

# Early Closing Bill Passes Unanimously.

The knowledge that on its second reading the Early Closing Bill would be debated fully yesterday afternoon brought large numbers of people to the Assembly. The motion for the suspension of the rules of the House had been carried before the Bill was taken up for discussion, and previous to that the Premier presented a petition on the same subject from L. B. Taylor and 1,500 other citizens. This gave the number of signatures to the petition as 5,250, with a petition from Bell Island, not yet arrived, and having appended the names of about 200 others, so that the total number signing the document would amount to over 5,500 voters. The Premier said that as he had observed on the day he had previously dealt with the matter, he had been actuated by no other motive in presenting the petition than by putting it fairly before the House. Our people were advancing in sobriety, and the traffic had been restricted from time to time in such a way as to improve it. The fact of the Legislature being compelled to consider legislation that the business was not of the ordinary kind. Care should be exercised to give fair legislation would be justifiable in curtailing the sale of liquor without bearing unfairly on publicans. With 5,500 signing this petition, he thought that a majority of the city voters were represented, and this being so, he could not regard the petition as a nuisance from the people, and he therefore deemed it his duty to vote for the Bill.

When the Bill came up for its second reading, Hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Morrison) explained its provisions. After the Bill had been read a second time, the House went into Committee of the Whole upon it. Mr. Parsons occupying the chair. The Min. of Justice (Hon. Mr. Morrison) said in moving the adoption of the first section that it was the most important measure that had come before the House during the present session. No other measure was so far-reaching in import. A steady tide had been setting in for the restriction of the sale of intoxicating liquors. The question before the chair was to have the bill passed close at 5 p.m. Instead of 9 p.m. as at present, and the petition had stated that for many years public opinion had been increasing along the lines of decreasing the sale of alcoholic liquors. He showed how that in 1905 the question came before the Legislature, when a commission was appointed to consider it. That commission was representative of various interests, and its personnel was Rev. Dr. Curtis, Fr. Kitchin, Geo. Bolt, C. V. Cogan, Dr. Robertson, W. T. D. Dunn, J. Thackeray, Col. Williams, S.A., Hon. J. J. Rogerson, E. M. Jackman, Dr. Skelton, Jno. Harris, J. D. Ryan and A. J. Harvey. These gentlemen who were still with us and had signed it were Rev. Dr. Curtis, Fr. Kitchin, G. H. Bolt, J. Thackeray and Hon. A. J. Harvey, while those who had died or left the country were replaced by Rev. H. Uphill, Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Col. Rees and Capt. Cave. Mr. Jackman had not signed it, being in favor of the vote of the people. These people were supporters of the idea of closing the saloons at 6 p.m. The Bill was fully discussed in the House in 1905 and was referred to a Select Committee, comprising the present Premier and Messrs. Jackman, Gushie, Floyd, Keit, Hutchings and Morine. The Committee presented a report signed by all except Mr. Morine, but every one of the six signed will reservations. They could not agree upon the different suggestions made by the Committee. The Report was brought before the House in 1906; Sir E. P. Morris brought in a Bill which is now on the Statute Book as to the consolidation of the License Law of that year, and there was a warm discussion as to further restricting the traffic. Mr. Jackman

moved that a poll be taken on the matter, when it was pointed out that such a course would be indicating the functions of the House as a Legislature, and that all should express their opinions freely on the matter. He (Mr. Morrison) concurred in this now, as he did then; showed how unwise it would be to go to the polls on the subject, traced the progress of local option in Harbor Main; believed the same would be carried in St. John's but for over-zealousness and imprudence; emphasized that this petition was signed by a majority of citizens of all classes and creeds; praised the activities of the societies, unions and officers generally in the matter; extolled the good will of the people of extern districts in signing it; quoted eminent Catholic Ecclesiastics and Divines on the terrible effects of the traffic and promised the Bill his most hearty support.

Mr. Emerson considered it his duty to support the measure as a legislator, a citizen and a parent. He asserted that it would not inflict a hardship on any person in St. John's. Mr. Warren—He did not approve the Bill but would vote for it. There were some points in it which did not appeal to him. Considering as it did so many votes, the petition was a mandate from the people. Many men perform their business daily and take a glass after 6 p.m., but if the stores were all closed at 6 p.m. they would drink during the day, and this would be to the detriment of their interests. It was false to assume that every man who visited a public house drank to excess, nor would the closing at 6 o'clock reform the intemperate. The men who drank hard would get liquor. A wastrel could not work, and yet he was the man this Bill would protect; but the working man in factory shop or office or on what might be deemed a drink if he required it, though he is of sober and temperate habits. If there was as much drunkenness as all were led to believe in the city, what was being done outside the Legislature to stop it? Halls and clubs were spoken of and praised, but what support was given for a fisherman's hall when proposed by Dr. Greenfell? He had to go outside to get the money to build it. It was hoped to build up the restricted tourist traffic here. Could it be done if liquor was prohibited? A hotel was wanted, but would any person build a modern hotel unless alcohol were allowed to be sold in it? He thought not. The Hon. Minister of Justice wanted to have St. John's a much better town than when he came into it. It was to-day a much better town than when he came into it, and would be still a much better town after he had left it, and in saying this he thought he was paying the lion, gentleman a very high compliment, because he had been always working for temperance reform along lines of moral suasion and by legislation, and his example was an inspiration to many to do good. The town was better, but legislation had also made it so, but the good precept and moral example of the leaders of thought like the gentlemen who were the promoters of the petition. The men who wanted drink would get it before 6 o'clock, and taking it home would drink it there. He advocated an anti-treating law, as he considered that 90 per cent. of the evils of drink arose from the habit of treating; held that drink would not be lessened by this Bill, and that as much liquor would be procured before 6 p.m.

Mr. Frank Morris would vote for the Bill not that he was convinced that such a measure was absolutely necessary for the moral welfare of citizens, but because the majority of the people asked for it. He held that our court records did not prove that any great section of people were going wrong, because it was the same people almost who came before the court from year to year. He held that this closing should be a Municipal matter. Mr. Shea would support the Bill, believing it was a mandate from the people, as he was not satisfied it was backed by a majority of the voters of the city. He was sorry that the Bill had not been confined to the matter of the early closing of the saloons alone, but that other clauses were introduced to be rushed through with undue haste and because the suspension of the rules permitted this. He would support the principal clause of the Bill and he hoped that the new law would improve to the Bill that the promoters desired. Mr. Pratt was in favor of the motion which he believed was signed by a majority of voters. The Bill made for the welfare of the citizen and the wives and children depending upon him, and while he praised the temperate principles of the people, he believed that there were many given to indulge in drinking when this Bill would benefit. It would keep young men from the saloon and help to reform the drunkard and wastrel. Mr. Kennedy rejoiced in the unanimity of members in favouring the Bill. He had worked for the success of the measure himself and was proud to be a member of a Society which had done so much for the success of the Act. This legislation would be a step towards total prohibition. Mr. Bennett had given the matter careful consideration, and as he believed the greater number of voters had signed the petition he should give it his support. He was sorry the petition did not go far enough. If it were wrong to drink after 6 it was wrong to drink before 6. He thought that reforms were as necessary in the higher grades of society as in the lower, and regretted that they could not get after others who were neither laborers nor longshoremen. He believed that the time was coming when this whole question should be faced squarely, and when instead of lopping off the limbs the head should be cut and the liquor question decided once for all. He favored total prohibition and held that there was discrimination used under the present law against the ordinary saloon keeper and in favor of the grocer and spirit dealer combined who could open his premises at 8 o'clock a.m. while the other could not open till 9. He later moved an amendment putting all dealers on the same footing as regards opening and closing, and this was adopted by the committee. Mr. Houston was strongly in favour of the Bill, was glad to see St. John's gradually falling into line with the rest of the country. Mr. Downey strongly supported the Bill. He depicted the riotous scenes on our principal streets through drunkenness on Saturday nights especially, and held that the adoption of the measure would save untold hardship to many men, women and children. Mr. Goodison could not subscribe to the contention that this was a matter for city members alone. He represented the pioneer Local Option District, Carleton, and he could not but support such a Bill.

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## NOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. Michael Woodfine, of Northern Bay, who incurred such a serious loss by fire some weeks ago, gratefully acknowledges the sum of \$118.00 (One hundred and sixteen dollars) from the people of the following localities:—  
Northern Bay, \$22.00  
Barn Point, Gall Island and Job's Cove, \$31.00  
Adam's Cove, Blackhead, and Broad Cove, \$12.00  
Lower Island Cove, \$10.00  
Bay-de-Verde and Red Head Cove, \$25.00  
Old Perlican and Grate's Cove, \$20.00  
Total, \$118.00  
Northern Bay, March 20th, 1911.

## FINE ALONG RAILWAY.

Along the railway line last night the conditions were calm and fine; the temperature ranged from 29 to 32 above.

## THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK.

The entertainment of the Pierrot Troupe, announced for Friday, 21st prox., will be given instead on the evening of Thursday, 20th prox., in the Methodist College Hall.

## LECTURE.—In aid of a Cottage Hospital for Consumptives, by M. W. Furlong, Esq., K.C. Subject: "A Poet who would be King." In the British Hall on Tuesday, March 28th, at 8.30 p.m. Admission 20c. E. MACHPHERSON, Hon. Sec. Daughters of the Empire.—mar27.21

## STAR OF THE SEA ASSOCIATION.

Rev. J. K. Curtis will deliver a lecture to the members of the Star of the Sea Association and their friends, on Wednesday night at 8.30 o'clock. Subject: Gladstone and Home Rule. Lady friends cordially invited. W. F. GRABAY, Secretary S.S.A.

## CAPE REPORT.

CAPE RAGE, To-Day. Wind west, light, weather fine; nothing sighted since last report. Bar, 29.65; ther. 4.

## CANTATA AND SOCIABLE.

If you wish to spend a pleasant and enjoyable evening you could not do better than go to the Methodist College Hall, to-morrow. The Steadfast Mission Band have done everything possible to insure a pleasant evening. Queen Flora, Mother Nature, and all the flowers will be in evidence. Refreshments will also be served at the close of the entertainment.

## WARD'S LINIMENT CURE'S BURNS, ETC.

Passed peacefully away, at Grand Falls, at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, Viola Clarke, aged 27 years, wife of Wm. B. Long and second eldest daughter of Jessie and the late Benjamin Clarke of the South Side, leaving a husband, one child, mother, two sisters and two brothers to mourn their sad loss; funeral took place to-day from 86 Duckworth Street.

## South Pole News.

Terra Nova Back to New Zealand.

Special Evening Telegram. CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z., To-day. Capt. Ponnell of the Scott South Pole expedition, who brought the Terra Nova back, says when the vessel reached Bay Whalers on Feb. 14th, they found the Fram already there with the Amundsen expedition. They had gone into winter quarters. This expedition was furnished with a full equipment for a journey to the Pole. A despatch from Capt. Scott dated McMurdo Sound, January 25th, tells of the adventurous voyage of the vessel, which was nearly lost in a heavy gale on its route from New Zealand. He encountered difficulties owing to the heavy pack of the ice and this delayed the voyage. On reaching McMurdo Sound, they found it exceptionally open and decided to make their winter quarters at Capt. Vanast. The landing of stores entailed a loss by the sinking of a motor sled through an ice-hole. When the despatch left, Capt. Scott was starting on a sledge journey to the South Pole with twelve men. He expects to return in April. Sir Ernest Shackleton, the other British Polar expert, expresses surprise to find Amundsen already on the ground within Scott's sphere of travel. Dr. Mason, leader of the projected Australian expedition, also complains because Scott landed one of his parties at Cape Adair, one of Mason's intended bases.

## A Grand Spectacle.

Dear Sir,—An imposing and edifying scene was witnessed by those who had the privilege of attending the first mass at the Cathedral this morning, when upwards of 300 boys, between the age of seven and ten years old, received their first Holy Communion. All these boys belong to the Christian Brothers schools and were neatly attired in black clothing, each wearing a deep white collar, white bow, white gloves and a white rosette attached to the left breast. The orderly manner and religious demeanour with which these boys moved to and from their places in the church was most attractive and speaks well for the careful training they received from their teachers and it must, I am sure, have fully repaid the good Christian Brothers for all their care and attention. May God bless all those young hearts who were made so happy to-day, and may the blessings they received preserve them from all the dangers and temptations they may have to encounter during life. Yours truly, PATER.

St. John's, March 28, 1911.

## The Prospero Here From Westward.

The s.s. Prospero, Capt. T. Fitzpatrick, arrived here at 4.35 p.m. yesterday after a good trip up and down the coast. She left here on the 14th inst. and had it fine until the 20th, when she met a gale with sleet and rain and had to remain all night at Grand Bank. She left Burgeo at 1 a.m. Thursday, and at 4 a.m. had a S.E. snowstorm until she reached Rose Blanche. She arrived at Port aux Basques in a gale with thick fog and which later changed into heavy snow flurries. She left again at 4 a.m. Friday and had a good run to port. Her passengers were H. Daws, H. Reddy, J. Fleming, Miss O'Toole and 20 second class.

## The Nordcap Here.

The S. S. Nordcap, Capt. Boa, arrived here this morning from Blyth, England with a cargo of coal for A. J. Harvey & Co. She left on the 9th inst., and had stormy weather all through the voyage with heavy gales from S. E. and N., mountainous seas and thick snow and squally. Several times the ship had to lay to and had some damage done forward by the ice which she encountered about 200 miles east of this port. She ran through part of the big body which was there and several seals were seen on it and then leaving the ice had to steam away south to avoid it. In the ice were numerous bergs and for hours the ship was beset by fog. She sails for Sydney after discharging and then to France returning to Gift Cove will load Copper for Swansea.

## Sad Ending of a Young Life.

A young woman named Zilza Lyden, of Bishop's Cove, whose parents are dead, committed suicide at that place on Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock by jumping into the sea. Spd to say before help could reach her, although she was seen by two persons to make the jump, she was dead when found. After the body had been recovered by the aid of a boat, artificial respiration was kept up by Mr. Esau Adams and Rev. E. E. Rusted for some hours; but to no avail, the vital spark had departed. What makes the affair sadder than it would otherwise have been, an unmarried brother, with whom she lived and herself were on the most happy terms and lived quietly and amicably together. It is supposed the poor girl's mind became temporarily unbalanced through some cause, and while in that state she committed self-destruction. She was 22 years of age.—Standard.

## Sale of Work at Freshwater.

In spite of the bad weather on Thursday, March 23rd, a large audience was present in the Lecture Hall to support the Sale of Work and tea given by the Ladies' Aid Society. It was to have gone off before, but unforeseen circumstances prevented it, and not until the present time did a suitable occasion for it present itself, and we must congratulate the ladies on the way in which they availed themselves of that opportunity, for so highly successful was the enterprise that a continuation of it on Friday night was deemed necessary by all. Our brave ladies in the early part of this year ordered the Trustees of the Church to order a new organ and hold them responsible for the payment. A splendid instrument was supplied by Mr. Ayre; and after showing the audience by a day's use the excellence of the organ, the ladies determined to canvass the community; every one heartily supported them and they raised a handsome sum. Their tea and sale of Thursday and Friday nights now completes the payment and leaves a balance on hand. The organ is a beauty, and all highly appreciate the energetic action of the ladies.—Com.

## DISLOCATED THUMB.

Mr. Paul Bell of the Nickel employ, met with a nasty accident last week in the course of his work at the B. I. S. Hall. He threw the bone of his right thumb out of place. The Const. J. Foley of the East End Station, heard of the occurrence and succeeded in fixing the dislocated bone in its proper position. The "First Aid" Class is daily furnishing fresh examples of its great service.

## EDITOR BROWNE

Of the Rockford Morning Star.

"About seven years ago I ceased drinking coffee to give your Postum a trial. "I had suffered acutely from various forms of indigestion and my stomach had become so disordered as to repel almost every sort of substantial food. My general health was bad. At close intervals I would suffer severe attacks which confined me to bed for a week or more. Soon after changing from coffee to Postum the indigestion abated, and in a short time ceased entirely. I have continued the daily use of your excellent Food Drink and assure you most cordially that I am indebted to you for the relief it has brought me. "Wishing you a continual success, I am Yours very truly, J. Stanley Browne.

Managing Editor.

Of course, when a man's health shows he can stand coffee without trouble, let him drink it, but most highly organized brain-workers simply cannot.

The drugs natural to the coffee berry affect the stomach and other organs and thence to the complex nervous system, throwing it out of balance and producing disorders in various parts of the body. Keep up this daily poisoning and serious disease gradually supervenes. So when men or women find that coffee is a smooth but deadly enemy and health is of any value at all, there is but one road—quit. It is easy to find out if coffee be the cause of the troubles, for if left out 10 days and Postum be used in its place and the sick and diseased conditions begin to disappear, the proof is unanswerable.

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## Tim Shann

## After a Brief Sick Tuckey

"Hello," says Tucker as I get last night, "where were you, Tim, that steamer that arrived in St. John's and saw the millions of seals, getting to get on the list of Old Peasants?" "Never felt as bad in all my life," I laid up a whole solid with pains in my back and head, and the papers closely to see they announce my illness but solitary item appeared. How is some of us can be within the very of death and the papers never a word about us, while there are ers who if they have a pain in big toe must get their condition ported every day? "Content to room, that's the tomy way of put it; but I'll tell ye that I was that that for I couldn't get to bed if I got a thousand dollars. One thing I was thankful for, I jeders coming with the provy three oranges in a 7 lb. bag, nor there any gossiping old women delapidated mules; none of the that sympathizes with you, sneaky wife and tell you that is just the way John Thomas complaining this time twelvemonth. "Oh," says Mrs. Tucker, "you like the rest of your gang, the procession of cranky old, but that totter sideways down the lane of life. Days will come days will go, but some fine mo you'll wake up to find that friends are all gone, then you'll into the past and almost curse self for being so idiotic as not to unto yourself a wife."

Delaney came in and interrupt conversation. Delaney has a pu "brogues" on his No. 11 "spoons" must have been worn by some warrior. He stamps the snow of feet as if he was trying to break the floor. Mrs. Tucker bats this Mrs. Tucker's hates or dislikes of things that she doesn't say hates. There are lots of us like we put up with many inconven from others, simply because it pa to do so, and thus it is with Tucker. Delaney is a good t he's rough and ready but genuine just the same, and now that the per season is dawning, and Dela a holy terror for lifting them of baymen. Mrs. Tucker keeps the "And where were you those six nights," says Tucker, "w thought ye were all gone to whale factory, not a sign of ye did I see."

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and a delight, only tin.  
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