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WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Fresh West and South West winds, fair and comparatively mild to-day and Sunday.

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COMMITTEE ORGANISE FOR RELIEF WORK

Held Meeting at Board of Trade and Appoint Officers and Committees.

WILL ORGANISE WORK IN THE OUTPORTS.

And Made a Big Effort to Relieve All Families of Victims Possible.

On Thursday afternoon, Sir William Horwood, administrator, called together the Committee nominated to devise ways and means of putting in effect the resolution adopted at the General Meeting of Citizens held at the Court House on Tuesday last to deal with the question of providing relief for the bereaved by the recent terrible sealing tragedy.

The meeting on Thursday took place at the Board of Trade Rooms and was largely attended.

After Sir William Horwood had explained the reason for calling together the members of the Committee immediately after their nomination, the Acting Premier, Hon. J. R. Bennett, moved that the Administrator be appointed Honorary Chairman, declaring his belief that to have Sir William's name figuring in this official capacity would be to inspire the highest confidence in the Relief Fund both at home and abroad.

The sentiment of the meeting was in favor of this move and on motion being seconded by Hon. John Harris, it was carried by an unanimous vote of those present.

Officers of Committee

Hon. John Harris was elected Chairman of the Committee and was called to the Chair by the Administrator, and thereafter asked Hon. J. A. Robinson to act as Secretary of the meeting.

There was considerable discussion as to whether the duties of Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee should be undertaken by one man, many of the members present expressing the opinion that it would be better to have the office of Treasurer independent from that of Secretary.

After some discussion it was decided to combine the offices and Hon. J. R. Bennett moved the appointment of Hon. R. Watson, Cashier of the Savings Bank, assuring the meeting that Mr. Watson had signified his willingness to act in this or any other official capacity to which the Committee might elect him. Mr. Watson was then unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee.

Executive Committee

Considerable discussion took place as to the nomination of an Executive Committee.

The Administrator warned the meeting that great care should be exercised in this matter. It was particularly desirable that Executive members should be gentlemen of some ex-

New York Pledges At Least \$10,000

New York, April 9.—At last night's meeting at New York, \$5,000 was pledged, and arrangements made for raising at least \$10,000 for the relief fund.

Mayor Ellis was chairman, and over 200 Newfoundlanders were present.

perience in this kind of work.

Finally, on motion of Mr. J. S. Munn, President of the Board of Trade, it was decided to have the Executive consist of the officers of the Committee with seven members added thereto.

It was also decided to have the nomination of the extra-official members of the Executive to the Administrator.

These nominations which took place later in the evening, consisted of A. W. Piccott, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Hon. R. A. Squires, Minister of Justice; Hon. George Knowling, Mayor Ellis, President J. S. Munn, J. C. Hepburn and Hon. J. A. Robinson.

Work of Collection

In the general discussion as to the most effective means of carrying on the work of collection, it was suggested that the city be divided into ten wards, with a supervisor to superintend operations in each.

The Administrator emphasized the need of making a thorough canvass of the various outports, where, he said, the bulk of the country's wealth was now to be found. He felt sure that an appeal to residents of our numerous outports would meet with a ready and generous response.

The Minister of Agriculture referred to the work of collecting for the "Little Jap" Fund, and thought something of the same kind should be done in this case. The school children should be interested in the work and the various Lodges and Societies throughout the country should be asked to open subscription lists.

These suggestions were finally embodied in the form of a motion, proposed by Sir William Horwood, seconded by Hon. S. D. Blandford and unanimously assented to by the meeting.

Mr. E. M. Jackman urged concerted action by all the Churches, and that the heads of the various religious bodies be waited on with a view to having a special Sunday set apart for collections for the fund. Hon. Mr. Harris pointed out that this idea had been acted on before, though it had been found impracticable to arrange for the same day in each place.

At the close of the meeting cheques for the following generous amounts as contributions to the Relief Fund were handed in to the Chairman:

Job Bros. & Co., Ltd.	\$1,000
Bowring Bros., Ltd.	1,000
Harvey & Co., Ltd., and A. J. Harvey & Co., joint subscription	2,000

Story of Fateful Voyage Which Cost this Country Four Score of Her Sons

Wireless Operator of Stephano Describes Trip and Scenes After the Tragedy.

TERRIBLE SCENES ON ICE DURING WORK OF RESCUE.

Heroic Work Performed on Behalf of the Living and the Dead.—Heart-breaking Task.

The terrible tragedy of the past few days has evidently cast a gloom over the whole Island, discovered by Cabot, and named Newfoundland; if not the whole world. Certain it is, that the people of my own country (the U.S.A.) are in deep sympathy for there are many Newfoundlanders throughout the "States" from Boston to Seattle.

Strange, too, that this calamity should be wove around a ship which has the same name as the Island.

The steamer Newfoundland in command of Captain Wess Keen, a young active man of perhaps twenty-eight, left St. John's for the icefields to take part in the annual spring sealing expedition a few days before the "Steel Fleet" which later sailed on the 13th of March, according to agreement among the several corporations engaged in the manufacture of seal oil and other products derived from this aquatic animal. Little did anyone think of the sad event that was to occur in less than a month from their departure.

Written On Board

I am writing this account on board the Stephano, one of "Bowring Bros. ships, (the largest of the Steel Fleet), starting it on April fourth, two days after the discovery of the news, that of the Newfoundland crew, over one hundred men had been exposed to the terrific blizzard which commenced the afternoon of March 31st and continued through most of April first.

In proceeding North from St. John's the steel ships including the Bella-venture, Nascope, Beothic, Florizel, Adventure, Bonaventure and ourselves were together practically all the time.

We came across the Newfoundland a few miles Northeast of Fogo Island on the 14th of March in the afternoon and made way for him to a patch of hoods. We "burned down" that evening some distance to the North of the Newfoundland believing she would easily locate these hoods and stay there until Monday and secure a load, but evidently there was some difficulty in her getting to them or else the centre of the patch could not be located for it was afterward learned that only about 250 hoods had been taken.

The "steel fleet" proceeded North as Sir Joseph Outerbridge, 500 city as ushers, were most zealous in the performance of their duties.

Predicts Clash Or Conference

London, April 9.—Donald McMaster M.P., says that affairs "are either coming to a conference or a clash." The papers were coming to the conclusion that this was a problem the Irish must solve themselves.

In the case of the Overseas Dominions they worked out their own schemes and problems, and all the Imperial Parliament did, was to register them. McMaster was emphatic against compromise after Home Rule; and demanded an election to precede it.

He also stated that there was no signs of such.

far as Belle Isle whence on the 18th of March the first patch of white-coats were struck within eight miles of the land at Belle Isle. From this we worked South, some times to the East and other times to the West, covering all the ground possible. At times most of the fleet were together, at other times scattered but we, on the Stephano, seldom lost sight of all the ships at one time.

We worked pretty well to the South, striking small patches of seals which seemed to be very much scattered, in bunches, which were seldom more than a mile in length. This kept on for quite a few days until we worked Southeast and passed the Fumds. Shortly after this we again sighted the Newfoundland.

The Florizel worked over toward him and wireless us that Capt. Wess had not been able to secure many hoods but that the young harps of the so-called Southern party lay to the Southwestward in which direction we proceeded. This was on March 30th.

The Bonaventure steamed into the Western end of the patch of young harps that Capt. Wess reported, and late in the afternoon Captain Parsons turned his ship around, having wireless "only scattered seals" and "proceeding for hood."

Ran Into Young Harps

Captain Abraham Keen kept going to the Southwest though, and at 4.30 p.m. we ran into the young harps. The Bonaventure turned again and made for us. The Florizel was wireless and she also made for us. We "burned down" that evening, having taken about 500 seals aboard.

The next day, the 31st of March, we put all our men out panning seals and swung the ship around to begin picking up our pans. At 11 a.m. we had all our yesterday's seals aboard, numbering nearly 2,000.

At 10 a.m. we steamed alongside of the Newfoundland's men and took them aboard for dinner. The New-

foundland was then about five miles from us. At 11.45 a.m. the ill-fated crew finished their repast, such as it was, having been carried several miles nearer their ship (according to my Captain), were let down on the ice again, close to a patch of seals. One man fell from the rail all the way down to the slob-ice near the ship's side and to give an idea of the lightness aboard for dinner. The New-

First Instalment of Mr. Coaker's Log of the Voyage of the Steamer Nascope.

INTERESTING DESCRIPTION OF GENERAL CONDITIONS. Impressions Made by Sight and Sounds of a Big Body of Whitecoats.

March 13th.—Grand March morning. Left St. John's at 8 a.m., being fourth ship to pass narrows. Passed Baccalieu Island at 10.30 a.m., being first ship. Ice gradually becoming closer and heavier. Made good progress. All steel ships in sight at night fall. Adventure last, about 10 miles from us. All foremost ships—Stephano, Bellaventure, Florizel, Beothic and ourselves all together. Steamed half speed, as many large pieces of ice amongst the floe; considered too dangerous to proceed. Spent night about 30 miles off Cape Frels. Stephano and Nascope led whole day. Both splendid ships for forcing through close packed paniced ice. Cr. v. preparing gaffs and hauling ropes.

Passed several foxy bedlamer seals on ice. Very quiet. Saw snuke two wooden steamers in afternoon, both well in on the land and must find ice close packed.

Ice Heavy

March 14th.—Ships began to move at daylight. Ice heavy and close; here and there streaks of water which two ships availed of. Stephano leading, with us very close after most of the day. The Nascope forged ahead two or three times and took the lead. At mid-day heaving ice was loose at Fogo. Ships headed for the land, and all the steel ships with the Newfoundland congregated about 10 miles off Fogo, all laying side by side. We took snap shot of the view.

Seeing no chance of getting North inside all resolved to force through Eastern. The Bloodhound was left at Shoal Bay where she probably laid up hoping the ice would pass out and leave clear water on the inside. The Sagona and Eagle were at Baccalieu Island, but the whole of Green Bay was a solid field of ice; not even a crack. The Newfoundland followed the steel ships as near as possible, but soon got far behind.

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Halifax Council Votes a Thousand

Halifax, April 9.—At a meeting of the City Council and Board of Control last night, a resolution of sympathy for those bereaved by the sealing disaster was passed and \$1000 voted to the relief fund.

Rank Or File To Take a Hand

London, April 10.—With the political calm of the Easter holidays comes the possibility that private members on both sides will take the law into their own hands, if the front benches fail to settle the Ulster problem.

Take the party whip off, and settle the controversy on the basis of a federal scheme, is the new cry.

Pray For Peace In Ireland

London, April 9.—The heads of both the Established and Free Churches are making special appeals to the people to pray during the Easter season for a peaceful solution of the Irish problem.

Indian Planter Swallowed by Snake

Lucknow, April 10.—The mystery of the disappearance of a molasses dealer of Ragnur was cleared up when a huge python was killed in the neighboring jungle.

The body was found inside a 21 foot snake, which probably crept on him as he slept.

"THE CADET" ON SALE TO-DAY AND ON SATURDAY. PRICE 10 CENTS.

About 4 p.m., land out of sight, we passed through quite a few hoods, as we also did earlier in the day before making in for the land. The body of hoods would now probably be about 40 miles N. E. of Fogo Islands. Some of the hoods had not pupped, although many families were passed. The hoods commenced to pup this year about the 12th and the pupping would extend to about the 17th.

We passed one white coat about 8 a.m., about 40 miles W.E. of Cape Fogo. The little chap was quite lively and we knocked him into the water in forcing through. He soon managed to mount the ice.

At night-fall all the steel ships were in two groups. One group about five miles Eastern of us, consisting of the Florizel, Bonaventure and Adventure; the other group consisted of Stephano, Newfoundland, Beothic and Bellaventure. The four ships laying within the radius of one hundred yards; the Stephano about thirty feet from us.

The appearance was more like a town than the Arctic Atlantic, as all the ships were brilliantly lighted.

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CONTRIBUTIONS STILL CONTINUE TO RELIEF FUND

Universal and Practical Sympathy Over the Terrible Sealing Tragedy.

WHOLE BRITISH EMPIRE EAGER TO HELP SUFFERERS.

Ready Response to Appeals Made Through The Times and Other Papers.

Messages of sympathy and offers of aid for families of the victims of the "Newfoundland" tragedy continue to pour in to the various Government departments and to private citizens. There is almost universal grief over the frightful disaster and everything possible in the way of solace and help is being done.

Colonial Secretary Harcourt writes: "Newfoundland Sealing Disaster Fund, London, First list was published in London Times, April 9th, and amounts to £2,423. 0. 6d. Includes donation from H. M. The King £100, from H. M. The Queen £50. Their letters have been published. H. M. The King writes: "This donation is accompanied by His Majesty's sincere and heartfelt sympathy for all those who are in sorrow and affliction owing to this awful catastrophe."

H. M. The Queen writes: "The Queen desires to express her sympathy with the wives and families of the poor fishermen who lost their lives in such a sad and tragic manner."

Large Donations.

Other large donations are Anglo-Nfld. Development Co., £1,000, James Buchanan & Co., £500, 100 guineas or pounds from Walter Davidson, C. T. Bowring, Konig Brothers, Viscount Hambleton, Glyn Mills, Currie & Co. Subscriptions have been received among many others, from Sir Edward Morris, Doctor Grenfell, Sir Thomas Esmond, Sir Henry Blake, Donald Matthews, Commander Atlay.

Remittances to Committee in St. John's will commence after the Easter holidays.

The Fund is being supported strongly in The Times, Daily Mail, and Evening News in particular, and widespread general sympathy is manifest.

Liverpool has undertaken a separate fund.

Second list to be acknowledged in The Times of to-morrow is £800.

Largest contributions are from Albert Reed, Rothschild, Spiers, Groves, £100 each.

HARCOURT'S Newfoundlanders Aboard

In a communication to President J. S. Munn, Mr. E. St. John Howley, Secretary of the Newfoundland Society of New York, states that at a meeting held on April 10, the members voted \$2000 toward the Relief Fund. Their message of sympathy which was cabled, read as follows:

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Jeff Came Out Second Best As Usual

by "Bud" Fisher.

