### ITEMS OF NEWS.

Mr. Jos. Roberts, engineer S.S. Meigle, spent Christmas with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Parsons, of St. John's, spent Christmas with Mr. Parsons' parents here.

Sir Richard and Lady Squires arrived last week from England where they have been for several months past. During their stay their daughter, Elaine, was in hospital to undergo an operation for appendicites.

Miss F. Thistle, who is in charge of the Meth. School, Coley's Pt., is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents at Bay de Verde.

Mr. Jack Dawson, who is attending St. Bon's College, St. John's, is home to spend his Christmas holidays.

Mr. Fred Hillyard, teacher in the Meth. School, Bay Roberts East, went to Carbonear to spend his holidays with his parents.

See advt. in another column re the Grand Variety Concert which takes place in Cable Hall on Wednesday night, Jan. 2nd.


## Sleigh for sale!

apply at Guardian Office.


Mr. M. S. Sullivan, M. H. A., has secured contracts in Cardiff and Newcastle for delivery of 30,000 cords of pit props.

Mr. Hedley Critch arrived from Grand Falls and spent a few days here during Christmas.

Miss Genevieve Delaney, who is teaching at Kelligrews arrived home last week to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents.

## Newfoundland Notice to Mariners

(No. 5 of 1923)

## Harbor Grace Island

### CONCEPTION BAY

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| Lat. | 47° | 42' | 45" | North. |
| Lon. | 53° | 08' | 11" | West |

**Change in Character of Light.**

Notice is hereby given that the OCCULTING WHITE LIGHT now exhibited on HARBOR GRACE ISLAND will be changed on November 1st, 1923, to a WHITE FLASHING ACETYLENE GAS LIGHT giving

**20 FLASHES PER MINUTE**

Note: The old Light Tower will be removed and the Acetylene Gas Light will be shown fro ma White Painted Wood Framework Structure height of which is 138 feet from high water to focal plane.

G. F. GRIMES,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Dept. of Marine and Fisheries,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
September 26th, 1923.

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# THE GUARDIAN.

C. E. Russell - - Proprietor

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

All advertisements subject to the approval of the management.

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We cannot guarantee to insert items of news or advertisements received later than Thursday morning.

All small and transient advertisements must be paid for at the time of insertion. The number of insertions must be specified.

Bay Roberts, Friday, Dec. 28, 1923.


## Exit 1923. Enter 1924.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-three with silvered locks and bent form is tottering off the stage of Life. At the other end 1924 will soon enter. But let us pause a little while before we say "Good-bye" to the old year, and take a look backward.

Since we stood here a year ago and joyfully welcomed the New Year in, many are the changes in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. The friends who were near and dear to us a year ago are far away in other lands. Some, whose paths lay in the same direction as we were going, are treading new and different ways. And others whom we held dearest to our hearts have gone into the far country "from whence no traveller returns."

But what of us? Is the page upon which we have written during the past year always been fair? No, not always. There are pages blotted and blurred; there are unfinished pages; there are high resolves broken, and we have trailed our banner "Excelsior" in the mire.

Is our page all black? Here and there is a gleam of gold and a burst of sunlight; here and there is a deed of mercy; here and there is a prayer for strength of purpose. Is there no hope for us? "Ring out the false, ring in the true."

We are holding our pen over a new leaf, and there is nothing written upon it but 1924. Each day we must place our mark upon it. The old year, with all our mistakes, lost opportunities and failures, will soon be dead, and it is for us to lift once more our torn banner and place it upon the hilltop of Truth. The Creator desires Truth in the inward parts. We shall be there on the hilltop waiting for the summons into the land of eternal light if we obey God's commands.

"Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee
from thy spell!
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be
forgiven.
Each day gives wings to raise thy
soul from Hell;
Each night a star to guide thy
feet to Heaven!"

An interesting letter from Mr. John S. Parsons, who is now in the U. S. A., on road building and repairing will appear in our next issue.

Coley's Point Orange Lodge will parade on New Year's Day. Cromwell Lodge, Shearston, will parade on Thursday, Jan. 3rd.

The watch and valise which were advertised in our "Lost" column some weeks ago were found and returned to the owners. Try a Guardian ad.

"What does this nation need?" shouted the impassioned orator. "What does this nation require, if she steps proudly across the Pacific, if she strides boldly across the mighty ocean in her march of trade and freedom? I repeat, What does she need?" "Rubber boots," suggested the grossly materialistic person in a rear seat.

## The Enquiry Starts Jan. 7

The following are the terms of reference contained in the Commission issued to Mr. T. Hollis Walker, K.C., in connection with the enquiry into certain allegations against the late Prime Minister, Sir Richard Squires, Dr. Campbell, and probably others.

The enquiry will begin on Monday, January 7th, in the Legislative Council Chamber, Colonial Building, St. John's, and will be open to the public.

The lawyers engaged by the Government to conduct the case are Messrs. H. A. Winter and C. E. Hunt. Mr. Winter is the member for Port de Grave District, a supporter of the Government and the Speaker of the House. Mr. Hunt is a supporter of the Opposition and one of the members for St. John's West.

Mr. W. J. Higgins will represent Mr. John T. Meaney, and it is likely Sir Richard Squires and Hon. Dr. Warren will look after their own case.

So far the public, that is, the taxpayers clear of party politics altogether, have not had any person appointed to look after their interests. It is important, in our opinion, that the public should be represented. The Commission follows:

**COMMISSION**

W. L. Allardyce, Governor.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

W. R. WARREN,
Attorney General.

**To T. Hollis Walker, Esquire, K.C. Greeting:**

WHEREAS Allegations have been made that amounts paid to the Department of the Liquor Controller were not paid into the Treasury but were paid over to private individuals

AND WHEREAS it is alleged that while negotiations were in progress between the Government of the Colony and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Ltd., and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Ltd., respectively, concerning the obligations of the said Companies to the Government, certain moneys were paid to the then Prime Minister by the said Companies;

AND WHEREAS allegations have been made of wrongdoing in the Department of Agriculture & Mines during the years 1922 and 1923, in relation to the expenditure made for the relief of destitution, and known as "Pit Prop Account", and also in relation to the expenditure upon the Model Farm;

AND WHEREAS similiar allegations have been made respecting the expenditure upon relief of destitution during the years 1922 and 1923 by the Department of Public Works and known as "Relief Account No. 1" and "Relief Account No. 2".

AND WHEREAS similar allegations have been made respecting the expenditure upon able-bodied Poor Relief by the Department of Public Charities during the years 1922 and 1923;

AND WHEREAS—We deem it expedient that a Commission shall be issued to inquire into all the allegations and matters hereinbefore recited and to report thereon;

NOW KNOW YE that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint you, the said T. Hollis Walker, Esquire, K.C., to be Our Commissioner to investigate and enquire into all the matters and things which are the subject of the allegations mentioned in the preamble hereto.

AND WE DO by these Presents confer upon you the said T. Hollis Walker, Esquire, K.C., the power of summoning before you any party or witness, and of requiring him or them to give evidence on oath, or solemn affirmation, orally or in writing, and to produce such documents and things as you, the said Commissioner may deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which you are appointed to examine, and to enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever:

AND FURTHER it is Our will and pleasure that you, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your Hand and Seal, your finding upon matters herein submitted for your consideration.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Our said Colony of Newfoundland at Saint John's, in Our said Colony, this 22nd day of December, A.D. 1923, and in the Fourteenth year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,
Colonial Secretary

Some people seem to rake up all the sorrows of the past; to them, they add the burdens of the present; then they look ahead and anticipate a great many more trials than they will ever experience in the future.—D. L. Moody.


## 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.

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**GUS PARSONS**
Bareneed Road, Coley's Point.


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### SPECIAL NOTICES

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FOR SALE—A PIECE OF CLEARED LAND, containing about two acres, situated north of the main road at Shearstown, just west of Mr. Jos. Barrett's. Apply to Wm. Parsons of Stephen, Bay Roberts. d14,3i

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.

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

### NOTE OF THANKS.

Adjt. Oake, S.A., desires to thank all the friends who assisted the S. A. with donations of any kind for their Banquet. Also the members of the Boy Scout Band, and all who patronized the Banquet.

### ITEMS OF NEWS.

Dr. Arthur Barnes, Minister of Education, and Mr. Wilfrid Shears, spent Christmas here with friends. Dr. Barnes recently returned from a five weeks' trip to the U. S. and Canada. While in the U. S. A. he visited Rev. Mr. Shears at his home in Forestville,, Md.

The weather here up to Christmas Day has been summer-like, with no frost or snow. Southerly were almost always in evdence and certain trees were budding. Early Thursday morning, however, a gale of easterly wind, accompanied by snow prevailed, and this gives everything now a wintry-like appearance. It is thought we are going to have a mild winter.

The schr. Ironbounds parted her chains during the storm early Thursday morning and drifted up the harbor, bringing up at Klondyke Bridge The cause of the accident, it is said, was not due so much to the storm as the anchors getting foul of an old sunken vessel. The schr. received practically no damage.

Mr. James Thompson, foreman carpenter at Deer Lake with the Fraser Brace Co., construction contractors, is spending the Christmas holidays with his family at Coley's Point. Several others who worked with him also returned home for a few days. Mr. Thompson expects to return to Deer Lake next Thursday morning to resume work. He reports everything going ahead nicely at Deer Lake, where construction work in connection with the power house is being done rapidly.

Ask for Gem Bottling Company's Pure Fruit Syrups. None better. Splendid flavor. Bottled in Bay Roberts.

Stella—"Have you kept out of the Christmas jam?"

Bella—"Yes, but not out of the pickle."

NEWFOUNDLAND

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

(No. 6 of 1923.)

## Steering Island

### SIR CHARLES HAMILTON SOUND

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| Lon. | 54° | 27' | 15" | W. |
| Lat. | 49° | 30' | 45" | N. |

POSITION: At entrance of DOG BAY.

CHARACTER: A Flashing Red Acetylene Gas Light giving

**20 FLASHES PER MINUTE**

ELEVATION: Height from high water to focal plane, 38 feet.

STRUCTURE: Square wood structure with sloping sides painted White; lantern Red.

REMARKS: This Light goes into operation Oct. 15, 1923

G. F. GRIMES,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Dept. of Marine and Fisheries,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
October 12th, 1923.

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Bay Roberts


### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers of Rising Sun Lodge, L.O.A., B.A., Harbor Grace, took place at the regular meeting on the 13th of Dec. and resulted in the following being elected for the coming year:

L. Sheppard, W. M.
M. Sellars, D. M.
D. Herald, Chaplain.
J. C. Sheppard, Treasurer.
Ll. Ash, Secretary.
A Wells, D. of C.
R. Sheppard, Ist Lecturer.
R. Noseworthy, 2nd Lecturer.

Committee—A. Kennedy, E. Taylor, T. Higgins, J. Martin, D. Dove. G. Davis, I. Tyler; T. Lilly, O. Tyler.

Trustees—J. Butt, P.M., F. C. Archibald.

The Installation will take place on Thursday, January 10th.

### ODDS AND ENDS

The enquiry about to be held into certain political matters is going to cost the taxpayers of this country a few thousand dollars. So no matter how it goes, whether those directly concerned are guilty or innocent, the taxpayers must foot the bill just the same. The bulk of these will have very little say in the matter of the investigation. As in a lot of other things, lawyers will reap the benefit.

How much of the merriment of Christmas and the Prosperity of the New Year are you going to be the cause of?

The Mexicans are staging another little political scrap away down in their own country. How those Mexicans love each other.

If certain newspapers who advocate certain commendable and proper things from week to week would only stick to their principles and be consistent during an election campaign, how much better things would be in this country. But, then, everything that is right and honorable got to be sacrificed for the sake of winning.

The man who excuses or condones wrong-doing because it is done in the name of Politics had better review his life and take stock of his conscience, for it is very apparent that hardening of the arteries of his conscience is taking place.

The electric light promised weeks ago for the rear of the railway station, is not yet installed. We do not know if the mention of it in The Guardian was sufficient to delay the installation. We hope the difficulty surrounding its installation will not be found to be too hard to solve. Such questions should not be submitted to the Imperial or Economic Conferences.

Did you ever take notice of the number of people who drive past you in carriage, sleigh or automobile and never invite you to have a drive with them. What a joy those people miss who never share their pleasures with others.

## Bay Roberts

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## 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.


**We take this Opportunity of Wishing our Friends and Patrons**

## A Merry Christmas

**and a Bright and Happy New Year.**

WE ALSO WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR BIG SELECTION OF

## Christmas Toys and Fcy Goods.

### Our Christmas Groceries

ARE ALSO FIRST-CLASS STOCK AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

WHEN MAKING YOUR PURCHASES IN GROCERIES AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS YOU WILL FIND IT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO SEE OUR STOCK, AS IT COMPRISES EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. OUR STOCK IS THE LARGEST VARIETY IN TOWN.

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