

Opening Announcement!

We announce the opening on Monday next, in the store lately occupied by Mrs. Ed. Kielly, Rawlins' Cross, of an up-to-date

Ice Cream & Soda Water Parlor.

The Store will be under the direction of Mr. Peter G. Ryan, of Roxbury, Mass., who will feature the latest American notions in

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T. M. McMurdo & Co.,

The Ice Cream Centre, Rawlins' Cross.

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Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, Proprietor
W. F. LLOYD, Editor

SATURDAY, April 29, 1916.

Pit Prop Exportation.

Sufficient information was laid before the Opposition to cause the members to reconsider their attitude against the further exportation of pit-props from Newfoundland. For patriotic purposes it was realized that the Opposition should waive their policy during the continuance of the war. It is vital to the mother country and to France that these countries should receive ample supplies of pit-props during the war. Provision was however made that no pit-prop should be exported beyond the limits from green trees, and the Prime Minister gave an undertaking that the Department of Agriculture and Mines would see to it that this law was properly observed. It was felt, however, that the cutters engaged in this war would not seem to be quietly paid, and it was provided that a Board should be appointed to regulate prices, and that the minimum prices paid to cutters should be Five Dollars a cord for unrimmed and Six Dollars a cord for rimmed wood, on the bank, and that when men were engaged on wages, that the monthly rate of pay should not be less than Thirty Dollars a month and found. Under these provisions cutting and export of pit-props from the island of Newfoundland will go on during the war. It may be remembered that there is a law which permits the export of pit-props from the Labrador for a term of ten years. This permission, however, does not seem to be availed of by pit-prop exporters.

Last Night's Function at Masonic Temple.

Dedication and Formal Opening of New Organ.

The formal opening and dedication of their New Organ, recently installed, took place last night in the presence of a large gathering of Masons and their friends. The Grand Masters of the Scottish and English Jurisdiction, Bro. Duder and Bro. Cliff, respectively, were present with their supporters. The proceedings opened with an address by R.W.D. G.M., S.C. Bros. C. R. Duder, who is President of the Masonic Hall Joint Stock Company. He briefly referred to the installation of the organ and to the use to which it would be put in connection with the meetings of the various Masonic Lodges. The key of the instrument was then presented to him by Bro. Spry, who has been largely instrumental in getting the organ for the Masonic body. The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Canon Bolt, M.A., read the 150th psalm and offered the dedicatory prayer. Then Grand Master and President Duder conducted Mrs. J. A. Cliff, wife of Grand Master Cliff, to the organ. Mrs. Cliff opened the organ, switched on the lights and presided during the singing of the

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Shooting Old Seals.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—My attention has been called to some interesting but very misleading figures and observations published in last evening's Telegram, and signed by the Hon. John Harvey, which purport to prove that the present rate of killing of old harp seals by the steamers' crews is leading to such a serious reduction of the herd as to warrant the absolute stoppage of this practice. Mr. Harvey's figures and contentions will not, however, bear close inspection, and are in my opinion based on entirely erroneous premises, and misleading statistics, as I hope to prove in this letter. As the important clause in the Bill now before the Legislature relating to this matter has admittedly been framed at Mr. Harvey's personal instigation, and there seems no other way open to me of showing the erroneous impressions upon which the clause has been based, I venture to trespass on your space to a greater extent than I would otherwise feel justified in doing. Mr. Harvey commences his article with figures purporting to show that there has been a serious steady average decrease in the catch of young harp seals at the front, taking 3-year periods commencing in 1889 and ending in 1913, and so far as the quantity of seals actually manufactured is concerned, the figures are fairly correct. The figures given by Mr. Harvey are roughly as follows:

Average Catch of Young Harps.	
1889-1902	254,000
1902-1904	243,000
1905-1907	235,000
1908-1910	128,000
1911-1913	164,000

Mr. Harvey has, however, I presume, omitted to notice that

(1) The decrease in the period 1905-1907 is entirely accounted for by the abnormally small catch (120,000) in 1905, when the main patch was driven very far South, and nearly all of the steamers missed it. That year will be remembered as the one in which Captain Jackman in the "Hale" finished taking his seals well South of Cape Race. The average for the two years 1906-7 was very little if anything less than the average for the years 1899-1904.

(2) The young seals taken by the steamers during the period 1908-1910 were actually more than those taken in the period 1905-1907, as the catches of the steamers "Grand Lake" and "Virginia Lake" which were lost with at least 35,000 seals between them, are not included in Mr. Harvey's figures. The correct figures as a basis for consideration of this matter would therefore be approximately:

1889-1902	254,000
1902-1904	243,000
1905-1907	206,000 (decrease entirely accounted for by steamers missing the patch in 1905)
1908-1910	210,000 (viz.: 198,000 as per Mr. Harvey's figures plus 12,000, say one-third of 35,000 lost in "Virginia Lake" and "Grand Lake")
1911-1913	164,000

The sequence of alleged decline in catch in young (which Mr. Harvey evidently believes is a fair indication of the quantity of young seals in the herd) will be noticed was broken in the period 1908-1910. It is this alleged regular sequence of decrease that catches the eye in Mr. Harvey's figures, and at first blush makes one think there might be something worth considering in his figures, but the fact that there were 273,000 young seals killed in 1906 disposes of any question of decrease up to that point.

I think it is clear from the above that there was no material decrease that could not be accounted for by natural conditions until the period 1911-1913, in which period there was certainly a very material decrease. As regards this particular period, I am confident that the decrease can be attributed partly to wind, ice and weather conditions, and partly to the fact that the steamers sailed three to four days later than in the earlier periods.

In the year 1913 particularly (total catch only 130,000) the "Boothie" was the only steamer that secured anything like a good trip, and she took most of her seals. I think I am right in stating, early in April, or very late in March, and would have taken very many more but for the very bad ice conditions, and the lateness of the date at which she located the seals, and it was Captain Winsor's opinion that the other steamers, with the exception of S.S. Adventure, never saw the main patch.

Now, unfortunately, for Mr. Harvey's theory that a decrease in catch of young can be accounted for by the number of old seals killed by the steamers, I would like to call attention to the fact that since 1905 the heaviest catch of old and bearded seals during periods of four years, (I see no reason for adhering to three year periods) occurred in 1896-1898, when over 100,000 old seals were brought in. These four years were followed by eight years of extra good catches of young seals, the average for the eight years being 237,000 seals, which is far better than any similar period since 1885.

Mr. Harvey also attributes the increased catch of young in the Gulf in subsequent years to the small catch of old there between 1901-1908, but apparently has failed to notice that there were many more steamers employed in those subsequent years than previously, and also that the largest catch of young seals there (74,000 in 1913) was preceded by four years, during which more old seals were killed than in any previous period.

This would show entirely the reverse of Mr. Harvey's contention. The truth, however, is that no conclusion as to the cause of the decrease can be gathered from any statistics as to catch. The seals at the front have mainly been those in which the ice is well off the land but not too far South, and the poor years those in which the ice is either jammed on the land, or in close proximity to it, or in which the seals have been driven South of the Cape and into rough water before the steamers have had a fair chance to reach them.

I cannot imagine upon what authority Mr. Harvey bases his assumption

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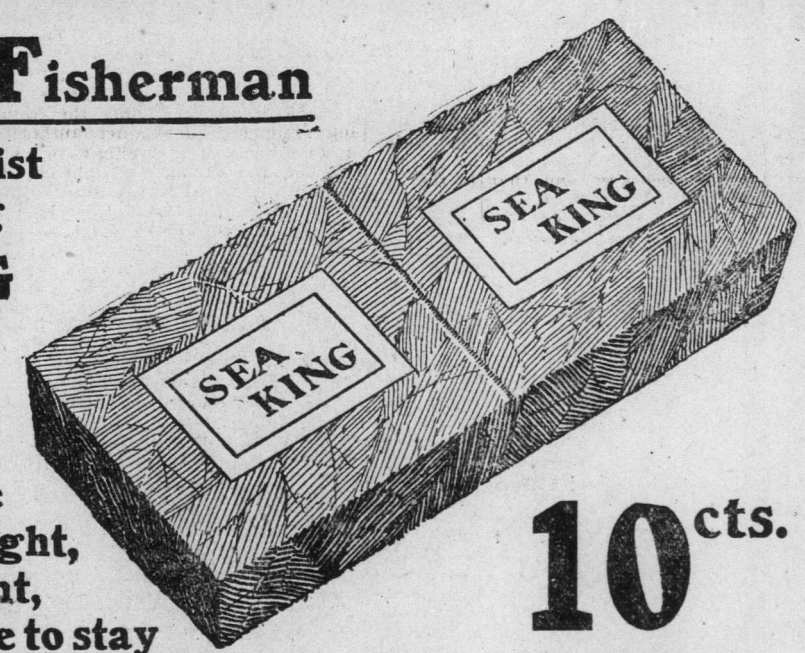
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that the productive period of a breeding seal is only 7 years. The conclusions drawn from his figures are based on this assumed fact but he has shown no authority for it. His insinuation that the total herd of old breeding seals is only 550,000, it must be remembered is pure guess work, and in my opinion he has absolutely failed to make a good case. If, for instance, the productive period is taken as 10 years, and the present herd of old breeding seals is 750,000 (both of which facts can so far as I know quite as justly be assumed as the figures he has taken) on the basis worked out by Mr. Harvey, there would be a very large annual increase of young seals instead of the decrease he indicates.

The introduction of legislation which will deprive those interested in the fishery of the right to kill old harp seals should at least be based on some good grounds. I submit that none have been shown, and I think the steamer owners and captains are well entitled to the opinion expressed in his petition on the subject, viz., that in view of the enormous quantities of bearded seals seen this year, due no doubt to the very large quantities of young which have escaped in recent years, there never was a time when such legislation was less required. It is unthinkable that such legislation will be passed when it is admittedly based upon an opinion drawn from fancy statistics, and entirely opposed to the views of those competent to form a practical opinion.

In closing, I would like to add that Mr. Harvey's indication that a seal does not become a breeder until the beginning of its fifth year of life, is quite contrary to the opinion, and I think I am correct in saying, the unanimous opinion of the sealing captains, and it appears to be a generally accepted fact among seal killers, that a seal "mates" at the beginning of its third year, and whelps at the ending of its third year of life.

With apologies for length of this letter, Yours very truly,
ROBERT B. JOB.
April 29th, 1916.

"Guessing Competition."

Five (\$5.00) Dollars will be given to the person forwarding us the correct date of the month that the last steamer will arrive from the seal fishery.

CONDITIONS:—When forwarding your guess to you must enclose the outside green wrapper obtained from a bottle of Stafford's Liniment. In the event of one or more persons forwarding us the same date the one that we receive the first will obtain the prize.

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Cape Report.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

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Answers Supreme Call

The casualty list recently received contains the name of Laurence Dunphy of Trepassay, "died of wounds in action." Having joined the Canadian troops at Halifax early in 1914, he proceeded to Shorncliffe, England, and from there to France. His next of kin is Mr. John Devereux of Trepassay. Private Henry Sexton, son of John and Elizabeth Sexton of Bonaville, who enlisted at Sydney, C.B., in June of last year, is reported wounded. Private Dunphy has answered the supreme call, and to his sorrowing relatives the Telegram extends deepest sympathy. We trust that Private Sexton's wound is not of a serious nature.

C.M.B.C.

The Class will meet in the Synod Building to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The lecturer will be the Rev. Canon Bolt, M.A., who will take for his subject the work of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. This venerable Society has for many years greatly assisted the work of the Church in this country and has been a particular friend to the Class in assisting it to maintain its Harp Mission work. Some of the results of the great war has been to reduce the subscriptions to the Society and to increase its opportunities for good, and under these circumstances it is the intention of the Class to assist its old friend in the hour of need. The meeting will be of a missionary character and the offering will be sent to the Society. No doubt a full attendance will be present.

Here and There.

STEREO IS COMING.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.—CHESLEY WOODS, 282, Duckworth St.—ap264t

WATERWITCH ARRIVES.—The scho. Waterwitch, 52 days from Bahia, reached port last evening in ballast.

Volunteers can get the most reliable wrist watches at Trappell's, ap254t.

OFFICIAL.—The Postmaster General received a "good night" message from the Ranger saying, "crew all well."

ON EPISCOPAL DUTIES.—The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland left last evening's train for Bonaville on Episcopal duties. A special sleeper was provided for the convenience of His Lordship.

ELLIS' for Fresh Poultry.

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DIED AT HOSPITAL.—A little girl named Rebecca Dunn, of Mundy Pond, who was brought to the Fever Hospital last night, suffering from diphtheria, died at the institution last night.

Lantern Lecture, under the auspices of the C.E.T.S., Synod Hall, Monday, May 1, 1916, at 8 p.m. Subject: "The Land where Adam and Eve Dwelt." Tickets 10 cents. Proceeds to be devoted to the Patriotic Fund. Lecturer: W. H. Jones.—ap294t

CIRCUIT COURT RETURN.—Hon. Mr. Justice Kent, Sheriff Carroll, Crier Alsopp, Messrs. Howley, Hunt, Nelly and Emerson, who were at the Grace attending Supreme Court on Circuit returned by the boat last night. A very small amount of business was disposed of by the Court.

WELCH'S GRAPE JUICE.—The American National Drink, now on sale at A. A. Delgado's, Wood's (3 stores), McMurdo's (both stores), Royal Stores, T. J. Edens, E. J. Horwood, H. B. Thomson, Bay Roberts.—a2729

THE LAST JUDGMENT.—As will be seen by the advertisement in another column, the production of Spectator, One of the Last Judgment, at the Kirk, is put down for next Wednesday night. The fact that Mrs. E. J. King is to be the principal soloist will be sufficient to arouse interest on the part of the musical public in what promises to be a very fine performance.

Don't forget the Cochrane St. Mission Circle Concert in the Lecture Room of the new Church on Tuesday, May 2nd, commencing at 8 o'clock. Among those taking part are H. M. S. Briton's String Band, Mrs. Farnham, Misses Herder, Hanlin, Johnson and Curtis; Messrs. Emerson, Bulley, Courtney and Private A. Noseworthy. Admission 25c. Candy and Ice Cream for sale. Tickets may be had from members of the Circle or at the door.—ap292t

DIED.

To-day at his late residence, Moore Street, James Power (cooper); funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m. This morning, James Embury, aged 55 years, leaving a wife, one daughter and two sons to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 42 Power Street; friends and acquaintances please attend without further notice.

FUNERAL NOTICE.—The remains of the late Mary Brophy arrived by express at noon on Friday accompanied by her sister, Mrs. John Walsh, and conveyed to her home by Undertaker Collier; funeral takes place on Sunday, at 2 p.m., from her late residence, Mount Pearl; friends and acquaintances will please attend without further notice.

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War News

Messages Received Previous to 9

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ANNIHILATED.

BERLIN.—Turkish troops annihilated British cavalry squadrons in the battle of April 24th. Turkish troops annihilated British cavalry squadrons in the battle of April 24th. Turkish troops annihilated British cavalry squadrons in the battle of April 24th.

GERMANY PREPARING FOR OFFENSIVE. O. NSEA AN

PARIS.—That the German military staffs are preparing for a decisive battle against the French Army on the

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