

WHITECOATS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE.

The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs has received the following message from the operator at Harbor Deep:

"Men out on the ice yesterday report whitecoats plentiful about one mile from land as far as the eye can see."

The above news is in line with the prophecies of the old-timers who have insisted that the seals would be found in White Bay this year. It is news full of hope, and if the ice conditions prove satisfactory there is every reason to look forward to a prosperous voyage.

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FARMERS AND THOSE DESIROUS OF HAVING THIS DEPARTMENT IMPORT FERTILIZERS FOR THEM WILL PLEASE PLACE THEIR ORDERS IMMEDIATELY.

ALBERT J. BAYLY,
Secretary of Agriculture.

Feb 15, 24

Subscriptions

Just now we have a number of readers renewing their subscriptions to **The Guardian** for the coming year. During the past year we felt we had a Mission to fulfil and a Message to deliver, and we have tried to do this to the best of our ability. We receive from time to time many words of encouragement and commendation, and while we appreciate this fully, we are still faced with the problem of financing **The Guardian**, and we need practical support in the shape of \$\$\$\$\$. There are large numbers of people who can help the Home Weekly at a cost of 2 or 3 cents a week—\$1.00 to all parts of Nfld., and \$1.50 to the United States and Canada. Send us your subscription.



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Bay Roberts, Friday, March 14, 1923

Testimonials re Nfld. Workmen

Some little while ago we dealt with the Humber operations and working conditions which obtain there. This week we give extracts from testimonials by two well-known gentlemen as to the merits of local workmen.

MR. W. D. REID PRAISES Nfld. WORKMEN

Mr. W. D. Reid, who a few years ago was President of the Reid-Newfoundland Company, and who, with his father, the late Sir Robert Reid, and his brothers, built the railroad across Newfoundland, said:

"Newfoundlanders make admirable workmen and possess an adaptability not equalled elsewhere. Today all branches of our system are operated almost entirely by natives of the Colony. The ordinary laborers who built the railroad were men who had come directly from their fishing schooners, but soon proved the equals of any navvies elsewhere. They did as good work and as quick as in Canada or America, though they were entirely unacquainted with it at first. Now the Company's civil engineers and surveyors, shipmasters and officials, locomotive engineers and firemen, marine engineers and stokers, conductors and trainmen, dispatchers and operators are almost entirely composed of natives of this Colony, and they give the greatest satisfaction. Local carpenters are today building four passenger cars in the shops at the dock, cars which will be the equals of any ever brought in here."

Mr. Crowe Says Newfoundlanders Work His Mills Entirely

Mr. H. J. Crowe, of Toronto, who had mills a few years ago at Badger Brook, Ft. Leamington and Botwood, and is now developing a big industry in White Bay and on the West Coast, says:

"My experience of Newfoundland's people in the lumber industry is that they are quite as capable as those of any other country."

At first we found it necessary to import skilled sawyers from Ottawa and vicinity to operate steam saws in the mills, and we had to pay these men a very large wage, besides their expenses to and from their homes, while they were constantly giving trouble. We therefore took steps to have Newfoundlanders trained in this business, and we found that after one season we could promote local operatives working in the mills to these positions, and secure as good results from them as from the expert workmen we had imported.

We load steamers here for New York, South America and England with lumber cargoes, and all the captains and owners say that there is better stevedoring and quicker despatch given by us than anywhere else.

The New York agents for a certain steamer fixed a figure of 125,000 ft. a day to be put aboard of her, and we expect to stow 200,000 ft. every day, but yesterday we delivered and stevedored 375,000 ft., or three times as much, which speaks volumes for Newfoundland labor."

In view of these two testimonials (and we propose to publish more) is there any reason why our Newfoundland workmen at the Humber operations should be expected to work for from half to a third the wages paid for similar construction work elsewhere? Let us see to it that our workmen get a square deal.

Facing the Future

It is most important at this stage in our country's history that every citizen give the most serious consideration to our future policy regarding the fisheries and every other kind of productive labor. Prejudice and criticism that is not according to knowledge or facts should be put in the scrap heap. It is not so easy for public men to do everything right quickly, but every single effort in this direction must receive support and encouragement. The fishery and other producers must see to it that once they again set the country on an even keel they will make it absolutely impossible for a handful of men to do as they please with the country's resources.

In order that this may be accomplished the electors will have to learn more about the causes which are producing so many bad effects. One of the most important causes is the concentration of so much power and authority in St. John's, leaving very little political development to the outports. Candidates for the Government must be selected by the people, and will then be answerable to the people for their acts. There are some who object to this. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and with this in mind we ask, Who have those selected by the Party leaders and the political machine done to prove to the electors that this method is the best and correct one to follow.

Let the electors supporting a certain Party, when they so desire, have the choosing of candidates, and then we will come nearer the ideal of truly representative government. To do otherwise will leave too much power with the few which may or may not be used in the best interests of the country and the people. It will be difficult to turn these suggestions into action unless every man makes the country's business and the country's welfare his personal concern. The position of the individual elector must be: This is MY country; its business is MY business; those selected to form a Government are MY trustees, my servants, my directors; I with thousands of others pay the taxes which are collected in the form of Customs duty; the Government for the time being should not only exercise care and watchfulness in the collection of taxes, but should exercise care and economy in the expenditure of same. And I should help and support them by all means in my power.

Reserve Easter Monday Night April 21st

FOR THE C. OF E. W. A.

TEA

FURTHER PARTICULARS Later.

If you want anything, or if you have anything to offer for sale, use our WANT ADVT. COLUMN. 10 cents a line for the first insertion and 5 cents a line for subsequent insertions, cash.

SPECIAL NOTICES

FOR SALE—MOTOR BOAT and ENGINE. Both for \$180.00. Apply at Guardian Office.

STAMP COLLECTIONS wanted for CASH or Exchange for Foreign. Send or write: F. W. HERRING, 312-18th Ave. W., Calgary, Canada.

WANTED—Clean pint and half pint Syrup Bottles. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE—A four horsepower Lockwood-Ash Marine Engine, complete. In good condition. A Bargain. Apply at this office.

But somebody says: "Ideals, Mr. Editor, 'not easily attainable.'" Admitted. But what progress can be made without ideals? How can conditions that are not what they should or might be, be made better without ideals? And if everybody is satisfied and makes no attempt to bring about a change for the better, how will any progress be made? Co-operation and a pulling together should work wonders in this respect. Is our civilization to remain where it is or crumble in the dust, or are we going to rise in our might and effect changes for the better.

Take Bay Roberts as an example. What improvements or facilities we have are not many, but what we have were not obtained without some thought, planning and effort. Somebody was active; somebody had an ideal; somebody put their ideals into practice. Churches, houses, halls, schools, business places, electric lights and power, telephones, train service and other things all came because somebody had a vision and an ideal. So should it be in connection with the public affairs of the country.

Three Men Drowned

TRAGIC HAPPENING JUST OUTSIDE ST. JOHN'S HARBOUR.

Three members of the crew of the S.S. Terra Nova lost their lives by drowning shortly after the ship left St. John's Monday morning. It appears that owing to the jam of ice outside the harbor the steamer found it very difficult to force her way through, and some of the crew were placed on the ice to help the ship by pushing the ice away from her bows and other ways. While doing this about a dozen men fell through a weak pan into the water, and in the scramble and confusion, with perhaps the steamer going ahead, three of them sank to the bottom never to be seen again. The names of the unfortunate men are: David Whelan of St. John's; Maurice Breen of Ferryland; and Hubert Hiscock of Champneys. T. B. The ship was stopped at an effort made to locate the men, but in vain.

This another tragedy is added to the long list of marine accidents which has taken place in this country. And in view of the risks our fishermen have to take, and the hardships they are called upon to endure, and the price in sorrow and grief and loss the families and relatives are called upon to bear, should they

Fresh Groceries

OF Guaranteed Quality

- Split Peas.
- Beans and Rice.
- Extra Good Round Peas.
- Canned Codfish.
- Canned Salmon.
- Canned Lobsters.
- Canned Sardines.
- Canned Green Peas.
- Libby's Chow Chow.
- Libby's Sweet Pickles.
- Libby's Sour Pickles.
- Libby's Prepared Mustard.
- Libby's Tomato Catsup.
- Bartlett Peas.
- Sliced Yellow Cling Peaches.
- Choice Apricots.

LOWEST PRICES. **JAS. S. SNOW** opp. BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Marked-Down Goods

- MEN'S SUITS clearing at \$10.00 per suit.
- Also PANTS and OVERALLS at our usual Low prices. New stock just in.
- MEN'S NAVY SWEATERS, extra good value at \$3.50.
- BOYS' SWEATERS, from \$1.00 to \$2.00.
- LADIES' SWEATERS, to clear at COST PRICE.
- COTTON BLANKETS, large size, \$2.75 per pair.
- MEN'S FLEECE-LINED UNDERWEAR at \$1.00 per garment.
- Full line of FLANNELETTES, white and colored, always on hand.

GUS PARSONS Barend Road, Coley's Point.

not be given the consideration they are properly entitled to? Who deserves it more? They are the toilers and the producers. Without them and their toil the country would go bankrupt very quickly. Then we allow the earnings and taxes wrung from this class of citizen to be thrown away like water, and scarcely a man can be found to lift a voice or use a pen in their defence. And if one happens to do so, he usually becomes a marked man by the "influential few." An awful condition, you say. It is nevertheless true.

CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE

We wish to congratulate our contemporary, the Daily News, on the excellent manner in which it has reported the evidence given at the Enquiry conducted by Commissioner Walker. The public can have no idea of the amount of thought, work and expense involved in presenting the doings at the Enquiry from day to day and keeping right up to date with the proceedings. The reporting, transcribing, typesetting and make-up must have meant an enormous amount of work. We are quite certain the general public will join us in our congratulations.

The House of Assembly is further prorogued until March 26th. It is expected that the actual opening will be about the middle of April.

Sir Wm. Coaker is urging the fishermen to go fishing this coming summer. He states \$5.00 will be paid for early shipments of Labrador fish, and \$7.00 to \$8.00 for shore.

In St. John's they have a Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brehm, and a Meat Inspector, who includes inspection of milk and other food. We have no such official in the outports, and consequently there is no inspection of meat and other foods. It has sometimes been suggested that diseased cattle has been slaughtered and offered for sale in this section. We wonder if it is true. And if true, what about it? Like many other things we fear we will have to "grin and bear it."

DONATIONS OF TEA, SUGAR AND CANDY FROM THE VARIOUS STORES WILL BE THANKFULLY RECEIVED AT CABLE HALL ON MONDAY AFTERNOON NEXT FROM 2 TO 4 P.M. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND WHAT THE PROCEEDS ARE GOING TOWARD.



Hello!

I HAVE A TELEPHONE IN MY HOME! Have You?

It's the handiest thing about our House. We can talk to almost anybody in town—any time. It saves trips and time, and offers the surest protection against fire and sickness. No, it's not expensive. It's the cheapest, best thing you can get!

DO IT TO-DAY! **AVALON TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.**

Have you said it with One Dollar yet? If you want to keep Bay Roberts on the map, do it. But DO IT NOW

For Sale

1 6-horsepower Jumbo Stationary Engine, with Saws, Mandrills, Belting, etc. Suitable for a cooper. Apply at Guardian Office.

MR. STOREKEEPER

When you want Wrapping paper, in rolls 12, 15, 18, and 24 inches wide, and in sheets 24 x 36 inches, give us a call.

"THE GUARDIAN" OFFICE Bay Roberts

We Offer the following Low-Priced Goods

- Fresh Beef, 1-lb. tins, 25c per tin.
- Blueberries, 10c per tin.
- Wagstaffe's Jams, 35c per tin.
- Raspberries, 40c per tin.
- Sugar Corn, 15c per tin.
- Lemon Juice, 14c per bottle.
- Cocoa, 20c per lb.
- Loose Baking Powder, 40c per lb.
- Also KIPPERED HERRING and LOCAL SAUSAGES.
- Canvas Mats, 17c each.

MEN'S AMERICAN PEGGED BOOTS, Blücher cut.

Also, MEN'S EXCEL HIP RUBBERS.

ALL PAINTS, both local and foreign, have advanced in price, but we have a large quantity to sell of the following grades at the old prices:

MARTIN SENOUR, White and colored.

ACME BRAND, White only.

KLEAN-UP BRAND, white only.

JUST ARRIVED

BOYS' and YOUTHS' PEGGED LACED BOOTS, Local make, exceptional quality.

A. E. MERCER, Bay Roberts W.

A Bargain in Belting
New and Second Hand

- 56 ft. 10-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 110 ft. 7-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 120 ft. 5-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 80 ft. 4-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 49 ft. 9-inch LEATHER, SLIGHTLY USED.
- 45 ft. 5 1/2 inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 20 ft. 5-inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 21 ft. 4-inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 22 ft. 5-inch SCANDINAVIAN, SECOND HAND.

John Bishop's Lumber Mill

BAY ROBERTS.

THE GREATEST MENACE

"The greatest menace to any community is the citizen who ignores his responsibilities; who throws his burden on the shoulders of others, saying in the vernacular 'let George do it'; who is content to reap when he has not sown, to benefit by the labors of others; and too often to sneer at those who are endeavoring to do their duty aright."—Editorial in Daily News.

We have a wonderful little country with wonderful resources for its size. It can only be saved from bankruptcy by enforcing the law of honesty.

The Nfld. Govt. Coastal boats department will be removed from Bowering's premises to the Dock. All the transportation facilities, controlled by the Government, will then be run under one head.

According to evidence at the Enquiry over \$6,000.00 were paid for "splits," and when sold the same amount of wood realized only \$97.00. Think you the man responsible for this was exercising due regard for the taxes wrung from the people?

If those placed in charge of the country's affairs from time to time were as industrious in finding ways not to spend money as they are finding ways to spend it, this country would be much better off than it is today.

Bay Roberts

BAY ROBERTS, population about 2600. With Coley's Point, Country Road and Shearstown, places adjacent to Bay Roberts, the population is over 4,000. Sixty miles west of St. John's. Beautifully situated as a town. Splendid harbor. Railway and coastal transportation facilities. Bank. Three High Schools. Cable Station of the Western Union Telegraph Co. Mercantile and general fishery business. Two lumber mills and one veneer factory. Electric lights and power. Churches, schools, and fraternal societies. Farming and live stock and poultry raising. Boat building plant. Three well-equipped and large coal sheds. Public Building with Court-room and Government Departmental offices. Telephone, local and long distance connection with St. John's and Bell Island. Two hotels. Splendid inland fishing a few miles distant. Anglo-American Telegraph Office.

TILTON ROAD BOARD

A meeting for the election of a Road Board for Tilton took place in the Schoolroom on Feb. 25th. Mr. Wm. Brown was selected to conduct the proceedings, and Mr. Geo. Drower acted as Secretary. The following were elected:

- William Brown 39
- John Fitzgerald, sr. 30
- Selby Gosse 34
- Isaac Clarke 26
- Thos. Greeley of Edward 24

Immediately after the election the newly-elected Road Board met and selected Wm. Brown as chairman and John Fitzgerald, sr. as Deputy Chairman.

For two weeks the wind has been blowing from an easterly direction and this bay and harbors have been filled with drift ice. Today (Friday) the wind veered to the west and the ice is moving out.



NEWFOUNDLAND

Notice to Mariners

(NO. 1 of 1924.)

Point Latine—Argentina

PLACENTIA BAY

Lat. 47° 18' 40" N.
Lon. 53° 59' 40" W.

CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF LIGHT.

On March 1st, 1924, the characteristic of the Light on Point Latine will be changed from a FIXED RED to a FIXED WHITE LIGHT.

G. F. GRIMES,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
Dept. of Marine and Fisheries,
St. John's, Nfld.
February 11th, 1924.
Feb 22, 24