

# THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, (guaranteed circulation 15,000 copies) will be issued on Saturday December 18th. All advertisements for this issue must be sent in before Dec. 13th.

## 72 Hours Clinging to Pinnacle of Rock

Story of Michael Dormidy of the Boat "Maddona" of Ship Hr., Placentia Bay—Sad Sight of Boy Seeing His Father Die in His Arms

### A STORY OF PLUCK AND PERSEVERANCE

When Rescued by John Pomeroy of Merasheen Dormidy Was Nigh Dead From Exposure and Suffering—Terra Nova May Well Feel Proud of Such Fishermen as Mike Dormidy

MASTER MICHAEL DORMIDY, the sole survivor of the tragedy near Jude, Ouderin, arrived here a couple of days ago and from whom The Mail and Advocate received particulars of a tale of horror, the like of which has not often been told in the annals of the many disasters that have overtaken our brave fishermen.

Dormidy is only a lad of 18 years, and how he lived through such a terrible ordeal, as his story exposes in its recital, while his father, a strong man in the prime of life succumbed, as well as poor Sparrow, is a mystery; for the young chap, though well set up, has not what we would consider as a robust appearance.

The little boat "Maddona" of 38 tons, in command of Robert Sparrow of Ship Hr., Placentia Bay, with Jas. Dormidy and Michael Dormidy, father and son, as a crew, the latter the hero of our story, left St. John's with a general cargo on Monday, Nov. 1st, reached Ferguise that evening and continued her voyage to St. Bride's, the following Friday being detained by stormy weather.

She passed Cape St. Mary's at 8 a.m. Saturday with a stiff easterly wind blowing, reached across Placentia Bay and passed Long Island at 5 p.m. She carried a double-reefed mainsail, single-reefed foresail and jumbo and was running through the passage between the Gull Rock and the land when she mis-stayed and struck on Little Gull Rock. The wind blew a gale and a heavy sea ran and the craft went on the rock about 5.30 p.m.

Immediately the accident occurred all on board knew

The vessel was doomed and Mr. Dormidy cutting the main sheet allowed the main boom to swing in over the rock, and the two men and boy climbed out on the boom and dropped on this precarious refuge, over which at high tide the sea swept and which was no more than 10 feet square.

Hardly had they landed on the little islet than the vessel was pounded to pieces and sank. Now began a fight for life on the part of the three helpless creatures left alone on this sea-swept rock, which may be imagined but never adequately described. Night was setting in, a terrible storm was raging, the three unfortunates were without food or water, drenched with sea and spray and pierced with the cold wind which blew in from the sea with terrible violence. Covered with slippery kelp as it was with sea after sea running over it the three doomed to remain there so long—two of whom were fated to die on it—could not get a foothold on its dangerous surface, and each expected at any moment to be swept into the turbulent waters which raged round them in fury on all sides.

On the top of the rock which sloped to the water's edge is a small pinnacle and to this the men laying prone clung with their benumbed hands, while sea and spray went over them, while they offered fervent prayers to God for deliverance and while often through the miserable hours of that Saturday night they were almost torn away by the force of the waves rushing over them, from their precarious hold on the jagged edges of this dangerous support.

The lad Dormidy says, that how they passed that terrible night will never be known. Their bodily facul-

ties seemed to have been suspended, but life is sweet and

Nature's Primal Law seemed to be the impelling power which enabled them to hold to the pinnacle with tired hands and arms sore and swollen from the terrible struggle. The weather continued with more fury, if possible, all through Sunday, yet they encouraged each other to retain their grip on the rocks, hoping against hope for an abatement in the storm and the chance of possible rescue.

At about 7 o'clock Sunday evening the poor boy Dormidy saw that his father was fast sinking from the effects of the awful ordeal through which all three were passing, and with a prayer on his lips to the All Merciful One above he surrendered his soul to the God who gave it, at 8 p.m., while the heart-broken boy, blinded with tears, looked on unable to render the aid which his heart prompted. The noble-hearted lad un-derstand of his own suffering, increased now by the acutest pang of hunger and thirst; when he realized his father was dead, thrust his left arm under the body and held it tenaciously until Monday morning, when the high tide and heavy sea took the inanimate form from him and swept it into the water. He could not longer hold it as his arm was all but useless with the weight, and as it was

A Constant Battle to retain his hold on the rock with the other hand.

Sparrow, a man of 61 years, made a hard fight for his life until Monday evening when his vitality was completely spent, and the boy saw with feelings of horror that his only companion in misery was fast nearing dissolution. He was not quite dead, when Monday evening a heavy wave caught him, he relaxed his grasp on the piece of rock and was swallowed up by the waves.

The lad's terrible situation now came to him in all its grave reality and he expected nothing but a similar fate to his parent and friend, in a few hours. He says he will never forget the horror of the hours of Monday night and Tuesday morning. He had only a dim consciousness of what was passing, but knew he held with all his strength and with both hands to the rock.

While holding the body of his father young Dormidy several times came near losing his hold but managed to keep his grip in some way which he says he cannot explain.

At noon on Tuesday a boy named Molloy, of Ouderin, reported to Magistrate McGrath that he believed he saw a man or boy

On Gull Rock. Immediately the Magistrate engaged four men to investigate, and taking a glass saw wreckage along the Jude shore and knew there was a wreck in the vicinity. As the men were putting to sea, a boat coming from the Eastward was seen to steer for the Island.

This was John Pomeroy from Merasheen, who found the lad on the rock more dead than alive, and brought him into Ouderin, after being 72 hours on the rock without food or water. He was unconscious and all who saw him feared he could not recover. The kind-hearted fellows in Pomroy's boat took off their own clothing, stripped the boy of his wet apparel and Magistrate McGrath and his good wife placed him in bed in their own home, and after giving him stimulants, fed him at intervals for hours with warm milk from a spoon.

After some hours he revived sufficiently to tell the awful tale of his suffering and the fate of his father and his friend, and Wednesday morning Mr. McGrath sent a crew to, if possible, secure the bodies of Dormidy and Sparrow. At 6 a.m. that day Dormidy's body was found, but though 20 men swept the waters about the rock for 10 days the other body was not recovered. It is thought it did not sink but drifted West up through the reach. They fished a bag of clothes from the bottom belonging to Sparrow, and in a stocking

## OUR THEATRES.

THE CASINO. Patrons will assuredly flock in their thousands to the Casino during the current week in order to witness the projection of the most magnificent picture ever shown in Newfoundland. Produced at an enormous expense, taken by an operator of the highest efficiency and staged by a director of international repute, this wonderful film will undoubtedly be a revelation to the public in general. The First Newfoundland Regiment are seen both at Aldershot and Ayr going through their arduous day's work (interspersed with recreation), each and every man connected with the Regiment being brought out with marvellous distinctness.

It is an absolutely flawless production in every particular and one reflecting unbounded credit upon Mr. J. P. Kiely and his co-workers. Doors will be opened each afternoon at 2 o'clock and every evening at 7 o'clock. It is worthy of note that the final evening performances will commence at 9.45. This remarkable picture consists of four thousand feet of the greatest heart-interest subject to have ever been taken.

ROSSLEYS. There is a splendid all round programme at Rossley's Theatre. Tonight the popular Irish singing and dancing couple, also the finest female impersonator in the world will present a laughable sketch entitled "Kelley's Hotel," one solid laugh. Also another high-class singing act with elegant costumes. The pictures are changed three times weekly. There is a treat in store for patrons: Ballard Brown and Miss Madge Locke will appear next Monday, in all new acts. These favourite artistes have been booked specially for the pantomime. Look out for other big surprises.

THE CRESCENT. Another great week opening bill is presented at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. "The Girl of the Music Hall" is a wonderful three-reel feature produced by the Kalem Company. Alive Joyce the noted movie star is featured, assisted by Guy Coombs and a strong cast. A very fine Selig drama is "Alice of the Lake," and the funniest Western comedy you've laughed at sometime is "Slippery Slim's Wedding Day." Mr. Dan Delmar sings, "In the Gloaming of To-morrow," a very pretty Southern ballad. Don't miss seeing this show, you are sure to like the big feature.

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY OF FLOUR. A man named Coffed, a fisherman of Bonavista, was arrested Saturday evening by Const. O'Neill, under a warrant, issued at Fogo, charging him with the larceny recently of a quantity of flour at Norris Arm.

He was remanded today by Hutchings, J.P. for 8 days.

THEIR BAIL RENEWED. Messrs. Job and Nathan Roberts, who are charged with barratry, and whose bail expired today, renewed their bonds today until the 8th Dec. prox.

The same bondsmen gave the same securities as recorded by us last week.

Police Court News. In the Police Court today, Hutchings, J.P. presided and fined 2 drunk \$1 or days days each. A butcher, summoned by Inspector O'Brien, for having his slaughter-houses unclean was fined \$5.00 or 14 days.

which it contained were \$14.00 in silver. Sparrow was a man of splendid physique, being over 6 feet tall and weighing 240 lbs.

Dormidy, the lad who survived, says he will never forget the kindness of Pomeroy and his crew and Magistrate and Mrs. McGrath to whom under God, he believes he owes his life.

## Brothers' Collection Record One

Total Receipts Amount to \$4521.30—An Increase of \$407.96 Over Last Year—Collection a Proof of Citizens Appreciation of Brothers Good Work

THOSE who interested themselves in this year's collection for the Christian Brothers, and as heretofore, they are many; felt that the response of the Catholic people would be a most generous one, and the result of yesterday's effort realized their most sanguine expectations, the aggregate being \$407.96 in excess of last year and the collection the largest on record. The result is worthy of the good people of St. John's and is a complete testimony of the appreciation they entertain for the excellent achievements of these gentlemen since coming to Newfoundland.

The aggregate of yesterday's collection was \$4,521.30, but likely this will be increased by contributions from various other sources. The aggregate was apportioned as follows:

Cathedral	\$3,178.37
St. Patrick's	1,194.04
St. Joseph's	86.20
Mount Cashel	43.50
Kilbride	19.25
Total	\$4,521.30

After last mass at the Cathedral and St. Patrick's the collectors and others, all earnest friends and well-wishers of the Brothers, assembled at Mount St. Francis and were received by Revs. Superior Ryan, Brother Kennedy and the members of the community, amongst whom was Rev. Bro. J. Ryan, Principal of St. Benaventure's College; Hon. J. D. Ryan, Chairman of the Cathedral Collecting Committee; tendered the amount collected there to Brother Ryan in a speech which breathed the sentiments of esteem and regard held by the people for the good Brothers and felicitating them on the excellent outcome of the collection.

Mr. Michael Bambrick, chairman of the St. Patrick's Committee, and Mr. John Fitzpatrick for St. Joseph's, also tendered the amounts collected in these parishes and spoke eloquently and earnestly in praise of the splendid work of the Brothers in our midst, in imparting the blessings of education to the youth of the city, and affording instruction of the highest moral value, fitting their boys to be good citizens and exemplary Christians and Catholics.

Rev. Superior Ryan in an eloquent speech thanked the people for this year's generous collection, which was tangible evidence of the value placed on the efforts of the Brothers and assured all that the interests of their boys would always be their chief care in the future as well as in the past. Excellent speeches were also made by Revs. Brothers Kennedy, Ennis (Mount Cashel) and Ryan (St. Bonaventures) as well as Premier Sir E. P. Morris and others. Again we congratulate our Catholic fellow citizens and the Christian Brothers on the happy outcome of the 1915 collection.

## SHIPPING

The Minnie left Pernambuco on the 27th for here, and the Clementine for Oporto the same day.

The Meigle's express arrived here at 2 p.m. and the Kyle's is due at 4 p.m.

The S.S. Vika, from Barry, Wales, has arrived to load a cargo of fish for the Newfoundland Shipping Co.

The schr. Dorothy Baird is loading fish at James Baird, Ltd., for Brazil and sails the latter part of the week.

Saturday last the schr. Assurance arrived at Burgeo from Halifax. She met very severe weather, had her canvas torn and lost several dories off the deck.

## GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

NOVEMBER 29th. CARDINAL WOLSLEY died, 1530. John Colbourne, captain; John Stuckless and son, and Samuel Styles, belonging to schooner "Hit or Miss," drowned in Notre Dame Bay, 1858. Sir Francis Brady sworn in Chief Justice, and took his seat on Bench for first time, 1847. John Little admitted to Bar, 1857. Horace Greely, editor of New York Tribune, died, 1872. John O'Dwyer, sr., died, 1878. Thomas Job, Liverpool, died, 1878. Patrick Hayes, cooped, died, 1895. Nelson McDonald, Glover Hotel, died, 1893. Fire in Blackwood building, Duckworth Street, 1893. Clear-out of Customs' officials under the so-called Reform Axe, 1897. Edward M. Larkin, grocer, opened business, 1899. Steamer Portland, from Boston to Portland, foundered off Cape Cod, 118 lives lost, 1898. Schooner Water Witch, Captain Spracklin, lost at Pouch Cove, and nine souls went down, 1875. Schooner Hopewell, of Harbor Main, lost near Cape St. Francis; 7 men lost, 1 rescued—Walter Waugh, 1875.

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

A MARINE RACE. The E. S. Hocken, Olinda and the Dorothy Baird are now ready to sail for Pernambuco. An interesting marine race is in prospect, with betting brisk on the outcome and with odds in favor of the Olinda.

CAUSED DISTURBANCE IN HIS HOME. Saturday night last, a young man was arrested at the instance of his wife, by Const. Emlerly and Wade. He caused a row in his house and his wife in court today testified she lived in bodily fear of him.

He must give bonds to keep the peace or go down to the "Pen" for 30 days.

OURS DOING SPLENDID WORK AT DARDANELLES

In a letter recently addressed by him to His Excellency the Governor, Lieut. Colonel Burton states that the men of the 1st Nfld. Regiment are doing splendid work at the Dardanelles. This testimony from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment will be read with pleasure by the friends of our brave lads who are at present doing their bit at Gallipoli.

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

ANOTHER ROBBERY REPORTED. Within the past couple of nights some thief forced the rear door of Mr. B. Dunfield's residence on Waterford Road and stole therefrom a valuable stair-carpet, with some other property.

The police, we hear, are investigating.

## Wedding Bells

PARSONS—CLARKE. A very pretty wedding ceremony took place at Gower Street Church last night, when Private Stephen Clarke, of Marystown, led to the altar Miss Gertrude Parsons, of Bauline. The bride, who was handsomely gowned, was given away by Mr. J. Burnstein, with whom she resided and was attended by her sister Miss S. Parsons, while Private Chas. Martin did the honors for the groom.

Rev. D. B. Hemmeon tied the nuptial knot, and after the ceremony a reception was held at Mr. Burnstein's residence, Water Street, where an enjoyable time was spent by several friends of the happy pair.

## The F.P.U Convention Closed Saturday Night

OUR SOLDIERS WELL CARED FOR. 58 Victoria Street, Westminster, 8th Nov., 1915.

DEAR SIR,—I am desired by the Committee of the Association to inform you that we have received a cable stating that your son Private Herman Noseworthy, was admitted to St. Paul's Hospital, Malta, on the 13th October, suffering from dysentery. He is getting on well, and is being well cared for in hospital. Arrangements have been made for men of the Newfoundland Regiment to be visited by members of this Association, who will see that any extra comforts they require, and which are not provided by hospital regulations, shall be supplied to them. We trust you will soon hear of his complete recovery, and you may rest assured that everything possible is being done for him.

Yours sincerely, HENRY REEVE, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. John Noseworthy, 160 Casey Street.

The schr. Mildred is loading cod fish at Geo. M. Barr's for Oporto.

## Court of Revision

Vacant Lands, 1915. A Court of Revision will be held before the undersigned, who have been appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council, to revise the Appraisal of Vacant Lands for St. John's, made under Section 122 "Of Cap. 6, 2 Edward VII.

Such Court will be held in the Municipal Office, City Hall, Duckworth Street, during all the month of December next, between the hours of 12.30 p.m., and 2 p.m., every lawful day.

C. O'N. CONROY, ARTHUR HISCOCK, Revisers.

## Court of Revision

Triennial Appraisal, 1915. A Court of Revision will be held before the undersigned, who have been appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council, to revise the Appraisal of property for St. John's, made during the present year.

Such Court will be held in the Municipal Office, City Hall, Duckworth Street, during all the month of December next, between the hours of 12.30 p.m., and 2 p.m., every lawful day.

C. O'N. CONROY, ARTHUR HISCOCK, Revisers.

## St. John's Municipal Board.

TENDERS FOR OATS. TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tender for Oats" will be received until Friday, December 3rd, at 5 p.m., for delivery at the Sanitary Stables, Hayward Avenue, from time to time as required, 3500 (Thirty Five Hundred) bushels No. 1 Heavy Black P.E.I. Oats, or 3500 No. 1 White Oats or 3500 bushels Mixed Oats, duty free.

The Board is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. By order, JNO. L. SLATTERY, Sec. Treas.

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Most Important and Successful Convention Yet Held—Great Enthusiasm Shown by Delegates—Important Matters Relative to the Country's Interest Discussed

THE PRESENT OFFICERS UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED

Resolutions Passed Dealing With the Question of Sending Blind Children of the Colony to the Halifax School for the Blind—Government to be Asked to Provide For Five More Candidates

THE adjourned meeting of the F.P.U. Convention was opened by the President at 10 a.m. Saturday. The consideration of the address in reply to the President's address was resumed and adopted as a whole with a slight amendment to action 15.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted. WHEREAS it is well understood that blindness is an economic loss to any country, as well as to the individual afflicted, for blind persons not educated and properly trained are consumers rather than producers. AND WHEREAS it is a well-established fact that such education and training as provided at the Central School for the Blind at Halifax, equip the blind boy or girl to earn a living.

RESOLVED that the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland now in convention assembled, set itself the task of seeing that every blind child of Newfoundland eligible for admission into the school, be sent there at the expense of the Colony.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of the Government making further provision next year for five children, in addition to the sixteen now being educated at the Halifax school for the blind, that this Convention will undertake to provide maintenance for one child.

Trawl fishery on Labrador within the three-mile limit was discussed. Resolutions dealing with the herring industry, re its persecution and improved methods for packing were being debated, when the Council adjourned its morning session at 1 p.m.

The Council met again at 3 p.m. and the consideration of the herring fishery resolution was resumed, and a motion adopted as a whole.

The Turbot Resolutions and Bait Depots Resolutions were presented, and after a very interesting debate were adopted. Council adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Council met again at 7.30. The election of officers resulted as follows:— President—W. F. Coaker, re-elected. Vice-Pres.—A. Broader, re-elected. Sec.-Treas.—W. W. Halfyard, re-elected.

The speeches of the President and Vice-President may be ranked among the best ever delivered at our Conventions.

A great feeling of loyalty and patriotism was aroused when the President appealed to all young men in the Union and in the country to volunteer to fight for the protection of our homes and country. He said he worshipped the brave lads who had volunteered for the army and navy, and it was the duty of all young men to volunteer.

The Convention, which was one of the most successful, closed at 11.30 with the singing of "God Save the King."

CONVENTION REPORTER.

PARRY'S ODE TO MUSIC—There will be no practice to night. nov29,11

FOR SALE—One Sewing Machine—almost new. Apply this office.—nov27,11

A HOUSE SURGEON is required for the General Hospital. Application to be made to the General Superintendent. nov11,11w,41