



Evening Telegram

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SUCCESS ASSURED

The enthusiasm which showed itself on Monday night at the launching of the Housing Scheme, in the Casino Theatre, is a sure and certain augury of the ultimate success of this project, which has now been inaugurated in the interests of the numerous members of the various industrial organizations, who are without homes of their own. The representative gathering which was present, and which unanimously supported the resolutions, guarantees that the future will witness a change in the present overcrowded and congested condition of city homes. Church and State, bar and press, and people are interested in the solution of this most pressing problem of the hour, and the unanimity of opinion and the spontaneity of agreement that it is time to be up and doing in Newfoundland will have its due effect.

The original promoters of the Housing Scheme have been unwearied in their efforts to secure public support. They have planned and considered and estimated to such good purpose that at last they have been able to lay before the population of the city, a plan carrying with it all the assurance of accomplishment, whereby a critical situation can be relieved, and a long-felt want supplied. The housing difficulty is not confined to Newfoundland alone. The United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have their own troubles in this respect, and these countries by Government, Municipal and private assistance are making provision to provide homes for those who are without them. Newfoundland can do no less, and if Monday night's meeting can be taken as a criterion, there is every prospect that within a short period, the beginning of a new era will be ushered in.

The tendency of the times is improvement, and that tendency will best be fostered by assisting in changing the old and worn out traditions and conditions. One of the factors in making houses difficult to rent in St. John's, is the desire on the part of owners to sell. Prices are greatly enhanced to-day and former landlords prefer to sell out entirely rather than to rent or to continue the tenancy of occupants of houses under rental. Thus it has come about that many tenants have had the houses they occupy sold over their heads, and look where they will, there are no others obtainable.

With the inauguration of the new house construction, which must not be let lapse or fail now, and which should receive the necessary financial support from Government and municipality, there is a promise of a dawn of a better and newer life for all those who have been perforce compelled to live in uncongenial surroundings and insanitary habitations. Those who have originated the Housing Scheme for St. John's will have the co-operation and support of every citizen who desires to see a

better and newer order of things prevail, and with financial aid from the authorities, both civic and dominion, the good work will proceed by leaps and bounds, supervised by the men who have given their time and study to the solution of one of the most difficult and intricate problems of the century.

Singular Occurrence.

Mr. Jim Roach, of Middle Cove, near Outer Cove, is the proud possessor of one of the most interesting souvenirs it would be possible to hold. This is a projectile, fired from one of the guns of H.M.S. Cumberland yesterday. The cruiser was firing at targets near the coast, and this shell must have ricocheted off a berg, whizzing in over the roof of Mr. Roach's house, fortunately missing the dwelling. The projectile is 9 inches in length, just half of it remaining, having been 18 inches in all. It is 6 inches in diameter and would have done some considerable damage had it struck the house. Mr. Roach had the shell in town yesterday.

Smuggling Case.

The captain of the schooner Medina A., was before the magistrate at Channel, a few days ago to answer to a dual charge of failure to report and a violation of the Prohibition Act. He was fined \$200 and costs.

It appears that the vessel while on the voyage from St. John's to Channel, with general cargo, called off St. Pierre, and sent a boat ashore, the crew of which purchased a quantity of spirits to cheer a dreary trip. On arrival at Channel, such was their excessive liberality that treating visitors ranged from hospitality to indulgence, so much so that the Customs officer becoming acquainted with the fact that there was contraband on the go made a raid on the vessel and captured two jars of the alcohol, which were produced as evidence in support of the charge. The order of the Court was that the sea stock become confiscate to the Crown. The above information is not from official sources, for upon our reporter calling at the Customs House yesterday, he was given such vague details that nothing whatever could be gleaned from them, the barest outline only being furnished. We reserve comment.

Avalon Installation.

The installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. C. E. Hunt, and the investiture of the other officers of Avalon Lodge, No. 776, E.C., took place in the Masonic Temple last night, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Hon. J. R. Bennett, in the absence of the Grand Master. He was assisted by the Acting District Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Barker, and the D.G.M., Bro. C. R. Duder, and D.G.S., Bro. E. E. Cowan of the Scottish Constitution. The brethren promoted to the respective offices were as follows:—

W.M.—Bro. C. E. Hunt.
L.P.M.—Bro. W. P. Butler.
S.W.—Bro. A. G. Williams.
J.W.—Bro. Jos. Cocker.
Treas.—Bro. E. M. LeMessurier.
Secretary—Bro. A. S. Butler.
Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Dr. Fenwick.
D. of C.—Bro. Chesley Bowden.
S.D.—Bro. C. H. Miller.
J.D.—Bro. Clarence Scott.
Organist—Bro. A. R. Kendall.
Stewards—Bro. F. G. Bradley, Edgar Dowe.

Tyler—Bro. Geo. Morris.
Following the ceremony a certificate of honorary membership was presented the Deputy District Grand Master to mark the first occasion on which he performed the Installation. Silver services were presented to Bros. S. G. Collier, P.D.G.W., and G. P. Hutchings, D.G.P., two zealous Past Masters of the Lodge, whose faithful service to the craft was well worthy of this generous recognition by the brethren. A past master's jewel was also presented to the retiring master, Bro. Butler, whose year of office was most successful. After the meeting the brethren retired to the banquet hall, where for an hour or two a most enjoyable time was spent and the usual toasts duly honoured.

France Will Not Part With St. Pierre.

St. Pierre, Mig., June 20.—Recent government expenditures in this colony of France are regarded here as virtually disposing of the suggestion that the islands will be ceded to Great Britain and added to the Newfoundland Dominion. It is announced that several million francs will be spent in the development of St. Pierre.

A contract has been placed with a New York company for the construction of a large refrigerating plant here and work has already begun. A powerful wireless station is also being installed by the government.

When you want Sausages, why—get ELLIS'; they're the best.

Fine Regimental Record.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment will shortly return to Newfoundland for demobilisation. The regiment has established a fine record, having served with distinction in the famous 29th and 9th Divisions, and having received from the King the title "Royal" as a tribute to its heroism and devotion to duty on all occasions. The Royal Newfoundland Regiment came under fire for the first time at Gallipoli in 1915, when attached to the 29th Division. Later it accompanied the Division to France, and at the Battle of the Somme in July, 1916, the Newfoundlanders earned a reputation for courage and tenacity which they have upheld continuously ever since. The regiment was in the thick of the fighting at Monchy-le-Preux, Passchendaele, Ypres, and Cambrai in 1917, and again at Neuve Eglise in April, 1918. At Neuve Eglise it delivered its famous counter-attack. In September last the regiment was transferred to the 9th Division, and took part in some of the stiffest fighting at Ypres and Polygon Wood. During the final advance, this battalion captured over 500 prisoners and 100 machine guns. The Newfoundlanders were amongst the Imperial troops which took part in the procession in Brussels when King Albert re-entered the city, and afterwards proceeded to Cologne to guard the Rhine bridges—United Empire Magazine.

Channel Notes.

A smuggling case was tried before the magistrate last week and the defendant, captain of the schooner Medina A., was fined \$200 and costs. St. Pierre rum was responsible.

The wrecking tug Mary Battle has sailed for Halifax. This vessel lay up at Port aux Basques all winter. A crew was engaged at Channel, the captain and engineers coming from Nova Scotia.

Mr. D. Brinton, late 1st officer on s.s. Kyle, and more recently in charge of a sailing vessel, returned from Halifax a few days ago, where he was awarded a master's certificate of competency. Congratulations.

Fish are very scarce about Channel and vicinity, and the supply of bait is almost nil. The caplin have not struck in yet. Salmon, also are not running plentifully.

Mr. John Scammell, who is said to be the Union candidate for this district, paid a flying visit to Port aux Basques a little while ago. His coming and going was alike unheralded as he got off the coastal steamer at Port aux Basques and went right on by rail, seeing nobody. If he flew through the district in the same way, he certainly has a profound knowledge of the people, and their sentiments toward him. His tour of Burgeo district was certainly some tour—and then some.

Nfld. Scotch Cured Herring.

While there have been misgivings as to the probable turn of events in the herring market in New York, especially with regard to Newfoundland Scotch cure, the trade has taken a more philosophical view of the situation during the past few weeks. Since it is evident that the demand for herring in Europe will continue, if not increase, as political affairs reach a more settled state, the view is held here that there will be a good outlet for Newfoundland Scotch cured herring locally. The spring fishery was practically a failure and stocks now held in New York are not excessive. While the demand has been disappointing—and backward—the view is taken that with the coming of early fall a better demand will set in. The one serious hindrance has been the inferior quality of the herring packed in Newfoundland during the past seasons. The fish are quite up to the standard, but the packing has in most cases been faulty. The result has been that buyers have not taken on their usual supplies and prices have continued weak. Those who hold fancy quality Newfoundland Scotch herring have nothing to fear, however, for the jobbing trade is sparsely supplied and the preference for their goods is everywhere evident. The prevailing quotations for stocks on the spot in New York continue to show a range between \$18 and \$24 per barrel, but it is doubtful if any lots have been sold at the higher figure during the past few weeks.—N. Y. Fishing Gazette, June 14.

"Terra Nova" at Battle Harbor.

The Reid Newfoundland Company received the following message last evening from Captain Kennedy of the S.S. Terra Nova:—"Arrived at Battle Harbor at 2.30 p.m.; calm and foggy; no ice in sight." Captain Kennedy's report would indicate that the Terra Nova will be able to get north from Battle Harbor, and land all the fishing crews, on board, at their respective harbors.

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