



This is an illustration of the Hoe Company's printing press which we recently installed. It was erected by Mr. Robert Mercer, an old Bay Roberts boy, who has been 43 years with the St. John's "Evening Telegram." Mr. Mercer knows all there is to be known about the mechanism of printing presses. This style of press is used extensively by the U. S. Government printing bureau.

An Appeal for Subscriptions to "The Guardian."

OUR OBJECTIVE: "EVERY FAMILY IN BAY ROBERTS AND VICINITY A SUBSCRIBER."

My Dear Reader:— About two years ago, owing to the high cost of production and other conditions brought about by the war, we suspended publication of The Guardian. Another thing which contributed to its suspension was a lack of adequate and up-to-date machinery to enable us to publish a larger and more newsy local paper to meet the demands of the times. Since we suspended publication we have received numerous enquiries concerning the re-publication of The Guardian. In response to the desire of a large number of our old readers and subscribers in Bay Roberts, throughout the country, Canada and the United States, we purchased in June last a splendid and up-to-date power printing press manufactured by the well-known firm of R. Hoe & Co., New York, and an Intertype typesetting machine, in order that we may be in a position to issue a better, bigger, brighter and newsier paper than heretofore. We did this believing that when we appealed for subscriptions (which we are now doing) very generous support would be given us. A newspaper must either advance or go back. There is no middle ground. It cannot stand still. When it reaches that stage in its progress where its mechanical facilities are inadequate, a typesetting machine becomes an absolute necessity. That the constituents of a wide-awake local newspaper are loyal to it, and will rally to its support when its cause is a worthy one has been demonstrated time and again. And so we are taking you into our confidence. To improve our office equipment requires money. We need \$500.00 by the 31st day of October, 1922. WILL YOU HELP US? If all our old readers and subscribers will pay us for a year's subscription (or more) in advance, we will be in a position to meet the extra expenses and fully carry out our plans. The new equipment will be a great improvement, and its effects will be reflected in the manner in which we will be able to serve you. We need not remind you of the work accomplished by The Guardian in making Bay Roberts and this section of Newfoundland and its advantages better known to the outside world, and the many ways in which The Guardian assisted in the progress and general development of this town and section. Bay Roberts is not dead yet, neither is it going to die. We can boast of the best stores, the best churches, the best schools, the best lodges, the best citizens, the best—(we almost said the best streets and street lighting system, but that's coming, too) of any town of its size in the country. We also want the best news paper, and with the new machinery recently purchased, and the patronage which we know you are going to give us, we intend making it the best. The Guardian will contain all the local news that's worth printing, as well as a summary of Newfoundland general and foreign news, and other special features will be added from time to time. We are determined to give our readers a newspaper that will be abreast of the progressive spirit of the town in every respect. If you have friends residing elsewhere whom you think would be interested in subscribing for The Guardian, will you please send us their names and addresses. Local subscription price is \$1.00 a year, payable in advance. To Canada and the United States \$1.50 a year, in advance.

Send all remittances to "The Guardian," Bay Roberts, Nfld. C. E. Russell, Proprietor.

The United Fishermen's Movement.

One of the most important and aggressive movements to be organized in Newfoundland of recent years is the United Fishermen's movement. This began in Bonaville Bay the past fall by a number of fishermen-school owners and shrimpers. The price of fish on Labrador last summer was \$5.00 a qtl., but when these men brought their catch home to cure and dispose of it the price had dropped to \$4.00. They then decided to get together and discuss the situation and try and decide on some line of action. This they succeeded in doing. Then a delegation headed by Capt. Jesse Winsor went to St. John's and conferred with a number of fish exporters, but beyond gaining information nothing was done. They took the position that because general taxation and the cost of commodities were so high, the price offered for their fish was not sufficient to pay expenses and enable them to live. From the exporters they went to the Government, and after a number of conferences finally succeeded in getting the export tax on codfish removed entirely. Hon. Geo. Shea, who was acting Premier at the time, advised them to secure some adviser, and the delegates obtained the services of Mr. A. B. Morine, K.C., in an advisory capacity. Subsequently, fishermen's and public meetings were held in various halls in St. John's when resolutions dealing with the tax on fish, reduction of taxation, and the summoning of the Legislature at an early date were passed with great enthusiasm. Eventually they succeeded in getting \$4.80 for their fish. Several places throughout the country then called meetings and adopted the same resolutions, while other places, including Bay Roberts, Carbonear, Harbor Grace and Brigus invited the delegates and Mr. Morine to come and hold meetings. This request was acceded to, and on the night of November 23rd Capt. Jesse Winsor, Mr. Wornell, Mr. Morine and others addressed meetings at Brigus, Spaniard's Bay and Bay Roberts. At all these meetings the action of the men of the North were endorsed and the Resolutions unanimously adopted. Since that time the members of His Majesty's Opposition held a meeting in St. John's and declared their policy and platform, which included a policy such as that advocated by the United Fishermen. The Government, beyond appointing a Tariff Commission last year, has done nothing so far in granting the prayer of the resolutions. There are some who contend that taxation cannot be reduced. The Guardian is not of that number. We are of the opinion that a reorganization of the public service and a business-like administration of affairs will make a substantial reduction in taxation possible without in any way interfering with Newfoundland's capacity to meet her financial obligations and substantially improve her public services. We quote from Sir R. A. Squires' Manifesto of 1919. We believe this was and is still possible of accomplishment. Meantime, now that the opening of 1923 has come, the United Fishermen have again started activities by holding public meetings at Greenspond, Wesleyville, Newtown and other places. Those responsible for the movement declare it to be non-political in the party sense. It is an organized attempt on the part of the taxpayers to try and bring about a reduction in taxation so that the fishermen and others may be able to remain and live in Newfoundland. A very large body of taxpayers are in sympathy with the movement.

An Ingersoll Watch advertisement featuring three pocket watches and the text: 'These are only 3 of the 15 different Ingersoll models'. The watches are labeled 'Yankee', 'Reliance', and 'another Ingersoll'.

Election of Officers

Dashing Schomberg Lodge No. 45, L.O.A., Coley's Point, held its annual meeting and election of officers on Nov. 27th. The following were elected for the ensuing year: W.M., Bro. John French of Ben. D.M., Bro. John French of Wm. Chaplain, Bro. Isaac Dawe. Rec. Secty., Bro. Robert Parsons. Fin. Secty., Bro. John Samways. Treasurer, Bro. Edward French. Dir. of Ceremonies, Bro. William French. 1st Lect., Bro. Fred Leslie. 2nd Lect., Bro. Stanley Roach. Inside Tyler, Bro. Samuel Greenland. Outside Tyler, Bro. Robt. Roach. Committee, North side (east) Bro. John Snow. North side (west) Bro. Chris Bishop. South side (east) Bro. Arthur Bowring. South side (west) Bro. J. French. Neck Road, Bro. Arthur Russell. Country Road, Bro. Isaac Snow. Installation of officers took place on Dec. 23rd. The annual parade took place on New Year's Day, and was largely attended. The bands of the C. L. B., S. U. F., Barened, Salvation Army and the Lodge's own band was in the procession. In the afternoon a public meeting was held when band selections and speeches suitable to the occasion were delivered by Rev. Mr. Bishop, Adj. Ooke, S.A., C. E. Russell, J.P., Mr. Isaac Dawe and others. If you want to make life a harmony, hit the note "Do!"

Our Appeal for Subscriptions

The appeal for subscriptions which we publish elsewhere in this issue was circulated by us in November. It met with a fair response. We wish the response had been greater. The Guardian is the community's mouthpiece. It will record from week to week the doings generally of the people. Its value to the community can never be measured in dollars and cents. It will support every effort put forth for the uplift and general progress of Bay Roberts and vicinity. It will, as it has done in the past, continue to work for such improvements and facilities as will tend to make this town and section a place worth living in. But we cannot do this without your support. We can appeal for your utmost support because we know you will profit in many ways by the publication of a local newspaper. Outside of St. John's there are only five weekly newspapers in this country. When one thinks of thousands of towns in the United States and Canada with populations not exceeding from 300 to 500 persons supporting a newspaper, and compares this with the number of places throughout Newfoundland with a population of from 1,000 to 4,000 without the benefit of a local newspaper, one can easily see what the trouble is with this country. Bay Roberts, Coley's Point, Country Road and Shearstown contain a population of over 4,000 persons, who are just as well off and no worse off than the average, and we feel that with this population in these places alone we shall have no trouble in securing between 500 and 1,000 subscribers. We have no hesitation in declaring to you, dear reader, that it will be one of the best investments you will make in 1923. You will be sure to derive some benefit, either directly or indirectly. If you will say it with ONE DOLLAR we will say it with SERVICE. WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT. Mrs. Joshua Bradbury wishes to announce the marriage of her daughter, Pearl, to Mr. Robert Inkpen Hollett, Burin, to take place early in February. We sincerely regret the delay in issuing The Guardian. Circumstances that we could not control was the cause. We hope in the future to issue it regularly every week. Give us your support by sending in your subscription.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY

It was reported several days ago in St. John's that the Naval Prize Money had arrived to be distributed to ex-Naval men. As a result of this information quite a number of the men visited the Militia Dept., only to learn that the money had not arrived. It is expected shortly, and on its arrival the money will be distributed with dispatch.

Items of News

Nurse Emmie Parsons, who has been on a prolonged visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Parsons, left on Jan. 5th to take passage by the Silvia for Montreal, where she will resume her work. We understand that Mr. Geo. Hierlihy and others, who have certain gold claims on Middle Brook, Labrador, has recently received from certain American capitalists an offer for their entire holdings. They consider their claims to be of such value that it is not likely the thing will be final until unless arrangements are made for the holders to retain an interest in the property. A very enjoyable evening was spent in the R. C. Hall on Wednesday night, Jan. 3rd. Although the event had been postponed from the night before, the hall was filled. The Christmas Tree was laden with useful and beautiful gifts, which brought delight to those who were fortunate enough to receive them. At 12 o'clock dancing was commenced, and was indulged in until the wee sma' hours.

Advertisement for C. & A. DAWE BAY ROBERTS listing various items for sale: Men's Knitted Gloves, 3 only Child's Knitted Suits, 2 doz pairs Fine Wool Mitts, 10c and 60c a pair, 7 prs Ladies' High-grade Spats, 6 only Girls' Coats, 8 only Youths' Overcoats, 8 only Ladies' Coats, 9 only Boys' Norfolk Suits. Prices are reduced from original values.

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