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### Notes on the Patriotic Tour.

#### Conditions at Channel.

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CHAPTER VIII.  
Comparing our notes of the past with Channel-of-to-day we were gratified to notice a very marked and desirable change in various directions. This improvement is attributable principally to two important features in the trade of the place. The first is the advanced price of fresh fish as sold from the boat, and second is the terminus of the Reid Railway Works, which forms a connecting link between Newfoundland and Sydney. These two features alone have transformed the commercial aspects of Channel, and as a result we found a newer Channel than that which our last notes tell us of.

During our last tour in the district we made ourselves acquainted with the conditions of life then existing, and with the changes which the fishermen had in making a comfortable living; and we found that while they managed to make the two ends meet fairly well, they were at the same time receiving a very small figure for their fish. For one hundred pounds of fish they were being paid the sum of one dollar and twenty cents. From the present enquiry we were informed that six dollars is now being paid by the Gorton Pew Company, for the same amount of fish; and this advancement has been taken place for the last ten or twelve years. In this light it requires no words to explain the cause of Channel's advancement. The sum itself tells its own tale, and produces its own answer.

The day which we spent at Channel was fine in the extreme and all the boats had gone out to what they call deep water fishing, and in due time, all were safely back to harbour with satisfactory catches. Some boats had two quintals and others had three and four, and all the men whom we interviewed assured us that they had made a very satisfactory day's pay. These boats are quite small, being but skiffs, and a couple of men operate them, sometimes a man and his boy, so that from every aspect we found that things at Channel were prosperous and bright. Besides the winter-fishing industry of Channel there is quite

a fleet of fine schooners owned in the place, which for nine and ten months in the year trade between Channel, Sydney, and the lower Provinces. Among the leading business men of Channel and Port aux Basques, those of Clement and Pike stand foremost, while such names as Davis and Gillham with others add much to the enterprise of the place. Of the benefits to Port aux Basques of the Reid terminus most of our readers are already aware. It has indeed imparted a new life to the locality, and has been the means of putting in circulation tens and tens of thousands of dollars. The water front and pier of the Reid Co., as we saw it, impressed us as being very substantially built, and conveniently situated, and it speaks well for the enterprise and arrangement of the company; and while the surroundings may be bold and rugged, the hum of industry at the terminus proper seems to rob this ruggedness of its danger. Among the many improvements, we specially noticed that the homesteads of the people presented a good share, and next to these came the school houses and parish halls, and there is the new court house, which has been just recently opened and in which is combined the various public offices of the town. The building is very fine indeed, and the court room and magistrate's quarters are spacious and dignified. Neath its roof operate the telegraph officials, and the customs officers, the latter being in charge of our old friend and townsman, Mr. Thomas Soper.

The Post Office Department is very comfortable and in it certainly a marked improvement upon the old time building, and reflects great credit upon the public spirit of Channel. The Post Office is conducted by a very estimable lady in the person of Mrs. Ross, and who in her official capacity seems very popular with the public. The building was erected, we understand, by Messrs. Clement, merchants of the place, and is very well constructed indeed; there was no undue rushing or driving while it was being built, but fair time was given for what was considered a fair price; and with good material, properly selected, the builders put out of hand a structure at once useful, ornamental, and substantial. We compliment Channel upon these things, and hope that its industry will increase and long continue, and that the enterprise and industry of its sons, and the diligence and devotion of its daughters, will ever remain its true and living asset; for these characteristics represent more to a people than is embodied in mere commercialism alone.

(To be continued.)

### Amusement the Best by the Best.

The Catholic population is not forbidden by the Church dignitaries attending the Rossley performances, and as the genial Jack intends giving up his profits for Charity, then it is to be hoped the public will turn up, and swell the funds. During Mr. Rossley's time there never has been any profits during Lent; but as the church does not forbid the attending of shows for a charitable cause, then it is to be hoped the public will rally round and make the effort worth while. He did not wait to be asked, but volunteered, therefore he trusts to be able to do a little good at this time. His broad benefit is certainly very good alone for the poor will take place. There will be a splendid performance. Mr. A. Crocker, the talented leader of the orchestra, and Mr. Jago, violinist, have both offered their services free, also the pupils of Mr. Rossley, and there will be a real first class show. Tickets on sale at both the Rossley theatres. The programme all the week, will consist of the finest pictures ever filmed with songs, sketches, novelties and other effective items. See the great feature film to-night and several others by the Vitagraph players "Mrs. Caber's Necklace," wonderful.

### CM.B.C.

The regular weekly session of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class was held yesterday afternoon, and was presided over by Rev. J. Brinton. Mr. W. W. Blackall, Supt. of C. of E. Schools, addressed the Class on "Symbolism," making particular reference to the east window of the Church of England Cathedral, whose design points to the Glory of God. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Blackall for his discourse, after which the yearly cards were distributed by the chairman.

LEAGUE HOCKEY.—The Terra Nova and Pelidians will contest this evening, and the best game for the season is expected.

### Photograph Unveiled.

At a meeting of the Law Society held Saturday afternoon, at which the President, the Hon. D. Morrison, K. C., presided, an enlarged photograph of the late Secretary, Mr. Donald Browning, M. A., K.C., was unveiled, and placed in the Library as a memento of his services. Before the unveiling, Sir W. H. Horwood, Chief Justice, paid a worthy tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Browning.

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### Church Parade.

Yesterday the volunteers of No. 2 Company of the Second Contingent paraded to Divine Service, those of the R. C. denomination attending the Cathedral; the Church of England, at St. Thomas's; and the Methodists, at Wesley Church. After service each section returned direct to the Armoury where they were dismissed for the day.

THE "CADET."—The Easter "Cadet" will issue Saturday, March 27th. It will contain the best from local and foreign writers; will be profusely illustrated with views of the Second Contingent and officers, together with a full two-page supplement in sepia of the three companies at Fort George.—Feb 22, 11

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### Children's Carnival Great Success.

The annual children's carnival was held at the Prince's Rink on Saturday afternoon and proved as big a success as those of previous years. Conditions were favorable, the ice being in excellent condition, and there was a large attendance, including His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, who occupied seats in the gallery. The costumes worn by the children whose ages ranged from three to fifteen years of age, were original. Some very strikingly attractive and quaint saris were also displayed. The four prizes offered were awarded, respectively, to the following: First Prizes.—Miss Nellie Vinnicombe, daughter of N. J. Vinnicombe, Esq., who represented the transport ship Florizel, decorated with bunting as she was leaving our shores with the First Nfld. Contingent; Mr. Arthur Johnson, son of Percie Johnson, Esq., who made an inimitable "Johnny Walker." Second Prizes.—Miss Crosbie, the daughter of Hon. J. C. Crosbie, and Mr. Robert Furlong, son of M. W.

Furlong, Esq., K.C., who made a capital "Man in his Library." It is a singular thing that Miss Vinnicombe won first prize last year when she represented Mrs. Pankhurst.

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NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. George Cook and family wish to thank all those who kindly sent wreaths and flowers, and notes of sympathy; also those who helped in any way in their sad bereavement.—11

### Equipping R-s rves.

On Saturday afternoon the Finance Committee of the Patriotic Association met at the Board of Trade Rooms and discussed the equipping of three hundred men who will form a Reserve Force after the departure of No. 4 Company of the Second Contingent. The sum of \$15,000 will be allocated for equipping the Reserves.

### Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E.N.E., light, weather fine; ocean covered with heavy slob ice. S.S. Portia, passed in at 8 a.m. and was out of sight at 10.30 a.m., ice being slack outside. Bar. 29.70; ther. 20.

Patriotic Fund Carnival, Parade Rink, Monday night, February 22nd. Maskers and general admission, 20c. General skating from 9 to 10.30. Terra Nova Band.—Feb 20, 21

### J. suit Father Preaches at Cathedral

AT LAST MASS.

Rev. Fr. Cox, S. J., who will give a series of sermons at the R. C. Cathedral during the Lenten season, preached at the last Mass yesterday, taking as his subject: "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin." In an eloquent and interesting manner the rev. Father expounded the Roman Catholic doctrine of devotion to the Mother of God, a doctrine that has often been misrepresented by those who confounded honour with adoration. "The Catholic Church," said the preacher, "claiming to be the vanguard of the Christian Army, honours the Blessed Virgin because God Himself has so much honoured her, and in giving honour to Mary the Church is following its Divine Leader. That she was honoured above all other women is a fact that none will dispute, hence she was chosen to be the mother of her Creator, by an Infinite Wisdom the depth of which we poor mortals can never attempt to penetrate. She witnessed with all the sorrows of a mother, the work of man's redemption, and from the Cross was proclaimed the Mother of all Christianity by her Divine Son, who all during His life on earth were subject to a creature of His own hands."

In concluding his remarks the rev. preacher addressed the volunteers present. He reminded them that when on the battlefield they would be called upon to shed their blood for their country, it is then they will miss the tenderness of a mother's care. He thereupon exhorted them to turn their thoughts to Mary the mother of us all, to whom none ever sought for protection in vain.

AT VESPERS.

Probably the largest congregation of worshippers ever seen inside the R. C. Cathedral attended last evening's Vespers. The immense gathering was well up in the thousands, including people who had come from remote sections of the city to hear Rev. Fr. Cox, S. J., preach from the pulpit.

In a clear and distinct voice the congregation was treated to an eloquent, seasonable and profitable discourse on Faith, Hope and Charity. In his prefatory remarks he earnestly exhorted all to see themselves as God sees them. Continuing, he dealt ably with the three divine virtues and offered simple illustrations in which he graphically portrayed the inconsistencies of our beliefs in these virtues. For upwards of an hour Father Cox held the clearest attention of the devout congregation.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted by Fr. Sheehan.

### Letter of Sympathy.

Lycium Club. His Excellency Governor of Newfoundland, land:

Dear Sir—I am requested by the committee members of the "United Empire Circle" of the Lycium Club to ask you to express their sympathy and regret, to the Government and people of Newfoundland, in the loss of the "Viknor" with so many of the naval reserve men of Newfoundland. We are deeply sorry for the disaster and the loss of so many men. Yours sincerely, MINNIE GOODRIDGE, Hon. Sec.-Treas.

### North Sydney Blocked.

The S. S. Kyle which arrived at Port aux Basques from Louisbourg 8 p.m. yesterday, reports that the harbor of North Sydney has been blocked with ice since Wednesday last. The prevailing wind at Sydney for the past four days has been north east, and as a consequence the ice is packed closely on the shore. Much ice was encountered on the run from Louisbourg to Port aux Basques.

### Marine Disasters Fund.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks, the receipt of \$24.22 (£5 Stg.) for the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund, remitted by the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, London, per Mr. Sheard, Esq., Secretary International Grenfell Association.

### U.S. JUDGE'S SPEECH ANGES GERMANS.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Charges by the German-American Alliance and the German-Historical Society of Toledo that Federal Judge M. Killis delivered an unneutral speech recently declaring he "did not care how soon some one dropped a thousand bombs on Emperor's William's head," were referred to-day by President Wilson to the Department of Justice. Officials pointed out, however, that neither the President nor the Department has authority to censure a Federal Judge, that power is reserved to Congress.

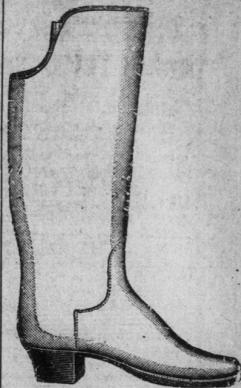
### WILL PATROL ICE LANES.

New York, Feb. 15.—The coast guard cutter destroyer Seneca awaits orders to sail to-day for the Grand Banks, where she will patrol the ice fields. The Seneca will remain there as long as the ice continues to come down from the north and menace navigation.

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