons and one daughter, to whom The Mail and Advocate extends its sympathy.

SHIP BADLY DAMAGED

The S.S. Queen Margaret went into the dry dock this morning and when the basin was dried out it could be seen the ship was badly damaged by her contact with the rocks which she hit at full speed. From the outer line down the plates are all badly smashed, indented and holed, part of the stem and cut water is gone, keel carried away and the damage extends aft to a point in the hull below the bridge. If permanent repairs are given it will occupy two months at least to effect them.

Rumour has it that when the Blanche M. Rose was abandoned, one of the passengers who had been trading at Grosis Islands left behind him a wallet which contained about \$700. In the excitement of leaving it was forgotten by the owner.

OUR THEATRES.

THE CASINO.

Thoroughly enthusiastic patrons flock to the Casino to witness the magnificent military pictures which are now being shown--one of which is now in its second-week's run--that of Our Boys, and it is safe to say that it is as popular as ever. In their marching, drilling &c. they compare most favorably with the best in the Empire. The other picture, that of Lord Kitchener on his recent tour in France, is a wonderful production and depicts the world-famous Field-Marshal in company with the French Commander-in-Chief, General Joffre, inspecting the trenches in Flanders, reviewing troops &c. One gets a beautiful "silent interview" with this remarkable one of the greatest generals and organizers who ever lived. These pictures are worth everybody's while and strongly advise all who can possibly to go to be sure to see them.

ROSSLEY'S.

The most versatile couple ever seen on a stage is Mr. Ballard Brown and Miss Madge Locke, and to-night they present a new and complete change of programme. Mr. Ballard Brown will sing some first-class songs in his grand style, and appear with Miss Madge Locke in other numbers. Miss Locke will appear as a suffragette with song and speech and you will laugh. The pictures are all changed. The contest will be a dandy on Friday night. Mr. Ballard Brown will help to conduct it. There are some very strong acts to appear. Don't miss it. Mr. Rossley is holding a fancy-dress mask ball at his West End theatre, Dec. 27th. Tickets now on sale at Rossley's East End theatre.

ROSSLEY'S WEST END.

On Monday Dec. 27th Mr. Jack Rossley intends holding a Mask Ball at his beautiful little West End Theatre, as during the pantomime season Mr. Rossley will be engaged in the wonderful production: "Beauty and the Beast" and will not be able to give his personal attention to the West End Theatre to run it as a picture house. He intends to hold several dances during the long winter nights, a percentage of which he will hand over to the W.P.A. These dances will be conducted in first-class style, nothing rough or bosterous will be tolerated for an instant. The first will be a mask fancy dress ball on Dec 7th commencing at 9 p.m. The place is now being transformed into a veritable fairy land. There is in charge a very respectable and capable man and woman. Tickets on sale at Rossley's East End Theatre.

NOTICE

ON and after Monday, December 13th, and until further Notice, the Dry Goods, Hardware, and Grocery Stores, of Bowring Brothers, Limited, will close between the Hours of 1 and 2 p.m. and 6 and 7 p.m. dec9,th,sat,21

SONS OF UNITED FISHERMEN.

Thursday night the annual meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 5, S.U.F., was held in the British Hall when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Worthy Master--Bro. J. J. Coaker.
Chief Officer--Bro. W. J. Churchill.
Second Officer--Bro. R. LeDrew.
Quarter Master--Bro. J. W. Billard.
Lookout--Bro. Wm. Duffett.
Purser--Bro. J. Curnew, P.M.
Secretary--Bro. A. E. Withycombe, P.M.
Chaplain--Bro. Geo. House, P.M.
Committee--J. Bartlett, Chairman; I. Bridgen, G. Long, P. Summers, J. Jeans, A. Brown.
Auditors--Bros. W. H. Goodland, P. M., and G. House.

DEATH

COWAN--Died early this morning, Eliza Julia, beloved wife of John Cowan. Funeral on Saturday at 2.45 p.m., from her late residence, 37 Queen's Road.

Prominent Sport Skips Country

Son of Water Street Merchant "Folds His Tent and Silently Steals Away"--What Action will the Authorities Take?

We hear, that as the result of the arrest of the unfortunate girl Hearn on a charge of infanticide, a young man, prominent in business and social circles, has like the Arabs "folded his tent and quietly stolen away." His connection with the unfortunate case, it is alleged, has impelled him to this course, but whether the authorities will make an effort to stop him in his flight remains to be seen.

No political or personal consideration nor social "pull" should thwart justice in this case. The culprit should get no chance of escape and if his unfortunate victim is suffering, he should share it.

We will watch the outcome of this matter with interested concern, as we believe the public will also do.

STEAMER SHORT OF COAL.

The S. S. Nascent, Capt. Caldecott, arrived here at 6.30 p.m. yesterday, 10 days out from New York for London. The ship on her run had a succession of heavy gales and very high seas which impeded her greatly and caused an abnormal consumption of coal, so that she ran short in the bunkers, and on Saturday last it was decided to bear up for this port to restock. The Nascent is a new boat having been launched in January last, and is now making her second voyage across the Atlantic.

SUCCESSFUL SALE AT CANON WOOD HALL.

The Patriotic sale which took place at Canon Wood Hall yesterday under the patronage of Lady Davidson, president of the W. P. A., was highly gratifying to the lady promoters and was an unqualified success. The hall was thronged in the afternoon and evening, and the ladies in charge of the booths had all they could attend to. Before closing, the goods left over, were sold at auction by Mr. Stirling and went quickly. A number of photos of Lady Davidson were also disposed of and the proceeds of the sale go to the W.P.A. Fund, except what was realized at the store stall, which will be handed over to St. Thomas' Women's Association, the promoters of the sale. The booths and holders were as follows:--

- Association Work Table--Mesdames Malcolm, Findlater, Hunt; Miss Payne Jumble Stall--Mesdames F. Carter, Maidment, G. I. Anderson.
 - Christmas Dainties--Mesdames H. W. LeMessurier, W. Knowling, W. Willis.
 - Book Stall--Mesdames Clayton, Barton; Miss N. Rendell.
 - Candy Stall--Mesdames A. Hayward, Berteau, W. B. Fraser, Misses Ellis, Wood, A. Hunt.
- The officers of the Association who by their efforts contributed greatly to the success of the Sale are Mesdames F. Rendell, H. D. Carter, T. Cook, J. Oke and A. Hayward.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., presided to-day.
A drunk was discharged and another drunk and disorderly in his own house was fined \$20 or 7 days.
A man who was summoned by the Council for having a wooden building on the South Side of Water Street proved that he tore it down and the matter was then adjusted. Mr. R. T. McGrath for deft, Mr. Leo E. Carter for the city.

Several schooners arrived here yesterday from Wesleyville and other places North, all laden with fish. The discharging of these craft will be rushed, so that the vessels may get back home by Christmas.

Caribon are reported plentiful the past week near the Gaff Topsails and a number of people from Bay of Islands and nearby places who went there, secured the number of heads allowed. Very few sportsmen, however, have been about there this season.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

DECEMBER 9th.

Milton born, 1608.
John O'Donovan, Irish antiquarian, died, 1861.

Tynan, for killing Manning, sentenced to eleven months, 1862.
Gladstone's first Ministry formed 1868.

James McDonald, H. M. C., died suddenly, 1877.

Dry Dock, Riverhead, opened, but steamer Tenedos did not succeed in getting on, owing to grounding at mouth of dock, 1884.

Lady Glover presented Alfred Moores with a silver medal, and his companions, Messrs C. Mundy, D. Baldwin, N. Noseworthy, and E. Langmead, with bronze medals, for bravery in rescuing the survivors of the lost vessel "Water Witch, 1876.

General thanksgiving day, by order of the Governor, 1873.

Ben Cowan's rope factory, Hoylestown, burnt, 1873.

John (the late) McDougall married Miss Rorke, 1873.

Walter S. Monroe married Miss Smith, 1899.

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT.--Keep it free for John Bull's Patriotic Plerettes, who will give an Entertainment consisting of Concert, Play and Operetta, under the direction of Mrs. Chater and Mr. Hutton, in the Methodist College Hall, in aid of our Sick and Wounded. Particulars later. --31ths

ADJOURNED UNTIL 15TH

The preliminary enquiry into the case of barratry preferred against Job and Nathan Roberts and E. M. Burgess was adjourned to-day until Wednesday next, the 15th inst. Each person has given his own bonds in \$5000 and found two other sureties in \$2500 each or an aggregate bail of \$30,000.

REMOVAL NOTICE!

F. A. MEWS
Barrister, Solicitor, & Notary

ADDRESS:
City Chambers
Water Street
(Over Royal Bank of Canada
1st Floor)
dec4,2w,s,th Phone 601.

PROMOTIONS FOR SOLDIER LADS.

We hear today on very good authority that Wallace Ross, who was recently seriously wounded at Gallipoli, Herbert Power and John Edens, the latter of the C.C.C., will be given Commissions as Lieutenants, as well as Gus Summers. We hear that Lieut. James Donnelly, also of the C.C.C., has so distinguished himself that he has been recommended for the D.S.O. We heartily congratulate all those brave lads and their parents and friends.

Lieut. Donnelly was in the same action in which Ross had his arm shattered and distinguished himself in such a manner that his action was brought under the notice of his superior officers.

We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.--nov23

H COMPANY'S GOOD SHOOTING

At the 200 yards range on the South Side yesterday forenoon and afternoon the men of "H" Company did good work with the rifle, rapid fire practice at head and shoulders target. Five shots in 40 seconds were fired, when W. LeDrew made the possible 20, A. Branfield 18, J. Gibbenhuck 16, W. Oake 16, J. Ford 16, R. Mercer 16, W. J. Hiscok 14, J. Snow 14, A. J. Wagg 14, S. Clarke 14, J. Clarke 12, W. J. Pilley 10, M. Pardy 10, E. Brake 10.

In the afternoon on the moving man target, (five shots in 30 seconds) the scores were:-- J. O. Newman 18; A. House 18, F. Saunders 18, E. Broderick 18, L. Shortall 14, A. Hynes, 14, W. E. Antle 14, W. Caines 12, J. Lane 10, M. Williams 10.

Three Smuggling Cases Reported

Customs Department Get After Captains of Local Coast Traders Who Have Evaded the Law--Each Offender Fined \$50.00

Mr. H. W. Lemessurier had telegraphic information today that John Walsh, master of the Forget-me-not, was charged before Magistrate Avery at Burin by Inspector O'Rielly with a breach of the Customs Act in not clearing his schooner and was fined \$50.

Valentine Manning, of Odein, was also charged before the same for smuggling tobacco and was fined \$50 or 30 days in jail.

Joseph Cheeseman, for a breach of the Customs Act in failing to report his schooner, was fined \$50 and costs.

Obituary

MRS. JOHN COWAN.

We regret exceedingly to-day, to record the demise of a lady, whose name was associated with everything good and noble in our social and religious life and who was well and favourably known to the whole community, especially to a large circle of intimates who esteemed her for her many excellent qualities.

We refer to Mrs. Cowan, wife of our esteemed fellow townsman, Mr. John Cowan, broker.

Mrs. Cowan suffered from a wasting illness of several months' duration, bearing it with commendable fortitude and resignation, the end coming calmly and peacefully and was a welcome release to one who had suffered much. As her life was one of service, kindness and charity, so her passing was unadmired in her the exemplary traits of character which endeared her to so many. To her sorrowing husband and family the sympathy of the whole community will be extended.

There are left to mourn her, two daughters and six sons, Messrs. H. E. of Andersons; Peter (broker), Ernest J. and George now serving in France; Albert in Alberta, and Edgar, of Montreal, who returned here for a short visit last week. There is also one sister, Mrs. Stephen Walein of this city, and five brothers, of which H. J. Earle of Fogo and F. C. Earle of Change Islands are the only two now residing in the Colony. The Mail and Advocate extends its sincerest condolence.

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Furs.--nov23

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPPING.

Mr. H. W. Lemessurier had the following telegrams today:--
The S.S. D. A. Gordon, Capt. Ritchey, arrived at Gloucester yesterday, coal laden to the Reid Nfld. Co., and the Cape Breton at Humbermouth to the same.

The schr. Monitor entered at Bonne Bay yesterday to land bulk herring for Gloucester.

The schr. Muriel Walters cleared from Bonne Bay yesterday for Gloucester with 1515 bbls. herring.

The schr. John Hayes Hammond cleared from Bonne Bay yesterday with 1,494 bbls. herring and 8000 lbs. cod for Gloucester.

The schr. Gladiator cleared from Bonne Bay for Bucksport, Me., with 1,300 lbs. herring.

The Viola May with 4,094 qtls. codfish and the Marion Adams with 3,647 qtls. cleared from Grand Bank for Oporto yesterday.

NOT TRUE

LONDON, Dec. 9.--In a despatch from Amsterdam, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., referring to the Frankfurter Zeitung's reports that Montenegro has expressed a desire for separate peace, says: "A Serbian diplomat, now in Holland, has declared the whole statement to be without foundation."

When an experienced shepherd sees the first lamb in the spring he notes whether its head or tail is turned toward him. If the former he will have plenty meat to eat during the year; if the latter, he looks for nothing beyond milk and bread, and vegetables without beef, and perhaps ham.

SHIPPING

The Nellie M. arrived at Pernambuco Monday after a run of 45 days.

The Metamora, Capt. Lewis, is loading herring at Hr. Buffet from Job Bros. & Co. for Gloucester.

The schr. 'Duchess of Cornwall' is loading codfish at Burgeo from R. Moulton for Brazil.

Quite a fleet of Northern schooners which had been detained here for weeks by the N. E. wind, left here yesterday afternoon for their home ports.

The French schooner 'St. Michael' which was damaged by the storms on her voyage from Cadiz is now loading at the Smith Co.'s premises for Europe, repairs having been effected.

BEAR HUNTERS

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffree) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work upon their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet; you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you find the heels and soles quickly fill with jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and in through toe you will find the water go; coughs and colds with speed will follow--your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end--in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise 'tis a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."--nov12,tf

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According to news from other sources the Bulgarians are concentrating considerable forces in the Strumitza region.

Official Serbian advices place the number of Serbian troops who retired into Albania at 220,000. The Austro-German forces employed in the Serbian campaign are estimated at 20 divisions (240,000), of which five divisions are said to be Austrian.

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These predictions are made to-day by Thomas R. Macmechin, aeronautical engineer and President of the aeronautical series of America. He recently returned from England where a small dirigible, which he in part designed, and which is intended to be a torpedo destroyer of the air has been completed by a syndicate under official British eyes.

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