

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.

CHRISTMAS EDITION OF THE "EVENING ADVOCATE"

The Christmas edition of *The Evening Advocate*, issued on Dec. 19th, contains in all 38 pages with articles on various topics as well as illustrations of prominent people and places. The thought and labor involved in getting out such an edition is prodigious, and we offer our congratulations to our fellow-publishers on the general excellence of their effort. Special Christmas articles written by gentlemen prominent in Church and State, will give the reader many hours of pleasure and profit. Lack of space forbids us reviewing the edition in detail.

Hon. Dr. Warren, Mrs. Warren, and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Reid arrived by Private car on Thursday after a very pleasant trip across country.

PUBLIC NOTICE

If sufficient promises of subscriptions are obtained, it is proposed to issue early in 1924 a complete catalogue of the books in the printed library of the Foreign Office, London, on December 31st, 1923. The issue price of such catalogue is \$2. per copy. Any person or bodies likely to be interested in the purchase of such Catalogue may obtain a copy of the prospectus by applying at the Department of the Colonial Secretary.

W. W. HALFYARD,
Colonial Secretary,
Dept. of the Colonial Secretary,
December 17th, 1923.

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Poles will be surveyed and delivery taken on May 1st or earlier if snow all gone.

It is distinctly specified that no pole will be accepted that is not up to above dimensions.

Tenders to be addressed to me at the General Post Office on or before the 27th instant.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest nor any tender.
DAVID STOTT,
Superintendent.

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.

Birth and Marriage Notices 50 cents per insertion. Notes of Thanks and Lists of Presents, \$1.00.

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. 21, 1923.

* * * * * THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON * * * * *

* Let us pause from business *
* cares just for a few minutes. *
* This Season brings to memory *
* many pleasant exchanges during *
* the present year—thoughts that *
* make one feel thankful for the *
* acquaintance. We are prompted *
* then, to send you the wish for a *
* genuine good time this Christ- *
* mas, a happy 1924, with plenty *
* of Sunshine, Health and Pros- *
* perity.

* "THE GUARDIAN." *
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Accidents and Compensation

The accident which occurred at Bell Island this week is another stern reminder of the dangers to which the laboring man in mine and forest, on land and on sea is subject to.

This element of danger is one of the reasons why men who are prepared not only to work but to take great risks should receive good pay for their labor.

The accident referred to might easily have been more serious than it was. Fortunately no loss of life occurred. But serious accidents, in which men lose their lives or limbs, are taking place from time to time in that great industrial area and elsewhere around the country.

The question which arises in the mind of those who have given industrial conditions in this country any serious consideration is, (1) Are our workmen protected from the possibility of accidents so far as it is possible for the employers to protect with a rigid daily inspection of sections and things in which accidents are most likely to occur, (2) And in the event of an accident occurring, either fatal or otherwise, is the workman and his family protected by right and proper compensation?

As the writer has had occasion at various times to become interested in matters of this kind, we are in a position to state that The Employers' Liability Act of Newfoundland can certainly be improved in the interests of the workman.

Compared with the Nova Scotia and Massachusetts Employers' Liability Acts, and especially the Ontario Employers' Liability Act it falls far short in its application to accidents, fatal or otherwise.

Here, if a man loses his life in an accident on Bell Island or elsewhere, the most his family can get is \$1500.00, and this is paid out in small amounts in monthly instalments.

Then, again, if the Company or employer can prove negligence in any way on the part of the workman they are relieved of all responsibility under the Newfoundland Act. In Ontario, at least, whether negligence can be proven or not, the man himself or his family receives the compensation allowed, and amount very much larger than ours.

When the writer made an appeal to the electors for their support in this District in 1919 he stated that "Labor conditions at Bell Island and other industrial centres will receive my attention, and I promise to see that men's lives and limbs are considered of more value than they now appear to be, and to see that their families are fully compensated in the event of an accident or loss of life," finishing with the lines,

"Oh, God, that bread should be so dear,
And flesh and blood so cheap."

When we penned these lines in 1919 we had in mind conditions such as we have above referred to.

This question is a vital one to numbers of men belonging to this district and section of country, and should receive at the earliest possible moment serious consideration.

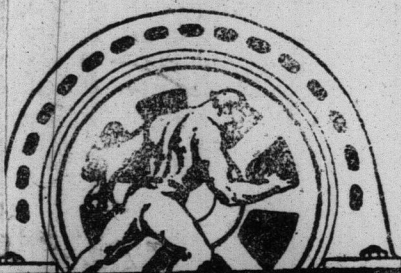
POLITICAL RUMORS

Presumably, owing to the return home this week of ex-Premier Squires and Premier Warren, the air is full of all kinds of political rumors. The one gaining the most currency in this section is that in the near future Hon. Dr. Warren and certain members of the present Government will effect an alliance with the Opposition and form a new Government with Premier Warren as Leader, and that ex-Premier Squires will lead a new Party composed of supporters of himself and Sir Wm. Coaker.

The Guardian cannot vouch for the truth or otherwise of these rumors. We give them to our readers as we have heard them.

NUMBERS OF MEN RETURN HOME

A large number of men belonging to Bay Roberts and vicinity, who were working at various places in the United States and Canada, have returned home recently. In speaking to some of them *The Guardian* learns that all who left home during the year have done well. At the same time things in the United States are slowing up a bit. Some of the men will return again in the early spring, while others have the same old desire to prosecute the fishery next summer if they could be reasonably sure that the venture will be a paying one. Let us hope, and let only hope but work to hasten the time when the codfishery will resume its place in the industrial life of the country which it occupied years gone by, with profit both to the fisherman and the supplier.



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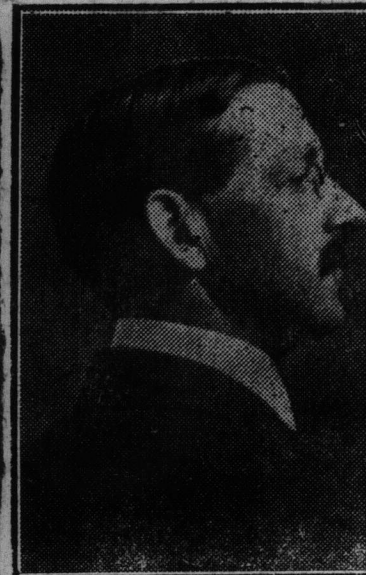
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I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING ALL MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS EVERYWHERE

A REAL HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

C. E. RUSSELL

Prop. and Editor "The Guardian"

Mr. Hugh R. Parsons arrived in the week from Montreal spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Parsons, an absence of three years, during which time he has worked with G. N. W. Telegraph Co. A lot of friends are glad to see him.

A very suitable Christmas or Year Gift—a copy of Dr. Stall and Sex Books. See advt. on p. 2. \$1.25 a copy.

"Poverty is a blessing in disguise," quoted the sage. "Well," replied the fool, "the disguise is certainly effective."

Clearing prices on Men's Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Ladies' and Children's Coats, etc. At MARSHALL'S.

A WESTERN
EDITOR'S NOTE

The wind bloweth;
The water floweth;
The farmer soweth;
The subscriber oweth;
And God knoweth
We are in need of our dues
So come a-runnin'.
Ere we go a-gunnin'.
This thing of dunnin'.
Gives us the blues.

—Selected

We take this Opportunity of
Wishing our Friends and Patrons
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and a Bright and Happy New Year

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