

OUR ANNUAL REGATTA AND "DOCTOR" McGRATH

Public Opinion is Strongly in Favor of Holding the Regatta—"Doctor" McGrath Has Suddenly Grown Solicitous For Public Funds—Public Have Him Sized Up

Dear Sir,—I notice by the "Herald" yesterday that a correspondent of that paper under the pen-name of "Humanity" objects to the proposal to hold a regatta this year, and that he is backed up editorially by the reactionary "P. T."

Now, sir, as one who has always taken a great interest in our great annual fête and not infrequently craved the favor of some space in your paper to answer a few of the objections taken by the anonymous writer in the "Herald" and the editor, if I have strong suspicion, one is not merged in the other, a little journalistic trick which the Honorable "Doctor" often attributes to his contemporaries, but practices himself.

Now, in the first place I resent the insult hurled in the faces of all the self-respecting people of St. John's that our regatta are, or have been, marked by carousels, drunkenness and fighting. There are some who would fight at a prayer meeting and drink if intoxicated were within their reach. But that the majority of our people attending the regatta are of such character is a lie and a libel upon the community.

Our modern regattas have seen very little of such, and certainly not in the last few years since licenses were refused tent holders. One would imagine to read "P. T.'s" effusion that patriotism centered only in one locality in this city and that—on Prescott St. at the "Herald" Office. Now, I think it was Wellington who said that Waterloo was won on the cricket and football fields of Rugby and Eton, and the prowess of our boys in the present severe crisis is due in no small measure to their skill in handling the oar, the gaff, the gun, the rope, and the other implements incident to our great maritime industries. Now, "P. T.'s" peculiar code of consistency is quite evident in the "Herald" of yesterday. Last year both our football and baseball teams played to enthusiastic and large audiences, and where was the "Doctors" protest then? Under the heading of "Baseball League Meeting" in the very issue of yesterday in which he condemns the Regatta he shows that Mrs. John Browning will designate a fund towards which the Baseball League will give the proceeds of the opening day. The Football League will likely do the same, and, might I ask the oracle of the "Herald"—this "out of harmony with the sentiment that should actuate our people," etc. These games run through the holidays of a whole season, the Regatta means one day. I believe the Committee intend to make it a pleasant one for the people and profitable for our patriotic purposes. The one day's Regatta will not interfere with our boys' enlisting, but, I believe, if the opportunity were availed of, could be made an excellent means of stimulating it, and furthermore, I am sure that the 800 young men, or more, here in khaki would be delighted to take part in it. Now, "P. T." is very solicitous as to the expenditure of \$1,500 by the public, which bears heavily on no one where so many contribute. Is his conscience so tender when it comes to drawing

A BRUTAL PROCEEDING

Mr. Patk. Walsh of Queen's Street tells a story which would remind one of the actions attributed to the Huns when they overran unfortunate Belgium. He is living in a house on Queen's Street which the owner is anxious to remove and which Mr. Walsh says he is as anxious to leave. He has three children afflicted with measles, one of them, he says, being dangerously ill, and both he and his wife have tried to rent another house but cannot procure one. The owner of the house which he occupies is taking the chimney down, of course preventing Mr. Walsh from keeping a fire in his troubled home. To deprive his children of warmth in this stage of their illness of course can only mean the one outcome—death. The question arises, are we living in the oldest British Colony or has mercy for suffering humanity utterly departed from men's breasts. Surely this family should be allowed to occupy their humble abode until the sick children are out of danger.—Conn.

The Regatta will shortly be put in trim to take up special service for the season, and Capt. Dalton who has been in command of her all the winter will still hold the bridge.

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LOCAL ITEMS

The recruiting work at Bell Island has bore good fruit to date, no less than 16 having volunteered.

An express with the "Sagona's" mails will arrive here at 11 o'clock to-night.

The schr. "Aquadilla" arrived yesterday to Collin Campbell, coal laden, after a run of seven days from Louisbourg.

Yesterday two large icebergs were reported from Cape Race, one 10 miles south of there and the other five miles S. E. Both were aground.

The members of the Knights of Columbus held a very enjoyable dance in their rooms, Duckworth Street, last night.

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Empire Day Red Cross Fund

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly publish following copy of message received from Overseas Club, to whom we cabled £2,000 on Saturday, as first instalment of Empire Day Red Cross Fund:—

"Steer, St. John's. Congratulations splendid Red Cross gift. Am handing cheque personally to Sir Robert Hudson, Chairman, to-morrow. Central Committee of Overseas Club appreciates Patriotic Association of Newfoundland's extraordinary generosity."

WRENCH, Over-Seas Club."

Amount acknowledged \$12,001.50
Employees Riverside Wood Mills 7.35
Employees A. H. Murray 11.25
Employees Dicks & Co. 59.60
Employees Harvey's Butter-Factory 15.00
Women's Patriotic Association, Badger 75.00
Amount collected by Godden & Bartlett 41.85
Employees G. M. Barr 45.90
G. M. Barr 200.00
W. P. A., Grand Falls 100.00
Employees Lindberg Brewing Company 7.40
Employees Parker & Monroe 15.70
Pte. Jensen's Lecture & Collection, Port Rexton 54.50
Proceeds Garden Party, Methodist Day School, Lewisporte 25.76
St. John's Daily Star 20.00
Various subscribers, Greenspond, per E. J. Crumney 24.00
Employees Pope's Furniture Factory 10.00
St. Mary's Young Men's Association 3.50
Employees F. B. Wood Co. 26.00
E. E. W. 1.00
Mrs. S. Whelan, 16 Bell St. 2.50
Anonymous Collection 33.00
Labourers discharging S. S. Glenelagh, per L. S. P. U. 16.36
Employees A. Harvey & Co. 29.50
Employees M. & E. Kennedy 13.00
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Patriotic concert Bay Roberts, per J. Jardine and Son 34.53
S. H. Logan 100.00
Amount collected by children, Hr. Buffett High School 24.00
Employees Standard Manufacturing Company 47.00
Little Kathryn 1.00
Placentia, per W. F. O'Reilly 202.50
Employees Reid Nfd. Co. 274.20
\$13,553.54
F. H. STEER, Treasurer.

SAGONA FROM STRAITS

The S.S. Sagona, Capt. Goobie, arrived at Humbermouth at 3 p.m. yesterday, having gone down the Straits as far as Henley Hr. Very heavy ice is reported by her at Henley and it was impossible to push through it, so that she had to return south. At Bonne Esperance she landed Whitley's fishing crews, as well as freight and passengers. Bad weather and no sign of cod in the Straits is the report.

REID'S STEAMER REPORT

Argyle arrived at Epworth at 8 p.m. yesterday, going west. Clyde left Fogo at 5.50 p.m. yesterday, inward. Dundee left Salvage at 2 p.m. yesterday, inward. Ethie, leaving Humbermouth this p.m.

Glencoe arrived at Placentia at 10.45 a.m. yesterday. Home left Lewisporte at 3.30 a.m. to-day.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques, at 7.35 a.m. to-day. Sagona left Humbermouth at 3 a.m. to-day for Port aux Basques. Meigle left Port aux Basques at 10 a.m. to-day.

Peter left Winterton at 7 p.m. yesterday, outward.

ARM AND SHOULDER BROKEN

Mr. Eli Whiteway was to-day advised by wire from St. Mary's Bay that Mrs. Margaret Bishop was coming on the Portia for Hospital. The woman, recently fell accidentally, and broke one of her arms also dislocating her collar bone. She will be taken to Hospital on arrival.

UP FOR SELLING TO DRUNK AND BLACKLISTER

To-day a well-known saloon-keeper of the West End was charged with selling liquor to a blacklisted and also to a man already drunk. Quite a number of witnesses were examined and the further hearing was postponed till Monday next.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers were put through various exercises and evolutions on the Parade Ground yesterday and had rifle practice on the South Side. The following enlisted:

Wm. Carpenter, Port Blandford. Angus Brenson, Sound Island. Herbert Wiseman, Shoal Hr., T.B. Ernest Gosney, Black River, T.B. Jno. Blackmore, Bell Island. Wm. Jos., Kent, Bell Island. Patk. Bennett, St. John's. Patk. Ryan, St. John's. Harold Brushett, St. John's.

TRAIN NOTES

Monday's No. 1 left Crabbes at 5.50 a.m. Yesterday's No. 1 left Gumbo at 6.50 a.m. Yesterday's No. 2 left Glenwood at 7.55 a.m., due at St. John's about 9 p.m.

To-day's No. 2 left Port aux Basques at 8.35 a.m.

New Departure in Excursion Trains

The Reid Nfd. Company have taken a new departure in connection with the whole and half holidays as well as Sundays of the season of 1916 when excursion trains will leave here for Bowring Park each hour from 1.45 p.m. up to 8 p.m. The public will hail this innovation with extreme pleasure for it will permit all city dwellers—young and old—to get a breath of fresh air and enjoy the scenic beauties of the Park.

A new platform is being erected on the western promenade so that all can come off Water Street, enter the train and pay their fares.

The Reid Newfoundland Company beg to announce the following:—

King's Birthday, June 3rd

Train will leave St. John's at 2.30 p.m. going as far as Kelligrews; returning, leave Kelligrews 8.07 p.m., due St. John's 9.15 p.m. Train will not stop at Waterford Bridge going. This being the first afternoon Excursion Train for the season.

Also on Saturday, June 3rd, a train to Bowring Park will leave West End Promenade, following being schedule:

Leave St. John's 1.45 p.m. Leave Bowring Park 2.15 p.m.

2.45 " 3.15 " 3.45 " 4.15 " 4.45 " 5.15 " 7.00 " 7.30 " 8.00 " 8.30 "

Fare, St. John's to Bowring Park 10c. each way. Tickets to be purchased from Conductor on trains. This train will be run on Sundays, whole and half holidays, during holiday season 1916, and no doubt will be largely patronized, affording an excellent opportunity for ladies and children to spend an afternoon in the country.

On Sunday, June 4th, train will leave St. John's at 2 p.m., going as far as Tors Cove, leaving Tors Cove on return trip at 7.30 p.m.

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Placentia train will, commencing Monday, June 5th, leave Placentia at 7.20 a.m. instead of 4.30 p.m.

YOUTHFUL HOUSE-BREAKERS ARRESTED.

Boys Use False Keys to Try to Enter House. Sunday evening, shortly after 7 Mrs. Hr. Pope whose residence adjoins the Pope Furniture Factory, George's Street, heard some person at the front door, which was locked, and investigating found two boys named Parsons and Neal who are well known to the police, trying to enter by the aid of keys, a bunch of which they possessed and one of which they had inserted in the lock. They ran when she came to the door but Mrs. Pope had an idea of who they were and this forenoon they were caught in the toils by her son, Mr. Wm. Pope. He saw them near the furniture factory, caught them and held them in the office, and getting the Police Station by phone, Const. Tobin arrested the two. We learn that believing Mrs. Pope was out of the house they intended to open the door with the keys and to steal what they could get there. They also confessed to five or six larcenies committed of late which have baffled the police, and they will be up for trial to-morrow.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

ORGANIZED LABOUR CAN WIN IF THE UNIONS UNITE

There Would be no Difficulty in Electing the Whole Ticket in St. John's by Large Majorities—Hon. M. P. Gibbs has Proven a True Friend of the Workingman and Would Easily be Their Choice

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—So, it looks like a big Gibbs' wave. Nearly everybody is talking about it. It is helped along by all manner of circumstances, but none more strongly than the feeling which is everywhere seen, that Gibbs is the workingman's friend.

We have seen periodically happenings which took the country by storm. We have these occurrences of such a strength that nearly every person saw them in the abstract. Of course there were a few who were so wrapped up in their opinion, due to defects of mental vision caused by environment, that they could not see the warning of these occurrences. Nevertheless these happenings took place.

So it is with this Gibbs' Wave. The warning notes are clearly heard. Why, all one has to do is just open his ear to hear the continuous stream of talk, all in the channel of Gibbs and the Labour Party. After all, one need not wonder much at such talk. It is only the outcome of faithful service of a man to a cause. Who will say that Hon. M. P. Gibbs does not deserve the honours he received and the honours that are before him? None dare say it! But on the contrary it is admitted generally that no reasonable honours are too great to give to Mr. Gibbs for the invaluable services that he has rendered to organized labour. Organized labour admits it, as the latest attestation of the Longshoremen's Protective Union show by the records of their meeting last week; wherein it is seen from the following paragraph extracted from their 13th annual report of the Union:

"It is with pleasure that your officers desire to place on record appreciation of the very many services rendered the Union during the year by the Hon. Mr. Gibbs, whose counsel and advice have been frequently sought and cheerfully given. Workingmen in general have in Mr. Gibbs a staunch and tried friend of the cause of the toiling masses."

When they say: "workingmen in general have in Mr. Gibbs a staunch and tried friend of the cause of the toiling masses," they give official endorsement to sentiments which the great majority feel. It is not often in a life-time that one can get to feel by repaying a man for his interests in a cause. But it seems now that organized labour will have the opportunity of manifesting their good wishes to Mr. Gibbs.

It seems from the general trend of affairs that they will be called upon to show in a substantial way their great love for their genuine friend. In the near future when the line is formed to do battle in the work of better conditions for the workmen the men of labour will have to show the mettle that is in them. When Gibbs assumes the leadership of the Workingmen Party, he does so knowing that he is backed by the Masses. The masses are not ungrateful. The masses are what they are—sold in love for their friend, true and tried. Mr. Gibbs feels this, therefore he cares little for those who may fittingly gibe at his position.

He understands that when the working men are behind him the rest is assured. During the summer and autumn months men will begin to get in time to do their part in the cause. They will begin to formulate the policy which will be in the best interests of working men and the country in general. There are several items that would be of great material advantage to them. These items might be discussed with great profit to all concerned when handled in a proper manner. When they have dealt with these matters it would be necessary to have them in the manifesto by the workingmen of Labour Party.

Now it is by a general ventilation of these subjects that men can get a knowledge of them. Hence, from now on, men will talk to one another of their plans, as the Labour Party movement has, practically speaking, been launched on the political waters. It becomes necessary then for all working men to unite to make the issue one of great magnitude. It is only by united action that you may achieve the end in view. You are by your training easily assembled together. Hence, there is very little need of exhorting you. But remember the sooner you begin the easier the victory; and the greater the victory the more credit will be given YOU.

You should have no great difficulty in electing the whole ticket by large majorities. The greater the victory the more strength you will

THE "KYLE'S" PASSENGERS.

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.35 a.m. to-day bringing J. W. Whalen, Mrs. S. Dooley, Mrs. F. Butt, Mrs. E. B. Hughes, Mrs. L. Suley, C. Forbes, Mrs. A. Stickland, H. B. Gilles, A. Nordini, M. O'Donnell. The ship left Port aux Basques for here at 8.40 a.m.

Give your Leader, Hon. M. P. Gibbs. Give him, boys, a good rousing support. He deserves it all, boys. We must prove that we appreciate his worth by falling into line with the bulk of the working men, thereby doing credit to our intelligence, by showing by our act that working men are not ungrateful when put to the test.

Don't let the red herring be drawn across your path. Don't listen to the fellows who may endeavour to hide the main issue from your eyes. In plain words, don't let anybody gull you. You know this is Organized Labour's battle. The contest is yours, Gibbs is your leader. He stood for years to get you higher wages. He stood always to improve your condition. In a word, he was your friend, in season and out of season. Therefore the man who does not support Gibbs, does not support Organized Labour.

Bear this in mind always and the results will be big successes for Organized Labour.

Yours, etc., LONGSHOREMAN, St. John's, May 27, 1916.

LECTURES BY Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, C.M.G., in the CASINO THEATRE, on Monday, 5th June, 1916, at 8.15 p.m., and Wednesday, 7th June, 1916, at 8.15 p.m.

SUBJECT: "A Doctor's Personal Experiences of the War in France and Flanders."

CHAIRMAN: His Excellency Colonel Sir Walter E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., the Governor of Newfoundland.

The Net Proceeds will primarily be used to improve the Lighting of the "SOLDIERS AND SAILORS CLUB," and the residue to the funds of the Club.

Reserve Seats obtainable at Atlantic Book Store, 30 cents; Gallery, 30 cents; Pit, 20 cents. may 31, je 1, 2, 5, 6, 7

CHRISTIAN'S BORAX SOAP Best to be Had.

SAVE THE WRAPPERS. \$10.00 in Gold will be given the person saving the most for 1916.

M. A. DUFFY, AGENT.

LOST—On Wednesday Pair Eye Glasses and Case. Finder will please return same to this office and get reward.—m201f

LOST—The 22nd inst., about 8.30 p.m., between Barter's Hill and LeMarchant Road, a Pocket Book containing a sum of Money, the property of a Volunteer. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.—f

WANTED—An Experienced Dry Goods Salesman. Apply by letter, stating age, length of experience, where employed, and salary expected, to "CONFIDENTIAL," The Mail and Advocate office.—may 13, f

WANTED—By a competent and Steady Man, a position as Manager of a Cod Liver Oil Factory. Can give good references as to ability, &c. Apply at this office.—may 29, f

Boots and Shoes. We have made a special effort to secure the very best and most up to date Boots and Shoes. INFANTS' BLACK and TAN LACED BOOTS. BLACK and TAN BUTTONED BOOTS. WHITE and TAN STRAP SLIPPERS. CHILD'S AND MISSES' WHITE BUTTONED SHOES. WHITE LACED SHOES. TAN and BLACK LACED SHOES. LADIES' WHITE TEAN LACED SHOES. WHITE KID LACED SHOES. WHITE TEAN BUTTONED BOOTS. WHITE TEAN LACED BOOTS. BLACK and TAN LACED and BUTTONED BOOTS. MEN'S LACED BOOTS. LONG RED RUBBERS. All the above was bought cheap and we intend to give our customers the benefit. Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe Limited. 315 WATER STREET 315 Agents for Ungars Laundry & Dye Works.