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Speed Up Production.

An advertisement now running in the daily press, advises that the Department of Agriculture would like to receive the names of all unemployed persons, who can plant a barrel of potatoes this — the present spring. It would be well for all those who can conform to the stipulation of planting the quantity named give heed to this invitation and get their names and addresses to the Secretary of Agriculture as speedily as possible. This not only applies to the people of St. John's but to those of the outports as well. Though a time limit is set for the receipt of applications, yet we do not think that any outport unemployed will be refused if their orders are not punctual to the hour specified. That a speeding up of production of the soil, particularly in potatoes is eminently desirable at the present period, is a matter that has given the Agricultural Board much thought. They realize that under present strained conditions that a great deal of the hope of the future depends upon the greater development of the farm and garden. Potatoes, as an article of food, are consumed in greater measure, perhaps, in Newfoundland, than in any other farming country producing this well known tuber, for not only do we use all that are grown, but not a year passes but we go outside the Colony in the purchase of additional supplies for local consumption. The humble potato is a popular article of food. It is found on the tables of rich and poor alike. We need not comment here on its nutritive value, for all are cognizant of its worth as an edible, and no real meal is complete without the potato appearing as a dish.

Though the production in Newfoundland has been somewhat on the increase during the past decade, there yet seems to be room for additional sowing. If for no other reason than that the potato is the most easily cultivated of any garden crop, an impetus should be given to a still further development in order that sufficient may be produced locally to supply the requirements of the whole Colony. The Agriculture Department officials desire this, and they believe that it is a first duty of all who can to speed up a bit. To this end they are devoting their time and knowledge and are as ready with information as they are to supply the necessary lots of seed applied for. Those who possess land—in small or large plots—would do well to take advantage of the offers made, and if possible to double their output, of all kinds of vegetables locally grown. There is a reason, and that reason may not be far to seek. Every country in the world, which can, is exploiting its

agricultural possibilities to the utmost, because they believe that to produce is of better internal advantage than to import. The money thus, is kept in the country and in constant circulation, whereas that paid for foreign produce leaves the country never to return, and thus becomes, of no ultimate value to the people as a purchasing medium. In this connection, therefore we would beg to suggest to the Minister of Agriculture that he devise some system of marketing in order that each producing district or section may be easily assisted in the transportation necessary to make sale of their wares to non-producing districts or sections. Given this extra encouragement and facility, providing that all endeavour to "speed up," and we are of the opinion that in the more common order of vegetables Newfoundland will become more than self-supporting in this line of produce and may even become an exporting factor.

Governor at Kirk.

MEMORIAL WINDOW TO BE UNVEILED.

His Excellency the Governor attended evening service at the Kirk yesterday. During the service, the pastor, Rev. R. J. Power, announced that the Memorial Window lately installed in the church would be unveiled by the Governor on Sunday, May 28th. Mr. A. Lawrence rendered a solo during the service and Miss Margaret Mitchell sang after it had concluded, while Mr. Mawer gave an organ recital.

B. I. S. A. A.

FOOTBALL OFFICERS ELECTED.

A largely attended meeting of the B.I.S. Athletic Association was held in the Club Rooms, St. Patrick's Hall, on Saturday night, when the election of officers for the coming season took place, with the following result: Manager—W. Burke. Asst. Manager—H. Phelan. Secretary—F. Phelan. League Delegate—J. P. Croity. The captain will be elected by the team when the season opens. The B.I.S. winners of last year's championship will make a determined effort to retain possession of the cup.

Revelations.

Murder will out and so will Truth. Stunning Revelations in Truth as to be made by J. W. Morris, Esq., B.Sc., in his lecture and moving picture show at George St. Church basement Thursday evening at 8.15, when the Origin and Application of X-Rays will be treated. Some of the miracles of science are revealed and pictured in this remarkable film and lecture. Tickets at Dicks & Co., 40c. Don't miss this rare opportunity for a really wonderful Revelation of Nature's secrets in most attractive form, including the wonders of the human body as revealed by X-Rays. The lecture is a graphic and popular description of scientific discovery by trained scientists.

N. I. W. A. Notes.

NEW SECRETARY AND TREASURER ELECTED.

The regular monthly meeting of the N. I. W. A. took place on Friday night last. President Shaw occupied the chair. Quite a large amount of business was transacted, and the different reports were very encouraging from a labour point of view. The value of this organization is being realized by the workers, as its aim and objects are becoming known. The vacancies created in the Association by the resignation of the treasurer and secretary were filled by the election of Mr. Dennis and Mr. A. E. Earle to the respective offices.

Fish Prices at Halifax.

Following are Halifax wholesale prices fish ex. vessel:—Large cod, qt. \$7.50. Small cod, qt. \$6.50. Haddock, qt. \$6.00. Pollack, qt. \$6.00. Herring, large, \$5.25. Herring, medium, \$4.40. Mackerel No. 2's, brl. \$12.00. Cod oil, per gallon, 30 cts.

Dalhousie Graduate.

In the University of Dalhousie, Halifax, Graduating List for 1922, Mr. W. A. Pullins receives the degree of M. D.C.M. This successful young medico is a son of Mr. A. J. Pullins of Chancel, to whom as well as to the talented young graduate our congratulations are extended.

Latest model Halliwell Gas-Electric Hair Dryer. Heaviest head of hair dried in ten minutes. MRS. J. L. COURTNEY, 2 Prescott Street. Phone 1558. —may 15, 22

The Railway Situation

President Announces That Wages Can Not Be Paid -- Does Not Want Arbitration--Prime Minister Will Deal With Situation To-Day.

The railway situation was brought to a crisis to-day when President H. D. Reid of the Reid Newfoundland Company, in a notice to railway employees, declared that there was no money to pay their wages. The whole situation has assumed complications with which it will be difficult to deal. The future operation of the railway now rests with the railway workers and the Government. With the former because if they decide to quit work trains must stop running, and the decision of the men depends to a great extent on such action as the Government may take.

THE PRESIDENT'S NOTICE.

The full text of President Reid's notice is as follows:—

May 15th, 1922.

"TO ALL RAILWAY EMPLOYEES:

"We regret to inform you that the Government, having failed to pay us the instalments due under the operating contracts, we have no money on hand to pay your wages for April, due to-day. We are taking proceedings to recover the amount due us, and you can be assured that we will protect your interests to the fullest possible extent, and that you will be paid immediately sufficient money is received by us."

H. D. REID, President."

hands with which this method of settling the railway difficulty would interfere. He is hoping that the Humber Development Proposition will be successfully promoted without Government assistance, and he wishes to give all his attention to it. He declares that the war is the direct result of the railway, and he further stated that the Reid Newfoundland Company was the only private railway company in the British Empire to carry on during the war without Government assistance. He emphasized the fact that he is anxious to keep the railway in operation, but said that the present situation was impossible.

To-day is the monthly pay day for all railway employees.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED.

Mr. H. D. Reid told the Telegram this morning that the Reid Newfoundland Company would do all in his power to keep the line operating. He said the matter was in the hands of the men, who might refuse to work until assured of their pay. The deadlock has been caused by the action of the Government in deducting an amount of several hundred thousands from the guarantee of \$1,500,000 voted last year to defray losses on railway operation. Mr. Reid explained that in the Operating Contract, referred to in the notice quoted above, a certain amount was set aside for conditional improvements. The Company was not compelled to provide this amount for some years, but to relieve unemployment, it was utilized last year. This is the amount which the Government have deducted from the guarantee of \$1,500,000. The Company disputes the right of the Government to deduct this amount, and declare that they now have no money to pay railway workers. That is how the situation stands at present.

DOES NOT WANT ARBITRATION.

Mr. Reid said he had put the Government in full possession of the facts a few weeks ago. It is possible that those men who are paid by the month might remain at work on the chance of ultimately getting their pay. Engineers and others, who are paid by the day, may refuse to continue and a strike would result. So far the men have not approached him on the matter. The pay roll to-day is approximately \$100,000. Mr. Reid said he did not favour arbitration at the present time, as he had other work on his mind.

THE PREMIER SILENT.

Sir Richard Squires told the Telegram to-day that he would deal with the situation in the House this afternoon. He would say nothing further for publication. A meeting of the Executive Council, presumably to discuss the railway problem, was held in the Prime Minister's office this morning. From outside sources, it is learned that Mr. Pili, the Government Auditor with the Reid Newfoundland Company, claims that only about \$900,000 was lost on railway operations last year and that at the end of the present fiscal year the total loss will be under the amount of the guarantee. Under these circumstances, the Auditor General has refused to advance further monies to railway operating account.

The results which would follow a tie-up of the railway would be disastrous, and the problem will require delicate handling. The Prime Minister's statement in the House to-day will be looked forward to with the keenest interest, as it will probably consist of an announcement of the Government's policy with respect to the future operation of the railway.

Our Local Peggs

HIS DIARY.

May 15th.—I to the King's Wharf, and so by motor boat to the Dock with Mr. H. Angel. The boat a fine one and did have a new kind of rudder, which is, indeed, an improvement on the old type. In the afternoon, I did play at Rugby and did take much pleasure in it, but the field wet and I very muddy. At night to the Club, and to play at Bridge, to my great content. Dr. Carnell there, and did take his home in his motor coach. May 16th. (Lord's Day)—Lay long being a bitter, wet day, and I in much pain from my exertions of yesterday. Up at noon, and to set about my work, which I finish. With my wife to sup with friends, and a mighty pleasant evening. So home and to bed.

Returned Men Seek Work.

FEW OF THEM EMPLOYED.

A delegation of soldiers and sailors, appointed at a meeting of the unemployed held in Bannerman Park on Saturday evening, visited the Prime Minister to-day with a request that something be done to provide work for their number. The Prime Minister promised to give the matter his consideration at the earliest possible moment. It is claimed by the returned men that only a very small percentage of their number were given jobs on the relief works opened last week.

Early Straits Service.

PORTIA MAY GO TO BATTLE HR. The S.S. Portia will leave Humbermouth on the arrival of yesterday's outgoing express for Port Saunders and bring down a number of lobster pickers and shrimpers who are anxious to get early at the fishery. It is rumoured that on returning to Humbermouth the Portia will make a trip to Battle Harbor.

NORWEGIAN FISHERY.—May 15, 1922. 40,380,000; May 16, 1921, 38,000,000. Lofoten-closed.

Supreme Court.

(Before the Chief Justice.) In the matter of the alleged insolvency of David Cohen, Gibbs, K.C. for the N.M. Wholesale Co. Ltd., a petitioning creditor, moves for a declaration of insolvency. L. E. Curtis for D. Cohen consents. It is ordered accordingly and Mr. Harold Oxley is appointed interim trustee.

Establishment of T. A. & B. Society.

NAMES OF ORIGINAL FOUNDERS; ALSO OF PRESIDENTS TO DATE.

Sixty-four years ago to-day, or to be more precise, on May 15, 1858, the St. John's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society was instituted, its original founders being: Messrs. Wm. McGrath, Patrick Reardon, Philip Halley, John Donnelly, John Sheehan, Henry E. Hewitt, John Myrick, John Barry. The Presidents and their years of office, brought down to date have been: Charles Kichham, 1858 to 1864; Wm. McGrath, 1865; John Darmody, 1866; James Furlong, 1867 to 1873; Patrick Reardon, 1874 to 1879; Michael J. O'Mara, 1880 to 1883; Joseph M. Lynch, 1883 to 1886; Patrick J. O'Neil, 1887 to 1894; James J. Bates, 1895 to 1909 when he retired, W. J. Ellis being then elected to the chair, which he still holds.

Mr. Lawrence Haley, H.M.C. is the first member on the roll call to-day, he having joined the Society in 1859.

Personal.

The Bishop of Newfoundland and the Rev. B. C. Eap, B.A., Rector of St. Thomas's, who left town on Thursday last, were at Hearts Content yesterday. His Lordship administered the Rite of Confirmation at the Parish Church. They are both expected back by this evening's train.

Here and There.

Speedy Races, Basket Ball, Tug of War, Relay Races and other interesting and exciting events at C.L.B. Sports Thursday night.—may 15, 22

THE WRONG NAME.—The woman reported as having been arrested on Saturday for manslaughter is named Bridget, and not Margaret Duff, as was stated in the daily press.

FUN! FUN! FUN!!!—Treat yourself to a good time by attending the C.L.B. Indoor Sports in the Armoury Thursday night next.—may 15, 22

A LARGE TROUT.—A Lockleven trout, weighing 14 lbs., and caught by Mr. F. Worley, yesterday, was put on exhibition to the window to-day. The fish was taken with seven others at Seal Cove, near Kelligrewa.

"COTTON'S PATCH," Casino Theatre, TO-NIGHT. All the town is going. —may 15, 22

SURPLUS STORES SOLD.

At the auction sale of stores left over from the sealing voyage of the S.S. Seal, conducted by Messrs. Dowden and Edwards to-day, Sugar fetched wholesale prices. Hard Bread over \$2 per half bag, Hard Wheat Flour \$5.50, and Fork \$25.50 per barrel.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind north, fresh weather fine; one iceberg in sight about five miles east, the motor boat Pige passed West at 8, and an unknown three masted schooner passed in at 9.30 a.m.; Bar. 29.50; Ther. 44.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply Wreaths and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

VALLEY NURSERIES.

Tessier Brothers, Phone 124. Box 994, St. John's.

BORN.

On the 13th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Quidd Vind Road, twin daughters.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on Sunday, May 14th, after a long illness, Robert Nowersworth, aged 84 years, late of Harbour Grace. Left to mourn are a wife, three sons, three daughters and one brother. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, Beaumont Street West. Friends and acquaintances please accept this, the only intimation.

Our love was great, the blow severe. To part loved so long, and so true. It was God's will it should be so. At His command we all must go.

They are gone to be with Jesus. Thou hast suffered thy last pain; Only for awhile we're parted. Till we meet in Heaven's lands.

Ent MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—apr 8, 22

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MEN'S GOLF SHOES, Heavy Rubber Soles 10.50 a pair

GOLF SCORING BOOKS, with Rules, in Morocco case, 1.10 ea.

Refills for same, 12c. each.

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CUTCH, OCHRE, OAKUM, SEINE CORKS, CORKWOOD, NAILS, PAINTS, DORY OARS, ROPE, WIRE RIGGING, SOLE LEATHER, MOTOR OILS, NEW MOLASSES in Puncheons, Tierces and Barrels.

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Hudnut's Three Flowers Perfume.

Gives at different stages the impression of three refreshing fragrant flowers.

Obtainable at McMurdo's Drug Store, JAS. BAIRD, LTD., AL. W. KENNEDY, NOTARY STORES, LTD.

DEPENDS ON U. S. A.

GENOA, May 15. What the Genoa conference has failed to do in solving the Russian question, it is hoped to accomplish at another meeting, if United States will participate. To-day all eyes are upon Washington, for the question of United States participation a chance for a non-aggression treaty for four months, or until the new conference ends its labors has been approved informally. A Sub-Committee on Russian Affairs met to-day to vote on the date being tentatively set for June 15. Other details are unsettled, but at the suggestion of Premier Lloyd George, led in by Lloyd George and other representatives of the fire burning.

THE CATHEDRAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

are holding

A SALE OF PLAIN WORK

IN THE SYNOD HALL ON

WEDNESDAY, May 17th, at 7 p.m.

At 8.15 there will be a Concert given by our best local talent. Some of the performers are: Mrs. Outbridge, Mrs. Brian Dunfield, Mrs. W. C. Job, Mr. T. O'Neil, Mr. Ruggles and others. After the Concert a cup of tea will be served.

CANDY FOR SALE.

ADMISSION 40c.

BON MARCHE

WILL OPEN SHORTLY.

New Premises Opposite Bowring's

Delegates to the Hague Meeting, the date being tentatively set for June 15. Other details are unsettled, but at the suggestion of Premier Lloyd George, led in by Lloyd George and other representatives of the fire burning.