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FRIDAY, April 13, 1917.

Food Prices and Control.

Yesterday the local flour market was marked by another advance, so that flour now stands at the unheard of price of \$12.70 a barrel. Whether or not the foreign market has been similarly affected we have not informed ourselves, but we know that that will be given as the excuse. We have not dealt with this and similar matters lately, because we know that only one side of the question is usually represented and that not always fairly. But it is plain that something must be done without delay to sift the whole matter of our food supply and distribution to the bottom. If the result is simply to vindicate our dealers and prove them innocent of any unfairness and powerless under influences that they cannot control, there will be no harm but much good done, but we doubt if a thorough investigation would reveal quite such a state of things. With regard to flour, the reason generally assigned for sudden advances is that the price has gone up in the States and Canada, that the market is an open one and that flour cannot be purchased anywhere at a less price. This is very well, but it does not explain away the fact that the flour could have been sold here at a less price—in many cases considerably less—and still leave a fair profit to the sellers. What is not enough recognised here is the fact that this very practice of buying and hoarding supplies is one of the causes that contribute everywhere to the high prices ruling. It is one, for instance, which accounts largely for the prohibitive price of potatoes in Canada, where it is known that unscrupulous speculators, knowing that there would be a shortage, bought up as much of the available stocks as they could lay hands on.

But the question of prices does not apply to flour alone; in fact it applies less to that commodity than to many others. We are to-day in Newfoundland paying prices for all sorts of supplies, foodstuffs and other things, which are not accounted for, on comparison with the prices at the places of supply, by the freights and duties. We know well the impracticability, almost the impossibility, of attempting to regulate prices by law, but there is nothing to prevent healthy investigation. Great profits are being made here. They have a simple and direct way of dealing with these in England. Last year the war-profits taxes imposed there produced half a billion dollars. The difference is that they have a Government there which is no respecter of persons but a great respecter of principles; we have here a Government, so called, which respects nothing but political expediency.

The sole act it has performed since the beginning of the war in which it measured up to its war obligations was its delegation of the most important of them to the Patriotic Association, since when it has acted as if nothing more remained to be done. Unfortunately the matters of which we speak cannot be entertained by the Association or any such body, for they require legislative powers. Even at this late hour there are two things which the present administration could perform with credit in the course of the last parliamentary session which they will control, and which, so far as lies in our power, we intend to see performed. They are the enactment of a War Profits Act and the appointment of a commission of inquiry of some sort into the question of food supplies. The one will return to the country some of the money that has been extorted from it; the other may have the effect of letting the country see that it is living in a fools' paradise. While all of the sources from which we draw four-fifths of the food we live on are greatly concerned by, not possible, but evident shortages in the near future, we continue to live complacently the same hand to mouth existence as if the causes that operate elsewhere cannot possibly have any effect upon Newfoundland. If we do not some day reap the fruits of our improvidence we shall not have ourselves to thank for it.

A Hazardous Undertaking.

The mail carriers who convey the mails from Gambo to Fair Island, B.B., and from Deer Lake to Bonne Bay are now performing their duty under the most trying conditions. The numerous rivers and ponds which they are compelled to cross are now overflowing their banks and in most cases where the water is too deep to wade through temporary rafts have to be constructed. Fortunately for the northern people the bay boats will soon be taking up their regular mail and passenger service.

Central District Court.

Six girls took action against the insolvent estate of Mr. J. Rossley for wages which they claimed was due them. The plaintiffs were members of the Rossley Theatrical Troupe, which left here last year on a tour of the Maritime Provinces where performances were given. The defendant entered counter-claims against each girl. The hearing of the case occupied the attention of the Court up to 1 p.m. when an adjournment was taken.

McMurdo's Store News

We shall be glad to buy in dispensing and plain medicine bottles, and to give fair prices for the same. Only bottles with our own name or quite plain bottles will be accepted, and patent medicine bottles are not desired. Bottles must be absolutely clean, and not chipped round the mouth.

Wyeth's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is a preparation of very high class, put up by a firm of chemists well known all over the North American Continent. And this Emulsion fully sustains the reputation of its manufacturers. It is very pleasant to take, does not upset the stomach or "re-pea", and is moderate in price. \$1.00 for 16 ounce bottle.

The Mallard Fund

Amount acknowledged... \$126.70
Staff of the Commercial Cable Co. 21.15
..... \$147.85

RETURNED HOME.—Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Grant, of Trinity, who had been visiting the city for the past four weeks, returned home by yesterday's train. Mrs. Grant spent a few days at the General Hospital while here and was successfully treated for her illness, as her many friends will be glad to hear.

Serious Assault.

WOMAN SERVANT THREW A KETTLE OF BOILING WATER OVER HER MISTRESS.

Elizabeth Abbott, a single woman of about forty years of age, of tyrannical appearance and somewhat resembling a Frank, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment yesterday for an assault committed by her on Monday last. She had been engaged as a domestic at the residence of Mr. T. A. Pippy, Torbay Road, and whatever words passed between herself and Mrs. Pippy on the day in question, she seized a kettle and threw its contents of hot water at her mistress. A portion of the boiling liquid went over Mrs. Pippy's body and badly scalded her, but the wonder is that she escaped so well. The servant then donned her hat and overcoat and made a hurried exit, secreting herself in a barn on Logy Bay Road. A complaint of the assault was lodged with the authorities and a deposition was sworn out for the arrest of the perpetrator. Yesterday afternoon the policeman who was orderly at the court room, learned of the hiding place of the accused and proceeded there to make the arrest. Moral suasion was resorted to in the execution of the warrant, as the officer knew it was useless to apply violence with the accused, who was known to be a woman of powerful physique, giant strength and a fierce temper. However, she would not descend to walk, so a cab was procured, in which she was driven to the lockup. Here she became a little erratic and shouted for a feed, and not getting her demand acceded to remarked "if I had known this ye never would have got me." She was then arraigned before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., J.P., admitted the assault and was sent to jail for three months. Before being removed to the prison the woman became hysterical and started an outburst of foul and profane language on all concerned.

Returning Soldiers.

His Excellency the Governor has received a cablegram from Major Timewell, Record Office, to the effect that the following men are proceeding to Newfoundland:

909—R.S.M. H. R. H. Peckham, 97 Bond Street.
748—Sergeant Joseph McKinley, 21 Cook Street.
457—Corporal George Butler, 79 Pennywell Road.
1543—Corporal Harold Jackson, St. John's.
474—Corporal John J. Dooley, 23½ Maxse Street.
153—L.-Corporal Larry Field, 4 Deady's Lane.
1912—Private Ernest A. Snow, Griquet.
440—Private Frederick G. Roberts, Change Islands.
1262—Private Stephen Wiseman, Fortune Hr., N.D.B.
1954—Private Walter Cairnes, Port Saunders.
2069—Private Matthew Murphy, Simms Street.
638—Private John W. Maddock, Water Street.
1063—Private William H. Clark, King's Bridge Road.
1098—Private Ernest J. Noseworthy, 17a Parade Street.
1123—Private Herbert E. Baird, Mount Seio Road.
1125—Private John R. Merchant, 18 Casey Street.
1474—Private Nicholas Delaney, Grand Falls.
1500—Private William Mitchell, 47 Spencer Street.
1933—Private Stephen A. Clarke, Marytown, South.
251—Private Joseph French, Winterton, T.B.
2645—Private James H. Skinner, Richard's Hr., Burgeo.
2710—Private Ernest Fowler, Topsail.
2995—Private Abia A. Purchase, Grand Bank.
1654—Private William H. Watkins, Botwood.
2031—Private Manuel Oldford, Grand Falls.
Department of the Colonial Secretary, April 13th, 1917.

Train Notes.

The incoming express is due here at 3.15 p.m. to-day.

Yesterday's outgoing express left Bishop's Falls at 8.10 a.m. to-day.

The local from Carbonear reached the city at 1 p.m. to-day.

ISLANDS SUBMERGED.—Cahmen who reached the city this morning from Portugal Cove say that the water in Round Pond at the head of Windsor Lake has risen so high from the recent rain that several small islands have been completely submerged. The water in Windsor Lake has risen to a point unheard of in the past twenty-five years.

TO ENLARGE OFFICE BUILDING.—A number of carpenters are now busy preparing for the building of an additional story to the offices of the Smith Co. Ltd. The unpicturesque slanting roof is to be replaced by a flat roof, which will give considerably more space for office use.

STAFFORD'S LINIMENT cures Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia and all Aches and Pains.
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"The First Night."

If the obvious enjoyment of a very large audience is the true test, last night's bill of fare at the Casino Theatre was a most successful one. It opened with a curtain-raiser, "Mrs. Willis' Will," presented by a juvenile caste in a manner which would have done credit to much older performers. The parts were taken by Misses Teresa Smythe, Edith Cleary, Maria Hutton, Alice Harris and Angela McGrath. While the whole piece, which was most amusing, was well done, with a marked absence of the "recitation" habit, which usually belongs to young actors, special mention must be made of Miss McGrath, who acted with the self-possession and detachment of an old hand, and a talented one at that. A short concert interval followed, consisting of songs by Misses Ryan and Brown, Mrs. Cahill and Mr. Ruggies, pleasingly given and heartily encored. "The First Night" was then presented and the audience's part in it was a roar of laughter from beginning to end. It is really a slight farce, almost a burlesque, and as it was given last night was a personal triumph for Mr. Hutton. Even if the author had not done so for him, he made the play his own. In the leading character of a voluble, fiery, indignant old French actor, who schemes successfully to make his daughter a prima donna, he kept the audience continually amused. His active gestures and movement, his French and broken English, his foreign dignity, which would have been pathetic in a more serious play, his artful "tickling" of everyone necessary to his ends, and a dozen comic mannerisms went to the making of a part which was played to the life. Miss Emilie Mare ably supported him as his daughter Rose and by contrast provided much of the amusement of the piece. Miss Mare played in her usual attractive manner as the supplanting leading lady. The minor male roles were well taken by Messrs. F. Knight, who was obviously at home in his part, A. Reid, looking, however, not so much like a playwright as a Russian anarchist, W. Warren and L. E. Emerson, who acted with vigor and smoked real cigars. The piece was light, lively and clever, and was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Under the leadership of Mr. A. Bulley, and assisted by Messrs. F. Emerson and F. Bradshaw, the C. C. C. Band made a capable orchestra. A pleasing feature marked the opening of the performance, when at the entry of the American Consul the flag of the great Republic was raised and the band played "The Star-spangled Banner," the audience standing and cheering enthusiastically.

Obituary.

At Southern Arm, New Bay, on the 27th of March, death claimed for its victim a very promising and high important person to the community, Bartlett, the eldest son of Mark Britt, formerly of Twillingate, and whose name is well known all over Twillingate district. The deceased had been in perfect health until two days before his demise and death came as an awful and sudden blow to relatives and friends alike, and of the latter he had many. He had been with his father for about twenty years engaged in the farming industry, and the success to which they had attained was largely due to Bartlett's sterling qualities, as he was indeed a persevering and energetic young man. His loss to the place cannot be repaired as he was the real life of it. He leaves to mourn a loving father, mother, wife, two children, sister and brother and a very large circle of sorrowing friends.

Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Kent.)
Daniel Williams vs. Smith Co. Ltd.
—This is an action to recover the sum of \$438 damages for breach of Charter Party dated on the 15th day of May, 1912, between the plaintiff and defendant of the ship Sidney Smith. Charles D. Mayne and Peter Young were sworn and gave evidence. Mr. W. R. Warren, K.C., for plaintiff; Mr. J. A. W. W. McNelly for defendant. Court rose at 1 p.m.

Here and There.

ON SPECIAL BUSINESS.—Hon. J. A. Robinson left by yesterday's express on postal business across country.

Mr. Alfred H. Allen, who is returning to England in July, desires meanwhile to dispose of the remainder of his pictures, books, music, etc., which can be seen by appointment, 82 Freshwater Road.—apr12,31.

TO ENLARGE OFFICE BUILDING.—A number of carpenters are now busy preparing for the building of an additional story to the offices of the Smith Co. Ltd. The unpicturesque slanting roof is to be replaced by a flat roof, which will give considerably more space for office use.

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The City Fathers

Hold Heated Discussion Over Steer Building—Premier's Cold Reply to Home Rule Resolutions.

Last night's weekly meeting of the Municipal Board was marked by an animated discussion on the Steer building, resulting in no progress being made; and a cold reply from the Premier concerning the Home Rule Resolutions passed by the Board at the previous meeting.

In the absence of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Morris presided, all the other Councillors being present.

Supt. Grimes called attention to the condition of the western end of Le-Marchant Road, the Fire Brigades having experienced difficulty in passing there lately. No steps can be taken at present.

The Postmaster General wrote about the removal of telegraph poles. Deferred for inquiry.

George Best complained of arrears charged up to him for 15 years on a building, which he said was not liable for taxes. He submitted a compromise of \$25, which is being considered.

Sir E. P. Morris, wired from London as follows, re Home Rule Resolution: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your cable." "Short and sweet," said the Chairman, "go on with the next business."

Wm. Thompson complained of the road near his farm "Cherry Hill." Will be attended to.

Dr. Rendell complained of floods during rain storms at rear of residence, caused by drain and sewer there being choked. He was willing to pay any reasonable amount named by the Board to have the matter remedied. Referred to Engineer to estimate what the cost would be.

F. Houltham asked to fence his land on Leslie Street. Referred to Engineer, as was also J. F. Marshall's application requesting permission to make repairs to his house on Cabot Street.

A. Simmonds applied for permission to enlarge stable on Barnes' Road. Referred to Health Inspector.

Permission was granted J. B. Uquhart to erect shed at the waterfront to be used for storing of two ton automobile truck.

The Solicitor reported on Mr. Reg. Dowden's claim. He exonerated the employees of the Water Department and stated that the Council are not liable in the matter.

The Solicitor also gave his advice.

Councillor Ayre did not agree with the last speaker. He was sorry for the applicants for obvious reasons, but did not see why the Solicitor's advice should be thrown aside and the law defied. He added that the statement "the Council was left without the option or liberty to grant permission" simply meant that we are up against a stone wall.

On motion of Councillor Mullaly the matter was deferred until the Mayor is present.

Councillor Tait gave notice that next week he would introduce discussion on the hopper question.

J. J. Lacey asked permission to extend kitchen off Pleasant Street. Referred to Engineer.

Engineer Holden reported that it was possible to get a crop of oats from Harvey's Field. He will be asked to submit cost of planting.

The meeting was then closed.

To Enter Hospital.

Mrs. Driscoll, from New Melbourne, T. B., reached the city by last night's train to enter the hospital for medical treatment.

Miss Prowse, of Allandale Road, City, for an operation for appendicitis was conveyed to the hospital yesterday in the ambulance.

Mr. Richard Gosse, of Blaketown, via Whitbourne, reached the city today to enter the hospital.

Mr. Geo. Barrett who was taken sick since his return from the ice-fields was removed to the hospital yesterday.

Mr. Lidstone, of Salmon Cove, C. B., also entered the institution yesterday.

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Here and There.

Fresh Smelts and Fresh Herring at ELLIS'.

HIS EXCELLENCY WILL ATTEND.—We understand His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson will attend "The First Night" at the Casino to-night.

Received a shipment of Scotch Coopers' Tools. BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.—The Citizens' Committee will meet in the Board of Trade Rooms at 8 o'clock to-night for the further discussion of the Charter.

Fairbanks Brass Globe and Angle Valves to be had at BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.—feb6,17

PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION.—There will be a meeting of Patriotic Association at the Board of Trade Rooms, at 8 o'clock on Monday night to discuss the formation of the Forestry Battalion.

Just arrived, some FRESH POULTRY.—Geese, Ducks and Chicken, for sale at lowest market prices. P. CASEY, Water Street.—apr2,17

SUFFERING FROM LAGRIFFE.—Mr. Malcolm Parsons, of the Nfld. Boot and Shoe Mfg. Co., who contracted lagrippe while travelling for his firm, has been confined to his home since last Saturday.

STOMACH TROUBLES.—Stafford's Prescription "A" cures Indigestion and Dyspepsia. Price 25 and 50c. bottle. Postage 5 and 10c. extra.

FUNERAL NOTICE.—The remains of the late John Harvey Spry will be laid to rest this afternoon at the General Protestant Cemetery. The Odd Fellows, of which deceased was a member, will attend.

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