

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL

There were crowded audiences at the Nickel Theatre again last evening, and patrons were all delighted with the performance.

THE CRESCENT

Grechan Hartman and Jose Ruben are presented in "Alias Jimmie Barton" at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day.

St John's Municipal Council Tenders.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until THURSDAY, 19th inst., at 4 p.m., for the purchase of that building known as the "Coffin House."

The structure is to be removed within fourteen days after the sale, and the place cleaned up to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

The Council does not bind itself to accept any tender. By order, JNO. L. SLATTERY, Secy.-Treas.

St. John's Municipal Council Tenders.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until THURSDAY, 19th inst., at 4 p.m., for certain curb and gutter work to be done on Rennie's Mill Road.

All information relating to the same can be secured on application at the office of the City Engineer.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order, JNO. L. SLATTERY, Secy.-Treas.

CORN

Ex. Florizel--600 Sacks.

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Naval Reservist Wm. Butler Dead

(To the Editor) Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you a telegram has been received from the Admiralty stating that William Butler, Seaman Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve, 1428X, died in Hospital at Ismailia, Suez Canal, on the 11th instant.

Butler joined the Reserve on 30th November, 1914, and took passage to England in S.S. Mongolian on 17th December, 1914.

Capt. Will Parsons Wins Military Cross

(To the Editor) Dear Sir,—I beg to acquaint you that His Excellency the Governor has received a cablegram from the War Office, London, conveying the information that Captain W. H. Parsons has been awarded the Military Cross.

DO YOU WISH TO INCREASE YOUR EARNING CAPACITY? If So, Read This: Two practical stenographers, with several years' business training, are desirous of obtaining a limited number of pupils for Shorthand and Typewriting.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Yesterday the volunteers were engaged in drill in the armoury and had a route march in the afternoon, while a squad had rifle practice on the South Side.

"GOLD BOND" Cut Tobacco.

The very Best. 10c. per tin. M. A. DUFFY, Wholesale Distributor.

The Shortage of Fish

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Had a trade of the kind contemplated been in existence when the war broke out, how profitable it would have been to all concerned and what a help to the Motherland in this hour of trial.

At the general stock-taking at the end of the war, when our Imperial assets are being passed under review in the Great Conference of the Empire which is even now being arranged, for is the fish supply from Newfoundland to be taken into account, or will want of preparedness again stand in the way.

His Excellency the Governor has warned us again and again of the necessity of looking ahead, of making ready beforehand. He has always insisted that the war would be a long one, and that in all calculations, in all trade arrangements for the future, and particularly so in this question, of the development of the fisheries, it is wise to assume that at the end of the war we shall have to deal with entirely changed conditions, and that those who have not equipped themselves in advance to cope with them will be left standing.

How right he has been in his judgment about the war we all know, and we can see that if it goes on much longer he will be equally right about the food supply. It may become one of the most serious of all questions, though it is bound to become a serious question in any case whether the war ends soon or not.

The Washington Geographical Journal called attention soon after the war began to the great drain upon meat caused by the immense armies in the field and declared that the only way to bring down the cost of living in the future will be a more scientific exploitation of the resources of the sea.

The Canadian Fisherman has sounded the same warning note. "The day is coming," it says "when meat will be too expensive for any but the wealthy classes."

When that day comes the bulk of mankind will have to go back to fish, just as they did after the Napoleonic wars.

As yet the high cost of living has not caused any very wide-spread distress in Great Britain, not certainly among the working classes, for those who are not actually serving in the ranks are nearly all employed on high wages in munition factories or on other war work.

The real pinch will come a year or so after the war is over, when all this work is at an end, when the exhaustion of the war, and the tightness of money will make it difficult to start new industries and thousands of people will be out of employment, whilst food will be just as dear because of the heavy taxation and the depletion of supplies.

Then, if this country is in a position to send across fish in sufficient quantity to bring the prices in Great Britain down to pre-war rates, or even lower, it will be rendering an inestimable national service.

That is what a very wise and far-sighted British statesman said to me when discussing this question. In the years immediately before us, food is going to be more important, perhaps, than anything else, and the fish of Newfoundland may prove as vital for the Empire as the grain of Canada, or the meat of Australia and New Zealand.

But that fish cannot be supplied unless the necessary preparations are made beforehand. It will be too late when the war is over, the proper time for making them is now.

The putting on of the boots is a relatively small matter. It is the organization of the industry here, the collaboration, the details of working it out, that will make or mar it.

That is why it is important that it should be started with the approval of all concerned; that like the frozen meat industry it should be, in the main, a national enterprise. In that way, and in that way only can it succeed. There will be difficulties to encounter just as there were in the frozen meat trade, but they can be overcome, as those in that trade were, if there be the will to overcome them, and if there be kept steadily in view not the difficulties, but the object to be attained.

What is it Lord Bacon says: "But be the workman, what they may be, let us speak of the work. That is the true greatness of kingdoms, and estates, and the means thereof." But the time is slipping by, two years have already gone, and unless the golden opportunity is seized soon it will be lost.

During those two years Iceland, whose products are almost identical with those of Newfoundland, has made herself rich.

A COLD WAVE

Last night was the coldest for the season and heavy frost prevailed. Early this morning three degrees of frost were registered and across country it was exceptionally cold.

A Clear Example of Patriotism That Pays

Delegate Woods Again Writes on the Increased Cost of Living—Points Out Where a Crushing Burden Has Been Forced on Every Man and Woman in the Country—Those Who Are Guilty of This Are the Loudest Talkers on a Patriotic Platform—Time For the Common Man to be Up and Doing if Life is to be Made Worth Living

(To Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—I must again ask the use of your columns to lay before the public some information as to the enormous increase that has taken place in the price of all commodities since the outbreak of war.

The following is a list by means of which a comparison may be made between the prices prevailing in 1914 and those at present demanded for the same articles in this city:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1914 Price, 1916 Price. Items include Flour per barrel, Sugar per lb, Tea per lb, Butter per lb, etc.

Wearing apparel has increased 30 per cent. Families requisites have increased about 30 per cent. Rents have increased 30 per cent.

There has been in round numbers an increase of 40 per cent. in the prices of the foregoing commodities within the past two years there should moreover be added to this a further percentage of about 5 per cent. to meet the additional expenses that always fall on the poor through their being unable to buy in large quantities.

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England Cathedral.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m., also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 11 (Choral). Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church (Casey Street).—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.; Intercession Service and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Preacher Rev. C. A. Moulton; Sunday School, 2.45 p.m.; Evening Prayer and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher, The Rector; subject: "Where are my children?"

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi.—Holy Communion, second Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer, third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Methodist. Gower St.—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon. George St.—11, Rev. Dr. Bond; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy. Cochrane St.—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. Dr. Bond. Wesley—11, Rev. W. H. Thomas; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

Hon. M.P. Gibbs States His Stand

Has Not Deviated One Iota From the Principles Which he Has Always Advocated—Will Allow no Corporation or Individual to Dictate His Course of Action

(To Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—Mr. F. J. Woods in a letter which appeared in your paper of yesterday's date, defending the position of the Union of which he is President in the recent strike, makes reference to an interview which he had with Mr. H. D. Reid.

In commenting upon it he asks what do I intend to do in the matter, and will I stand by and watch Reid dictate, not alone to the Firemen but to the people in Newfoundland. In reply I beg to say that I have not deviated one iota from the principles which I have always advocated.

Yours truly, F. J. WOODS, President and Delegate Firemen's Union. St. John's, Oct. 14, '16.

LIEUTS. STICKS DOING WELL

Last week letters were received from both Second Lieut. Len Stick and Lieut. Bob Stick. Len who had been in hospital has fully recovered from the wounds received in the head and is now studying for his commission.

To-morrow the Star of the Sea Association will hold a special meeting when officers will be nominated for the coming year and other important business transacted.

The C.L.B. will hold their monthly Church Parade to-morrow afternoon, attending Divine Service at St. Thomas' Church.

Ruehen Rowe, a Newfoundlander, was killed at Sydney on Tuesday last while working at the coke ovens. A heavy roll of rubber fell on him and killed him almost instantly.

Two more cases of diphtheria were reported yesterday afternoon. One was in a residence on Lemarchant Road and the other in a house on Hamilton street. Both patients are being treated at home.

A delegate of the Firemen's Union left here yesterday by train to consult with the stokers on the Bay Boats with reference to the strike. He will visit the Glencoe men at Placentia and will proceed to interview the men on the other boats.

After the Portia had sailed at 5 p.m. yesterday for the Westward it was found that some 25 persons had missed their passage. Messrs. Bowring Brothers telephoned Cape Spear, which signalled the ship and she returned to port, when the passengers were transferred to her by the tug John Greene.

WEDDING BELLS

McLoughlin-Worsley The wedding of Dr. James P. McLoughlin, son of the late Hon. James McLoughlin, and Miss Monnie Gertrude Worsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Worsley, Duckworth Street, took place Thursday afternoon at the Cathedral Oratory. The ceremony was performed by Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G., and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mina Worsley, while the groomsmen were Mr. John McCarthy, J.P. The Mail and Advocate extends hearty congratulations to the newly wedded pair.

FISHERMAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice had a telegram yesterday from Rev. T. Pitcher, of Little Bay Islands, saying that one of the crew of the schooner Norwood named Harold England had been accidentally killed a few days ago while coming from Labrador by the mainboom of the ship striking him.

The steamers Louisburg and Pere Marquette went into the dry dock to-day for extensive repairs.

V. C. and British Colonel Dark, Mixed IS GREAT. TRY IT! At the Royal Cigar Store, Bank Square, Water Street.

PICKED UP—About two miles off Crouse Harbor, the 17th September, a large Motor Trap Boat, painted Dark Grey; engine had been removed, shaft and propeller intact. For further particulars re salvage and expenses the owner may apply to LOUIS BURTON, Greenspond. —oct10,31

PICKED UP—August 1st, the Head Ropes and Orbs of a Ccd Trap and Leader. For further information apply to CHARLES HISCOCK, Coward's Island, B.B.—oct13,21

WANTED—Schooners to freight Lumber from Notre Dame Bay. Highest rates. HORWOOD LUMBER CO. LTD. —oct7,61

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