

THE NICKELS

THE NICKEL. Forbes Law Duguid, Canada's leading baritone, makes his first appearance at the Nickel theatre this evening. He has been heard with great success in all the American cities and his first appearance in St. John's is looked forward to with the greatest interest.

CRESCENT

The popular "Crescent" is drawing capacity houses each evening owing to the excellence of its pictures. A splendid Lubin feature in 2 reels, "The Shadow of a Trophy," will delight all who attend this evening.

ROSSLEY'S EAST END

A complete change of programme to-night, all new pictures, music, songs and sketches. The Rossleys will prepare an excellent programme for patrons, until the arrival of the next new performers.

ROSSLEY'S WEST END

There will be a first-class program provided to-night at the popular theatre. Some of the finest pictures ever seen, instructive and the very cream of comedy pictures.

Police Investigate Several Robberies

Youthful Thieves Active Around City and the Suburbs

Some weeks ago the residence of Mr. Eales, Mount Pearl, was entered by some unknown thief and the sum of \$500.00 stolen. The police worked quickly on the matter and while Sgt. Byrne and others were engaged they unearthed other thefts which amounted to burglaries and up to this morning they had arrested 5 boys, whose ages varied from 8 to 16 years.

A few mornings ago one of the nightwatchmen found the front entrance of S. B. Kesner's shoe store, Water Street open and while he was there a boy entered the place and indicated that he had found some keys, at the same time giving his name. Later it had been discovered that a pair of boots worth \$4.00 had been stolen from the store and the youthful thief, it was afterwards discovered, had entered by means of a key, one of the number stolen from the laundry, which fitted Kesner's door.

The lad who stole the money from Albert Taylor's shop Friday night, was suspected for sometime of having designs on the place. Other boys who acted as accomplices are now in custody. The lad who committed the theft spent some of the money and hid the rest in the country. Const. Whelan and Mercer were brought by him to the spot in a heavy rain storm and secured the cash, though they got a drenching as a result of their walk.

Methodist Conference, 1915

The 32nd session of the Newfoundland Conference will open in Gower Street Methodist Church, St. John's, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of June, 1915, at 9.30 a.m. (D.V.)

Monday, June 21st.—Examination Committee to meet in the Primary, 8 p.m.—Celebration of the Centennial of St. John's Methodism.

Tuesday, 22nd.—10 a.m. Ministerial Session of Conference. 2.30 p.m.—Stationing Committee, Church Parlor; Nominating Committee, No. 1 Class Room; Statistical Committee, Minister's Vestry; State of the Work Committee, No. 2 Class Room. 4.30 p.m.—Sunday School Committee, No. 4 Class Room. 8 p.m.—Theological Lecture, Professor DesBarres.

Wednesday, 23rd.—9.30 a.m. Annual Conference opens; Election of Officers. 11.30 a.m.—Conference Prayer Meeting. 8 p.m.—Open Session; Conversation on the State of the Work; Discussion of the Report of the "Social Service and Evangelism" Committee.

Thursday, 24th.—9.30 a.m. Conference opens. 12 (noon)—Spiritual Conference. 2.30 p.m.—Sustentation Committee Report. 4 p.m.—Dr. Curtis on our Educational work. 8 p.m.—Open Session. Discussion of Sunday School work and Epworth League Reports.

Friday, 25th.—9.30 a.m. Conference opens. 12 (noon)—Spiritual Conference. 2.30 p.m.—College Board of Governors meets. 4 p.m.—Conference assemblies for Report of College Board. 8 p.m.—Open Session. (1) Discussion of our Missionary work; (2) Discussion of the Educational Report.

Saturday, 26th.—9.30 a.m. Conference opens. 12 (noon)—Spiritual Conference. 2.30 p.m.—Report of Supernumerary Committee. 8 p.m.—Ordination Service.

Tuesday, 29th.—9.30 a.m. Conference opens. 12 (noon)—Spiritual Conference. 2.30 p.m.—Report of Sabbath Observance Committee, followed by reception of delegation from the Lord's Day Alliance.

Conference Sunday, June 27th. 9.30 a.m.—Love Feast in each church led by— Gower Street—Rev. Wm. Swann. George Street—Rev. J. T. Newman. Cochrane Street—Rev. T. W. Atkinson. Wesley—Rev. W. T. D. Dunn.

Preaching Appointments Gower St.—11 a.m., Rev. A. D. Morton, M. A., D.D.; 6.30 p.m., Rev. T. A. Moore, D.D. George St.—11 a.m., Rev. T. A. Moore, D.D.; 6.30 p.m., Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A., D.D. Cochrane St.—11 a.m., Rev. S. G. Bland; 6.30 p.m., Rev. F. W. Desbarres, B.A.

Wesley—11 a.m., Rev. F. W. W. Desbarres, D.D.; 6.30 p.m., the President, Bishop. Sunday School Anniversary Speakers. Cochrane St. (with Gower St. S.S. united)—Rev. E. C. French, C. H. Pickering.

Wesley (with George St. S.S. united)—Revs. W. B. Bugden, L. E. G. Davies. F. A. MATTHEWS, President. C. HOWSE, Secretary. D. B. HEMMEON, Pastor Con. Ch.

To Raise 'Stella Maris' And the 'Desola'

The tug "Coastguard" which arrived in charge of Capt. Brennan, Friday night, is a vessel of 100 tons and was practically rebuilt last year at her port of registry, Liverpool, Nova Scotia. She was four days on the run from Sydney with the "Beastie Jennie" in tow and went into St. Pierre for water. The vessel is a wrecking tug four 10-inch pumps and other appliances on board for the salvaging of sunken ships and derelicts.

Her crew are inured to this class of work and amongst them are two expert divers, who to-day begin surveying the hulls of the "Stella Maris" and "Desola" before starting preliminary work.

The first ship to be raised will be the "Stella Maris" and a coffer dam will be erected about her to do so, while it is likely divers will plug the holes in the "Desola's" hull when she will be pumped out and raised.

Fishery News

A report dated the 15th was received Saturday by Deputy Minister of Customs Lemessurier from Bay L'Argent stating the Jessie Grandy, Clark, had arrived with 200 qtls.; Barbara Durnford, Banfield, with 400 and the Thistle Barnes (of Hr. Millie) with 250. There is a good sign of cod and the dorics out at Bay L'Argent are getting a quintal daily.

Health Notes

Seven cases of diphtheria were reported last week and three deaths resulted from the disease. At present in hospital are 19 diphtheria, 1 scarlet fever and 1 typhoid patients, while being treated at home are one each with diphtheria and scarlet. Six residences were disinfected and released from quarantine.

VOLUNTEERS

The number of recruits on the roll to date is 1958, and enlisting is still briskly continuing, and the following were added Saturday:

- Cyril E. Daniels, St. John's. Geo. Kirkland, St. John's. Robt. Collins, St. John's. Frank Tucker, St. John's. Art S. Hayward, St. John's. Howard Smith, Dildo, T.B. Edmund Brake, Humbermouth. Jno. Humbermouth.

SHIPPING

The S. S. Tabasco left London yesterday for this port.

The S.S. "Norburn," Capt. Robinson, chartered by Mr. Wills of Cardiff, 14 days to Lewisport also for pit props, had a similar experience to that of the Athora, also arrived here yesterday morning and will await orders.

The S.S. "Athara," 14 days from the Tyne to Burlington, Green Bay, arrived in port yesterday. The ship reached to within 50 miles of her destination after her 11th day out when she encountered heavy drift ice, through which she tried to force her destination but was compelled to desist and bear up for St. John's, where she will await orders.

The following vessels have arrived at Hr. Breton from the Banks according to a message received Saturday:—Stella 600 qtls.; H.M. Stanley 600 Utowana 850; Orniat 680; Ella Blanche 600; F. Smith 680; Oregon 780. At Bay L'Argent—Philander 650; Wallace G., 650. Caplin is fairly plentiful and there is a good sign of codfish at Jacques Fontaine.

Ask your dealer for Wallace's Souvenir box chocolates. Three pictures of 1st Nfld. Contingent in cover—quality "Most excellent." ap12,tf

Last Night's Lecture At Grenfell Hall

Last night's illustrated lecture in the Grenfell Hall was well attended and proved most interesting. Taking for his subject the "Old Abbeys and Castles of England," Manager Jones of the Institute, gave an interesting historical description of the most famous abbeys and castles of the Motherland, whilst views—exterior and interior—of the same were exhibited on the screen. Besides the famous old ruins of "Fountains," "Tintern" and "Bolton Abbey," beautiful lantern views of the restored "Exeter Cathedral," "The Tower of London," "Royal Windsor Castle," and "St. George's Chapel," were also shown, and a pleasant Sabbath evening hour was spent by all present.

The Scripture lesson of the evening was the 10th psalm, and, in keeping with the occasion, the closing hymn was "For those in peril on the Sea," having in mind our brave soldiers and sailors now on the ocean.

Bruce's Passengers

The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.30 a.m. yesterday, bringing Rev. F. W. W. Desbarres, Rev. A. D. Morton, Jno. Diamond, H. M. Bynoe, Mrs. K. Dawes, Miss J. W. Hayward, Capt. E. Hartley, D. Briton, Mrs. R. P. Fitzgerald, H. and Mrs. Outerbridge, Rev. S. G. Bland, F. L. Duguid, H. A. R. McCoubrey, P. Anthony, R. E. Jackson, Capt. C. A. Sullivan, P. T. Clement, Mrs. G. Sullivan, F. Taylor, J. A. Chalmers, Mrs. N. McInnis, G. K. Noble, Dr. H. H. Gamin, Miss McLean, W. A. McKay and Miss P. Pinnell.

Velvet pencils for commercial use.—ap12,tf

CATALINA BOY DOING FINE

Mr. Edward Bishop of the schooner "Little Bandit" of Catalina, had a letter from his son of the Naval Reserve Wednesday. He was with 10 other Bonavista Bay reservists in the cruiser "Royal Scot" which had been captured from the Germans at the outbreak of the war and is delighted with the life. The censor would not permit reference to the ship's duties in the letter.

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Terrible Tragedy

Two Little Girls Fall Over Two Hundred Feet Cliff

People who arrived from Bell Island to-day report that a terrible tragedy occurred there yesterday afternoon at Freshwater, near "the Bell," at the Western end of the island.

Two little girls, cousins, daughters of Thomas and Joseph Parsons of the Island, were playing about when suddenly they unwittingly went too near the edge and tripping were precipitated over the cliff 200 feet high. Their little bodies rebounded from the crags as they descended and fell into the water and were later taken from the bottom with jiggers.

As far as we can learn notwithstanding the awful height from which they fell, the bodies were not badly mutilated.

As far as our informant knew they were aged 6 and 13 years respectively and their parents are heartbroken over their tragic deaths.

Buy a few packages of Coca-Cola Gum on your way home. Your wife will like it.

Newfoundlander At Dardanelles Gets a Surprise

In writing his father recently from the battleship Cornwallis serving in the Dardanelles, Mr. W. Joy, son of Mr. Saml. Joy of New Gower Street, states that he had an agreeable surprise recently.

One day an officer, a stranger on board who came to visit the ship, spoke to Mr. Joy and asked him if he had ever seen him before. Looking intently at the visitor Mr. Joy recognized him as Lieut. McCowan, son of the late Inspector-General Jno. R. McCowan, and told him that though he had never before seen him in the flesh he remembered seeing his picture at home in his father's scrap book.

The Lieutenant then introduced himself, said he had come to see the Newfoundlanders on board and with the permission of the Commander gave them a good time.

Venus Drawing pencils are perfect.—ap12,tf

To-night's Match

The probable players in to-night's football match are as follows:—C.E.L. Feildians—Goal, S. Long; backs, Ryall and Hussey; half backs, Brooks, Drover and M. Stick; forwards, Fox, R. Stick, T. Winter, Bugden and Adams.

Wallace's Chocolates R most excellent.—ap12,tf

Another Terra Novian Dies in France

Mrs. C. Pearcey, whose son, Albert, recently reported wounded, died in Hospital at Boulogne, has received the following from Lord Kitchener:—"The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow."

"KITCHENER."

Albert Pearcey was the son of the late Isaac M. Pearcey, and a former member of the Methodist Guards, and of the sorrowing mother of the brave young man, who has achieved the supreme sacrifice for Home and Humanity's Sake, there is general sympathy in the community, in which The Mail and Advocate joins.

Train Notes

Each east-bound express of late drops off a number of tourists on the West Coast, who go salmon fishing at the various pools and rivers. Most come from the United States and are enjoying good sport.

Try Honeyfruit flavor—Coca-Cola Chewing Gum.

LOCAL ITEMS

Now that improvements to the R.C. Cathedral are completed, there will be mass at 7 o'clock and 8.30 a.m. in future.

Traps did well at Hr. Grace Saturday. Archbalds' having secured 30 qtls, and others good fares.

Yesterday 75 persons went on the excursion train at 2 p.m. to Tor's Cove, and 300 to Kelligrews by the 2.30 p.m. train.

Yesterday's collections taken at the R. C. Cathedral and the other churches for Belvidere and Mount Carmel cemeteries, was a substantial one, amounting to \$1,077.86.

The Marine and Fisheries Department, had a message Saturday from Oporto giving the price of large fish as from 38 to 39 shilling and of small, 35 to 36 with a poor demand.

At present there are quite a number of sportsmen on the West Coast, and according to reports received by the Reid Newfoundland Co., they are doing well with salmon.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL—St. George's Field, C.E.L. Feildians vs. B.I.S. 7 p.m. Admission 5 cents; ladies free; Grand Stand 5 cents extra.

Contribute Football Lettins for patriotic purposes by attending to-night's match on St. George's Field which promises to be interesting.

Amongst the subscribers to the Presentation Fund for purse to Archbishop-elect Roache are Hons. W. C. Job and John Harvey, who have sent cheques, each for twenty-five dollars.

Yesterday at noon the Reid Nfld. Co. had the following wireless from Capt. Parsons of the Sagona:—"Frank Islands, S. W., about 20 miles; heavy ice around; ship making slow progress; weather calm and fine."

Saturday evening two vagrants came to the Police Station and asked for shelter. One who was in also Friday night had seen better days. A drunk and some boys were also arrested.

Saturday evening a domestic who had been out in the harbor with friends viewing the ships in port became ill and on landing was in such a condition that the police had to take her to the station and look after her. Dr. Rendell was called and prescribed for her, the matron looked after her, and she was sent to her home yesterday morning.

The case of the family of Mr. H. Shaw, Pleasant Street is indeed a sad one. Last week two of his children, a little boy aged 4 and a girl aged 6 succumbed to the fall disease, diphtheria, and his wife and another child are in hospital of the maniac. The sympathy of the whole community will be extended to the bereaved family.

Yesterday the Reid Nfld. Co. were apprised of the arrival of the steamers Homa and Clyde at Lewisport. Both vessels have been about 18 days on the run from St. John's and were delayed owing to the unprecedented ice conditions. The captains report to the Reid Co. that the ice is still very heavy north of Twillingate and will believe that yesterday off-shore wind would clear the coast. Both steamers will take up their respective services.

Sunday Next 56th Anniversary St. Mary's Church

Sunday next will be the 56th anniversary of the consecration of St. Mary's Church, South Side, when special services will be held, morning and evening, and sermons appropriate to the occasion will be delivered. But for the interference of the war it had been the intention of the parishioners to erect a tower and spire to the church which when done will add greatly to its appearance. The nucleus of a fund for the purpose is on hand and when conditions become normal the work will be undertaken.

Venus and Velvet pencils will give you satisfaction.—ap12,tf

Annual Meeting Holy Name Society

Yesterday the Holy Name Society held their annual meeting. At the 8 o'clock mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Nangle, the society in a body received Holy Communion. At 3 p.m. the members assisted at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and heard an impressive sermon from the Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Sheehan. Similar services occurred for the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's, Riverhead.

Yesterday's Services at Methodist Churches

100th Anniversary of Methodism Celebrated by Special Services

THE GOVERNOR UNVEILS TABLET

To-night a United Service Will be Held in Gower Street Church

The 100th anniversary of the introduction of Methodism into St. John's was celebrated yesterday, special services being held in all the city churches.

At Gower St. Church, the Cathedral of Methodism in this Colony, the services, yesterday, were particularly interesting. In the morning the preliminary service was conducted by the Revs. Dr. Fenwick and D. Hemmeon, whilst the Revd. James Pincock delivered a sermon, the theme of which was Methodist Doctrine and Polity.

In the afternoon a joint service for Gower and Cochrane St. Sunday Schools was held, the speakers being the President of the Conference, Rev. F. R. Matthews and Rev. E. Moore.

The night service was especially memorable, in the Rostrum being seated the Rev. Drs. Bond and Curtis, former pastors, the T. B. Darby and the present pastor Revd. D. Hemmeon. Throughout the entire service there was a patriotic ring that was in harmony with the event being celebrated, for Britain never had a truer patriot than John Wesley. The sermon by the Rev. T. B. Darby, B.A. was just what was expected, instructive, scholarly and intensely interesting, and it was listened to with the closest attention by all present.

To-night at 8 o'clock a united service will be held in Gower Street under the presidency of Revd. F. R. Matthews, B.A., president of the Conference, when the Rev. Dr. Bond will deliver an oration on the Centenary of City Methodism, and a memorial tablet will be unveiled by His Excellency the Governor.

Appropriate music will be rendered by the choir, and Dr. Bond's address is being looked forward to with the keenest interest by our Methodist brethren in the city as well as others of the different denominations.

Crops Suffer Damage

Heavy hoar frost prevailed early yesterday morning and country folk believe that much damage has been done the various crops.

Police Court

Before F. J. Morris, K.C., J.P. A 12 year old resident of Waldgrave Street, for larceny was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

A 10 year old daughter of George Street was convicted of larceny on five different counts and sentenced to 9 months in the penitentiary.

Two young lads up for larceny gave bonds and were allowed to go; whilst in the case of other two, sentence is suspended and another was fined \$2.00.

A loose and disorderly laborer was sent down for 30 days. One drunk was fined \$1.00 and another, in for safe keeping, was released.

The people who are always "chewing the rag" about the war would be better occupied in chewing Coca-Cola Gum.

Fishery News

The following messages were received this morning at the Marine and Fisheries Department.

Lawu—Wind, S.E.; strong breeze; traps 5 to 10 qtls.; plenty caplin.

Holyrood—Caplin fairly plentiful; schooners British Empire and Metamora baited this morning.

Trinity—Traps from two to seven qtls. this morning; some traps Saturday p.m.; ten qtls. each.

Bonavista—Light southerly winds; fine; herring enough to try grounds, but no fish. Traps west of Cape 1 qtl. each; south of Cape 2 each; salmon very scarce.

Cleveland Trading Co. are distributors of Coca-Cola Chewing Gum.

SHIPPING

The Meigle is due at Flower's Cove. * * * S.S. Portia left Bonne Bay for North Sydney at 3.30 a.m.

S.S. Prospero left Westport at 6.30 a.m. going north. * * * S.S. Stephano left New York at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

S.S. Florizel leaves New York on Wednesday for Halifax and this port. * * * The Argyle arrived at Placentia at 9.30 p.m. Saturday and sails this p.m.

The Clyde left Lewisporte at 10.15 a.m. yesterday. The Dundee arrived at Blandford at 7.25 p.m. yesterday and sailed at 8.10 a.m. to-day.

The Glencoe arrived at Basques at 12.30 a.m. yesterday and sailed east this a.m. * * * The Home arrived at Lewisporte at 5 a.m. yesterday and sails this p.m.

The Erik is north of Battle Hr. The Kyle left Basques at 10.30 last night. * * * The Fogota left Badger's Quarry at 2.30 this a.m. and is due here to-night.

The S.S. Neptune dry docked today to get a new propeller and tail shaft. * * * The Clutha, Capt. Moore sails this afternoon for Brazil with 6,850 pkgs. fish, shipped by Bishop & Sons.

LOCAL ITEMS

Yesterday's westbound express left Quarry at 11.40 a.m. today. * * * Saturday's westbound express left Crabb's at 11 a.m. to-day.

The Bruce express arrived here at 12.30 p.m. to-day with a number of passengers including several Methodist Clergymen to attend the Conference. * * * We hear that negotiations are in progress for the transfer from Goodridge's to Crosbie & Co. of the bargain, Rosina, but matters are not yet finalized.

Mr. M. Condon, the energetic business man of Cape Broyle, arrived here by to-day's train and leaves again this evening. * * * At Wesley Church last night the congregation were charmed with the singing of Rev. C. Lench who was heard in a beautiful solo with organ accompaniment. Many hope that it may not be long before the Rev. Gentleman will again be a member of a city circuit.

Mr. Arthur Seward of Charlottetown has practically demonstrated his patriotism. He has four sons in the Newfoundland Regiment. The youngest was held back by his parents after coming on here and enlisting, but on returning home refused to stay, again came back to the city, enlisted again and is now at St. John's Camp. * * * Mr. Patrick Hickey, shipwright, has an exhibition in Rowling's grocery window a beautiful picture of the transport Florizel. This is done in oil and is a credit to the artistic skill of Mr. Hickey.

Yesterday the Central and Western fire companies were called out to an alarm from a blaze in a Queen's Road residence. Little damage was done.

Premier McBride Returns From France

New York, June 21.—"I have been close enough to the front to be able to state positively that the Germans are demoralized and discouraged." This was the statement made yesterday by Sir Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, who returned from a trip to France on the liner New York. He said there was no question as to the outcome of the war, and added that the Allied troops are supremely confident.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and moderate gales from eastward with rain.

Tuesday showery. Cape Race (9.30 a.m.)—Wind south, foggy; nothing passed in this morning.

Roper's (noon)—Bar 29.70, Ther. 62.