

Weekly Meeting Civic Board

Mayor Gosling presided at last night's meeting of the Municipal Board.

Letters were read Supts. Stott (Postal Telegraphs) and Morris (Red Co.'s Electrical Station) re the right of way for putting up telegraph and electric light poles. The Engineer's opinion on the matter will be sent both.

Mayor Gosling read a letter from the City Engineer asking for the co-operation of the Council in keeping City lights extinguished.

The Council will be glad to co-operate.

The Gas Coy. wrote asking the Council to reconsider its decision to pay no higher rates for lights, pleading that owing to the high price of coal, gas and oil, they were giving the city lights at a great loss. Nothing can now be done, but the matter will be considered at the end of the year.

W. Howell wrote that the delay in painting the parade ground fence was caused by the paint called for in the tender not having arrived. He will be written that he must perform the work next spring.

Councillor Mullaly contended that in future a time limit be fixed for contracts entered into, a deposit made and guarantee given for the proper performance of the work.

The Engineer will report in the following application of Signal Hill residents for the installation of a fountain to be supplied from George's Pond; P. Lacey's and N. Goolbie's letters as to water service; Mrs. J. H. Jones's letter re drains on South Side; J. Hunt's application for permission and W. Curlew's request for permit to repair house on Water St. West to build on Quidi Vidi Road.

G. Gillingham, Golf Avenue, wrote that the sewer leading to his house was not sufficiently covered, and asked that a few loads of gravel be laid in the street.

Will be attended to.

W. Hayes, 22 Bonclody St., asked compensation for damages to his horse, which slipped on Long's Hill, owing to the street being oiled.

The Council is not legally responsible.

Chas. Pretty, north Battery, whose house was damaged by the recent storm, and has commenced repairs and extension, will not be permitted to go on with the work until further enquiry is made. The same applies to T. Stamp, Battery Road, who was recently fined for a breach of the building laws.

Hon. J. Alex. Robinson forwarded \$1000, an amount sent him by Miss Irene Bewley, of Grenville, Tennessee, to be devoted to the city's improvement. Miss Bewley, as already referred to in the "News," gave some concerts here several years ago, and some of her auditors, she thinks, were overcharged.

Miss Bewley asked that the amount be given to some institution, if not called for by the rightful owners.

F. Maynard, Thornburn Road, asked permission to repair house, 95 Lime Street.

Application will be considered.

Mary Smith informed the Council that she intended to sell houses 57 and 59 Monkstown Road, the houses to be taken down immediately.

A Rice will have to send plans of proposed extension to house, Freshwater Road.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL

There is another magnificent programme at the Nickel theatre for this evening. The Broadway Star features present the "Resurrection of Mollies," a three part social drama which is one of the finest ever given in this city. Belle Bruce, Walter McGrath, Kalman Matus and Arthur Cozzin are in the leading parts. The Selig players will be seen in "The Buried Treasure of Cobra," in which Harry Mastayer is featured. The thrilling serial "The Diamond from the Sky," will be continued. The children are reminded of the big matinee to-morrow afternoon. On Monday and Tuesday of next week the wonderful picture, "The Man who Couldn't Beat God," will be shown. Maurice Costello is in the leading character.

THE CRESCENT

The Crescent Picture Palace is showing a big variety programme to-day. Critchen Hartman and Jose Ruben are presented in "Alias Jimmie Barton," a two reel Biograph drama. Claire McDowell and Allan Hale in "Cupid Entangled," a comedy drama, an all star Lubin cast in "Ophelia," a great society melodrama, and Billie Reeves in "Billie's Double," a comedy riot. Professor McCarthy plays a programme of the newest and best music. The usual big matinee Saturday afternoon, extra pictures. For the children's benefit send them to the Popular Crescent.

MARONITE PRIEST HERE

Rev. Louis Soab, a Syrian priest of the Maronite rite, arrived here by the express yesterday and will give a mission in St. Patrick's Church to the Syrian people of the city. Father Soab has a parish in Sydney and will visit Bell Island and other parts where Syrians reside in any considerable number.

THE KYLES PASSENGERS

The S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 6:50 a.m. to-day, bringing Mrs. Rowe, F. Esler, Rev. M. Antonio, Rev. Scarsini, A. Goodwin, Mrs. E. Goodwin, Dr. and Mrs. Weeks, C. Donaghy, Mrs. C. F. Matthews, Mrs. S. Vatcher, J. T. Lanning, Rev. W. Mackey, Mrs. LeDrew, J. Simpson, Geo. and Mrs. Nosworthy, Mrs. Wm. Pugh, Mrs. J. Daggis, Mrs. W. Roberts, Mrs. J. Massey, J. P. Lacey and W. Auccin.

Ed. Taylor, 37 Water St., can repair roof of house.

The City Engineer reported that the laying of the 20 inch main on the Portusall Cove Road had been completed, and that the pressure in the city had increased from 86 lbs. to 115 pounds per square inch.

A perfect test had been made of the new line, which showed that the work had been well done, and that only one or two slight leaks existed.

The Engineer was congratulated by the Mayor and Board on the good work he had performed.

J. M. Kent wrote that the water service to Kent's Cottage, on the Portusall Cove Road was the owners' by right, as valuable concessions had been given for it.

The Solicitor will report on the matter.

Delegate Woods Writes on Firemen's Demands

Shows How the Reid Newfoundland Took His Request on Behalf of the Firemen—Mr. Reid Threatens Him With the Loss of His Government Position if He Did Not Call off the Strike—Is the Government of This Colony in the Hands of the Reids?

(To Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—In view of some circumstances that have arisen since I last wrote you, I would again ask your leave to present to the public of this city some further aspects of the Firemen's case.

On Thursday, October 11th, I was summoned to the office of Mr. H. D. Reid who peremptorily demanded that I call off the strike at once "without further fooling." I told Mr. Reid that I was only the agent of the Union and could not do as I pleased. He said "If you don't you are going to lose your Government job." I told him that because of the high cost of living and of the exorbitant prices demanded for coal and flour, it was impossible for the ordinary Firemen to live under present conditions. I added that it would be good policy for the shipowners to grant the increase asked, as the sympathy of the public was strongly in favour of our cause. Mr. Reid sprang up from his chair at this and shouted, as I was leaving the room, "To hell with the public, I don't give a hang what they care."

I would like to know what Mr. Reid meant when he threatened to dismiss me from my Government job. What position does Reid occupy in the Councils of the Government of this Colony? Is Reid a dictator or an unofficial adviser on all things sundry? Is the Executive going to sit back and take its orders calmly from a foreigner named Reid?

Such words as Mr. Reid used does not come with good grace from such as he. It is not so many years ago since he and his family were glad enough for a chance to gain their livelihood by the sweat of their brow. Prosperity has turned his head, he now moves in high society, and forgets the lowly origin from which he sprang.

The rights of the people are paramount to those of the greedy speculator, and it is a duty incumbent on all Governments to listen to their just requests, to grant all that body of the people of this Island are groaning under the exorbitant prices that our local Czars have fixed; but when the Firemen endeavour to obtain a living wage, the same men who have automobiles and luxuries deny the right of the worker to a decent existence.

What does the Hon. M. P. Gibbs intend to do in this matter? He prides himself on being the friend of the Workingman and the Father of Unionism in this Country. Is he going to prove unfaithful to the ideals that he has so long professed and to betray the trust confided in him by those whom he represents in the Councils of this Colony? Will he stand by and watch Reid dictate not alone to us but also to the people of Newfoundland what they shall or shall not do?

I am sure that the public of this city will be glad to learn how high they stand in the estimation of Mr. Reid. Of course this opinion coming from a citizen of the high social and moral worth of Mr. Reid will be all the more acceptable and valuable. It is however but fair to Mr. Reid to inform him that the public heartily reciprocate the admiration which Mr. Reid undoubtedly feels for them and in like measure hold him in the same high esteem as he does them.

It is absolutely impossible for the average Fireman with a family to live on \$37 per month under present conditions. When the price of a ton of coal (\$10.50) or of a barrel of flour (\$10.75) is taken from his meagre monthly wage, there is very little left to provide for the other necessities of life, to pay house rent, to educate his children and to purchase such clothing as may be necessary for his family. The Labourer is worthy of his hire and every man who honestly earns his bread by the sweat of his brow is entitled to enjoy a decent existence as the fruit of his toil.

I can assure you, reader, that no man earns his money as hard as the average stoker in the ships sailing out of this port. From morning until night he is in the stoke hold, in an inferno of heat, with the sweat pouring from his body and his person filthy with the grime and dirt of this stifling

atmosphere. Such a life is not an easy one, and is to say the least worthy of a remuneration sufficient to enable a man to live decently and with due regard to his obligations to society.

I appeal to the people of Newfoundland and more particularly of this city, to aid us in the fight we are waging to secure for ourselves a living wage. I can assure all that there is nothing excessive or exorbitant in our demands, nothing that wealthy men like the Reids and the others could not very easily give us but for their desire to crush every vestige of freedom and independence on the part of their employees. We are fighting not only our own battle but the fight of every Toiler in this Country; we are standing on the principle that every worker, no matter how humble is entitled as of right to a decent existence. It is therefore with hope and confidence that we place our case for fair treatment before our fellow citizens, hopeful that they will give it their most earnest consideration, and confident that they will arrive at a conclusion that will be a credit to themselves and an aid to the toiling masses in their struggle for freedom.

Yours truly,
F. J. WOODS,
President and Delegate
Firemen's Union.
Oct. 12, 1916.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

(Received 10.30 a.m. October 13th)

Not Previously Reported.

206 Private John F. Sexton, Pleasant St. Admitted Wandsworth, October 10th, disordered action of heart.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

REID CO'S STEAMERS

Argyle left Lawn 2.30 p.m. yesterday inward.

Clyde left Lewisporte 5.30 a.m. to-day.

Dundee leaving Port Blandford this a.m.

Ethie left Flower's Cove 1 p.m. yesterday going North.

Glencoe arrived Placentia 10.40 p.m. yesterday.

Home left Lewisporte 5.25 a.m. to-day.

Wren left Charlenville 4.30 a.m. to-day.

Kyle arrived Port aux Basques 6.30 a.m. to-day.

Neptune leaving St. John's 4 p.m. to-day for Labrador ports.

Saguna North of Flat, Island.

Celebrated Columbus Day

Wednesday being Columbus Day, was celebrated by the Kings of Columbus, the members of which organization attended the 8.30 Mass in the Cathedral, which was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G.

At night a large number of the members, with their lady friends, celebrated the occasion by attending a dance given in the Society's Club rooms. A very pleasant time was spent by all present. The excellent band of the C.C.C. rendered the dance music, and at intervals Messrs. Bogan, Slattery, Joy and Walsh rendered some vocal and instrumental pieces in a very interesting way.

SHOULD BE STOPPED

Something should be done by those in authority in the matter of compelling small shopkeepers from selling cigarettes to boys. Several parents have recently complained to us of the matter, asserting that their sons are becoming demoralized physically and mentally by the use of their little "cotton balls." There is a prohibitory law on the Statute Book and it should be enforced.

A BRAKESMAN HURT

While one of the Reid Nfld. Co.'s brakemen was in the act of coupling up some cars yesterday afternoon he was caught between one of the cars and the brake and received an ugly squeeze. The man was hurt about the back and had to be attended by a doctor, after which he was driven home.

LOCAL ITEMS

The schr. Percy Roy arrived here yesterday from Santa Pola by way of Gibraltar, after a run of 39 days from the last named port.

The following additional schooners have arrived at Wesleyville from Labrador:—Duke, 300 quintals; William, 400; Harold B., 350; Janet, 350; Snowbird, 1100 and Garnet, 300.

Quite a number of Volunteers, who were on leave visiting their friends in various outports, returned to the city by the express yesterday afternoon.

ASSAULTED HIS WIFE

To-day a woman who resides on the South Side had her husband before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., in the Police Court on a charge of assaulting and beating her. The woman who has a blackened eye swore that the man had been ill-treating her for over a week past and had on one occasion hit her with a shovel, which he threw at her. He was asked to give his own bonds in \$200 to keep the peace or go down for 60 days.

THE GLENCOE'S PASSENGERS

The Glencoe arrived at Placentia at 10.45 last night bringing A. Brethet, J. L. Scott, Miss F. Cluett, J. Fellett, Miss J. Fellett, F. Mayo, Mrs. J. Deek, Mrs. L. Paek, Mrs. J. Black and child, Mrs. L. Moulton, Master F. Moulton, S. Lake, J. Spencer, Mrs. G. O'Reilly, T. J. Callahan, S. Herro, R. Hammon and seven second class.

BROKE HIS ARM

The accident at Catalina to which we alluded yesterday occurred to a lad named Thomas Johnstone. In a runaway the horse and cart went over him breaking his arm and otherwise injuring him. He was brought here by the express yesterday and was taken to hospital in the ambulance.

TRAIN REPORT

Wednesday's No 1 arrived Port aux Basques 9.15 p.m. yesterday.

Yesterday's No 1 left Quarry 8.45 a.m.

Yesterday's No 2 left Alexander Bay 7.40 a.m.

To-day's No 2 left Port aux Basques on time.

SHE CONTRACTED MEASLES

On the Florizel this trip a young woman named Morrissey, of Br. Grace, who came from Boston, where she had been living some time, contracted measles. She was given every attention by the chief steward and the stewardess and after the ship reached here and was boarded by Dr. Campbell, she was ordered to hospital.

FIREMEN STILL OUT

The men of the Firemen's Union are still out and no settlement of the strike seems possible. The ship owners are obdurate and the Union men will not return to the ship's at the present rate of pay, preferring to go at ordinary laboring work.

Florizel Was Raced Into Halifax

(Halifax Morning Chronicle.)

Warned by the wireless messages that were stabbing the air from torpedoed and sinking ships, the Red Cross liner Florizel, sister ship of the Stephano, which was torpedoed on Sunday by a German submarine, raced into port yesterday morning with ports blanketed and mast light doused. The Florizel left New York at three p.m. Friday, and passed Nantucket lights Saturday noon. Without doubt the liner was in close proximity with the enemy under sea craft, as that boat was bound into Newport, and probably passed the Florizel near Nantucket.

As the shipping lanes converge very closely at that point, it is possible that the Florizel was in sight of the submarine—but for reasons unknown that craft made no attack.

Looking over a chart yesterday with a reporter of The Morning Chronicle Captain Martin, commander of the liner, showed the route taken by the Florizel and that supposedly taken by the submarine—there was little difference.

The Florizel's first warning came at 4.43 a.m. Sunday. The liner was then at 40 N. and 66.33 W. The message at that time picked up was from the American ship Kansas, and was as follows:

"Stopped off Nantucket lights, 4.40 a.m. Papers examined and allowed proceed."

The Kansas heard "S.O.S." from West Point, which was at that time in 40.25 N and 69 W.

As soon as these warnings were received and the official government warning verified it within a very few minutes, every precaution was taken aboard the liner. Captain Martin said that, of course, precautions were always taken, but many extra matters were attended to. The life boats were all made ready for being swung out, and the port holes were all blanketed. Mast lights were extinguished and although the night was quite clear and the "hunters" moon brilliant, yet these measures insured greater safety from attack. It was not until reaching port that the Florizel learned of the Stephano's fate. The Florizel had a large number of passengers bound bound for Newfoundland, among whom however, were only two Americans.

THE FLORIZEL HERE

The S.S. Florizel, Capt. W. Martin, arrived here shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday, after a good run from New York and Halifax, the ship coming down from the latter port in 48 hours. The weather all through was fine, except for some fog, which, however, did not delay her. She brought a full general cargo, and her passengers were:

W. R. Cheshire, Arthur E. Perkins, Jno. R. Ross, Vater Pippy, Miss E. Bethune, Loring E. Peede, Miss A. Byrne, J. Dobbin, Miss Gertrude Morrissey, M. L. Henningway, Miss M. L. Richards, J. Cousins, Miss A. Garey, Reg. Vann, Henry H. Baird, Miss A. Gushie, T. Walsh, Thos. Walsh, D. Costello, J. Dalton, Miss H. Pike, Miss L. Williams, F. Drew, A. Reild, Miss M. Cramp, and ten in second cabin.

Foreign and Local Mails for Despatch by Cross Country Express

UNTIL further notice mails for the above will be closed at the General Post Office on Monday's, Wednesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's at 11 a.m. and at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday nights for despatch by Sunday's express.

The late letter fee will be effective for letters after the above hours for despatch by that day's train and after 9.30 p.m. Saturday's and up to 11 a.m. Sunday's.

If late fee is not paid letters will be held for next day's despatch of mail.

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PICKED UP—About two miles off Cross Harbour, on 17th September, a large Motor Trap Boat, painted Bark Grey; engine had been removed, shaft and propeller intact. For further particulars re salvage and expenses the owner may apply to LOUIS BURTON, Cross Harbour, —oct10,31

PICKED UP—August 1st, the Head Ropes and Cords of a Ced Trap and Leader. For further information apply to CHARLES FISCOCK, Coward's Island, B.B.—oct13,21

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