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Cor. Water and Adelaide Streets.**Evening Telegram**W. J. HERDEF - Proprietor
W. F. LLOYD, - Editor

FRIDAY, Jan. 7th, 1916.

The Plebiscite Petition

In announcing the filing of a petition in the Supreme Court against the Plebiscite held in November last, we pointed out that the issues raised, mainly impugned the conduct of the Election by the Government. For instance the petitioner claims that the Writs issued are null and void. Now writs are issued from the Colonial Secretary's Department, attested by the Governor, and signed by the Colonial Secretary.

It is claimed that no Returning Officer was duly appointed; and that those who purported to act as Returning Officers were not Returning Officers according to law. Such appointments are administrative acts of the Governor. It is only reasonable then that the Attorney General should be instructed to answer the claims that these administrative acts were null and void. We are pleased to find that the Daily News expresses the opinion that the only position consistent with the honour and dignity of the Government is for the Attorney General to put in an appearance, and also expresses confidence that this duty will be assumed by the Government. We cannot however agree with the Daily News in the advice given to the Plebiscite Committee to take neither part nor lot in this matter, if "this matter" is meant to include all the counts of the petition. It will be found that in addition to the counts which impugn the conduct of the Government in this matter, there are included other counts, which call for no answer from the Government. Amongst these are the claims that persons voted who were not qualified to vote, and that unqualified persons acted as agents. These claims should be answered by counsel for electors interested in the Election and not by the counsel of the Government.

There is another matter which should be taken into consideration and that is the desirability of an early trial of the issues raised, and as speedily a judgment as possible with right and justice. This matter has a particular bearing on the meeting and closing of the Legislature. If the Plebiscite stands, the Legislature enforcing Prohibition must be issued to bring it into force on the First of January next. If the Election should be declared void, no such Proclamation can be issued under it. Legislation will be called for. In arranging for the despatch of business at the 1915 Session of the Legislature, the Government must govern themselves accordingly. The Legislature should not be closed until this matter is disposed of finally.

SEALERS GETTING READY.

All the wooden steamers are being put in condition for the sealing voyage. Most of them will go to North Sydney for their cargoes.

The depletion of the sealing fleet, caused by the almost complete removal of the steel ships will mean that upwards of fifteen hundred men less than last spring, will be unable to go to the ice. The majority of the fleet this year will hunt northward. The Seal, of Halifax, is said to be the only steel ship to take part in the fishery. She will prosecute the Gulf.

"The Listening Post."

We have before us a copy of "The Listening Post" an interesting and amusing paper printed in the trenches in France. It was sent by a Newfoundland soldier with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, to a friend in the city. It is printed by permission of the Lieut.-Colonel, commanding the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion, and is endorsed by the chief censor of the 1st Canadian Division. The issue before us of 8 pages 12 x 8 inches, and is neatly printed. It is written and printed in the zone of shell fire, is full of breezy matter and sells for a penny a copy. A particular feature of the publication is the humor prevailing throughout. Every column which goes to show that the Canadian soldiers are certainly not "downhearted."

Rod and Gun.

The January issue of Rod and Gun in Canada is on the news-stands and a glance at the table of contents shows that the magazine is living up to its reputation as the leading exponent of outdoor life in Canada. Among the contributors noted are Edward T. Martin, R. J. Fraser, Jean Stevenson, P. V. Williams and Margaret Grant MacWhirter, while some of the articles are: Game Farming for Profit and Pleasure, Capacities, the Unwritten Law, Almost a Walkout, The Restigouche, etc., etc. In addition the regular departments devoted to Notes and Ammunition and Fishing are well maintained. Trap shovels will be interested in the account of the recent Grand International shoot held at St. Thomas and dog lovers in the new Kennel department. Rod and Gun is published at Woodstock by W. J. Taylor, Ltd.

LOSS OF APPETITE.

When Julia rang the dinner bell, I used to lift my voice and yell, and chortle and repeat; my feet went weaving like a loom, until I reached the dining room and settled down to eat. The victuals all looked good to me, the Lima bean, the spud, the pea, the fragrant raisin pie; oh, every mouthful tasted sweet, and I would sit and eat, and eat, and watch the buttons fly. But since I had that last attack of pink lumbago in the back, my appetite's destroyed; the music of the dinner bell has all the pathos of a knell, and life an aching void. The turning taste just like the spuds; the coffee tastes like washday suds, the meat tastes like the greens; the rich imported Worcester sauce reminds me of a total loss, the prunes taste like the beans. The women rack their heads in vain to make up dishes safe and sane, to tempt my appetite; the finest products of their skill taste like the anti-bilious pill that I must take at night. If I could only eat again, like yonder lean and hungry men, no cares should daunt my heart; I'd laugh the ills of life to scorn, and blithely eat an ear of corn, a cabbage and a tart.

FEILDIAN HOCKEY TEAM will hold a meeting in Mr. P. E. Outerbridge's Office, 180 Water Street, this evening, at 7.30. Any Old Feildian interested in Hockey cordially invited to attend.—Jan 7, li

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GEO. M. BARR, Agent.**Board of Trade.**

Nominations for offices of the Board of Trade have been made as follows: President—Robt. R. Job. 2nd Vice-Pres.—R. Gordon Winter. Councilors—Chas. R. Steer, W. A. Munn, A. Macpherson and R. A. Templeton. The election comes off on the 25th inst.

McMurdo's Store News

FRIDAY, Jan. 7, 1916.
If you have a cough from a cold, and such troubles are rather common just now, it would be well to try a bottle of our White Pine and Tar Syrup. This Syrup is particularly good for recent coughs. It is very pleasant to take and is not likely to derange the stomach. Taken strictly according to directions it generally gives prompt relief. Price 25c. a bottle.
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Amusements.**"THE TATTOOED HAND."**

At The Crescent.

"The Tattooed Hand," an episode in the girl detective series, is the headliner at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. This exciting feature is produced in two reels by the Kalem Company. Tom Mix, the popular cowboy actor, features in "The Conversion of Smiling Tom." G. M. Anderson is presented in a fine society drama: "The Face at the Curtain" and Lloyd V. Hamilton, the funniest man in the movies, makes a lot of fun in "Lotta Coins Ghost," his partner Bud Duncan is on deck also and there is a laugh in every line of this clever comedy. The usual extra pictures will be shown at the Saturday matinee. Send the children for a real afternoon's enjoyment; the Crescent staff will take care of them.

CHARLIE'S GREAT COMIC AT THE NICKEL.

"The Easterbrook Case," one of the finest dramas ever presented at the Nickel Theatre, will be shown to patrons to-day. It is a grand story in three reels by the Vitaphone artists and everyone should make an effort to see it. Julia Swayne, Gordon Cissy Fitzgerald, Roger Lytton and Garry McGarry are in the leading characters. "Her Film-Land Hero" is a comedy-drama of the greatest merit. "A Dead of Daring" is a melo-drama such as St. John's likes. Then there is the great comic by the one and only Charlie Chaplin. It is entitled "Charlie and Mabel's Busy Day," and it will keep the audience in roars of laughter. There will be a special matinee for the children to-morrow afternoon with popular pictures.

MRS. ROSSLEY'S PUPILS AT GOVT. HOUSE.

The talented girls now appearing at the pantomime, gave a command performance at Government House, when His Excellency and Lady Davidson gave them a large party, had the Rossley Sunshine Girls to help to entertain their visitors. The children were delighted with the performance and Mr. Rossley as the Rag Doll danced with little Miss Daphne Davidson, while Bonnie Rossley as the Wax Doll, danced with Miss Dina Davidson. At the conclusion of the entertainment Mr. and Mrs. Rossley were called into the ball-room, and the delighted audience of little people gave them a great reception, after which the members of the company were treated to a delightful tea.

BRITISH THEATRE.

Large audiences attended the performances last night at the above theatre. The "Black Box" has had a most enthusiastic reception and the ensuing chapters will be eagerly awaited and followed by those who have witnessed the beginning. The musical section of the programme are especially pleasing. The duet by Mr. McCarthy and Madame Timmons was splendidly rendered, and evoked rounds of applause. The accompaniment was played by Mr. Gordon Christian whose ability as an accompanist is too well known to need comment. Madame Timmons' solo "The Last Rose of Summer" was also a hit. The feature picture for to-day's show is a two-reel Key Bee production entitled "The Girl who might have been." The solo by Madame Timmons will be "From the Heart," by A. Von Ahn Carse, and "Come Out Mr. Sunshine" as a second number. On Monday a splendid drama, "Shattered Memories" will be presented.

Here and There.

WEATHER.—A light N.W. wind with snow squalls prevails along the line to-day, the temperature ranging from 10 to 20 above.

CALENDARS.—We thank Messrs. Steer Bros. for a very useful wall calendar; also Messrs. Balne Johnston & Co., agents Alliance Assn., Co. for a desk calendar and blotter.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.—The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques this morning with the following passengers in saloon:—David Goodyear, L. McLean, J. Moore, George Buffett, W. G. Parsons, T. M. Nicholson.

1st Nfld. REGIMENT. Casualty List.

JANUARY 7.

1291.—Private Geo. Dawe, Clarke's Beach. Dysentery, serious, but improving; Oxford. Discharged to duty from Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Bear Wood, Wokingham, Berks; Dec. 6.

826.—Private Richard J. Maddigan, 261 Water Street West. Nephritis, Alexandria; Oct. 4. Discharged to Cyprus; Nov. 23.

236.—Private Arthur Webber, Hr. Grace. Dysentery, Convalescent Home, Montazah; Nov. 11. Admitted 17th General Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 22nd; fever, slight.

826.—Corporal George C. Martin, 76 Circular Road. Pyrexia, slight; Alexandria, Oct. 26. Discharged to Montazah Convalescent Depot, Nov. 27; debility after dysentery.

1254.—Private Walter Ruth, Grand Falls. Dysentery; Hospital, Bristol, Nov. 10. Discharged to duty Dec. 8.

411.—Private Donald F. McNeill, McNeill Street. Wandsworth; Trench-foot. Nature of illness: Frostbite left foot.

874.—Private Edward Shea, 47 Hamilton Avenue. Wandsworth; gun shot wound left buttock, slight. Discharged from Hospital, Dec. 14.

1207.—Private William Thistle, Charlton St. Netley Hospital, Dysentery, Nov. 19. Transferred to Addington Park Hospital, Croydon, Dec. 13.

Not Previously Reported.
1291.—Private Samuel J. Kennedy, Kelligrews. Admitted Seventeenth General Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 26th; fever slight.

618.—Private Henry Stewart, 9 McKerrill St. Paisley. Admitted to Government Hospital, Alexandria, Oct. 20; jaundice.

498.—Lance-Corporal John Spooner, 30 Monroe Street. Transferred ex 26th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 18; jaundice.

1049.—Private Frederick C. Benson, Salvage, R.B. Transferred ex 26th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 18; diarrhoea.

88.—Private Edward G. Noffall, Rocky Lane. Transferred ex 26th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 18; pyrexia.

Here and There.
PERSONAL.—Mr. K. Menzies, buyer for Bishop Sons & Co., Ltd., is enroute to New York, where he will purchase goods for his firm and thence cross to England on similar business.

SPECIAL SCENERY.—A carload of special scenery for the Klark-Urban Co., was brought to the city by train yesterday from Port aux Basques to be used in connection with their plays which will open on Monday night next.

FIRE ALARM.—An alarm of fire was sent in this morning from box 231, bringing the Central aux Basques Companies to the house of Mr. Dodge in Gear Street, where a slight fire was caused from the chimney. No damage was done.

FROM THE TRENCHES.—A special Christmas card conveying the season's greetings, has been received in the city from L.C. Sandy French, of Hr. Grace, who is on active service in France with the 5th Royal Highlanders, C.E.F. The card was written on Dec. 5th and bears the Field Service postmark of Dec. 20.

STORMY AT ST. MARY'S.—A storm raged at St. Mary's yesterday and in consequence the coastal steamer Portia could not get in there to discharge her freight, having to remain at anchor in the harbor all day awaiting an abatement.

WHARF BREAKS DOWN.—The outer section of Bishop Sons & Co.'s eastern wharf, on which was lying 200 barrels of herring, collapsed yesterday afternoon, and as a result a number of workmen were kept busy this morning clearing away the wreck and recovering the packages, but repairs to the wharf will take considerable time.

INVESTIGATING LARCENIES.—No arrest has yet been made in connection with the larceny of goats from a widow of the Battery, as previously noted. The police are also kept busy just now investigating other larcenies that occurred in the city recently.

PRESENTATION.—A presentation to Nurse Tuck who leaves shortly for the front, took place yesterday afternoon at the regular monthly meeting of the Nfld. Nurses Association. Miss Bowden, on behalf of the Association, read the address which was accompanied by a purse of gold. Miss Tuck made a brief reply, in which she expressed her strong desire to be of some service to the Empire, and at the same time her sorrow at parting with her friends. Following the presentation teas were served in the Current Events Club rooms, a large number of friends and former patients of Miss Tuck being present.

DIED.

On the 6th inst., Catherine, the beloved wife of the late James Malone, leaving two sons; funeral from her son's residence, 182 Duckworth St., on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m.; friends and acquaintances will please attend without further notice.—R. I. P.

This morning, after a short illness, James B. Lester, aged 59 years; funeral on Sunday, at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, Mount Pearl Road; friends will please attend without further notice.

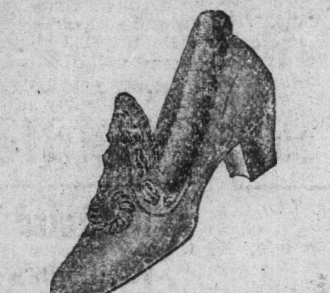
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The Ethie left Herwood at 1.15 p.m. yesterday, inward.

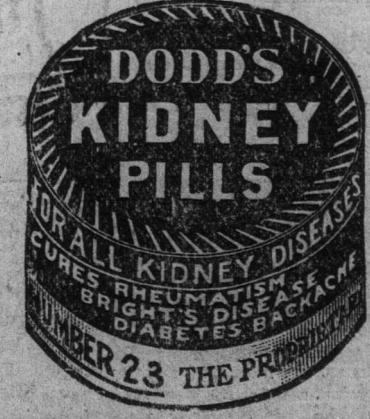
The Glencoe left Pushthrough at 8.45 a.m. to-day, going west.

The Home is on the way here from Humbermouth.

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.45 a.m. to-day.

The Meigle is due here from North Sydney to-morrow morning.

The Sagona left Port aux Basques at 9.50 p.m. yesterday.



MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

POLICE COURT.—(Before Mr. Morris, J.P.)—One drunk presented himself and was released on payment of bail. Two civil cases were disposed of.

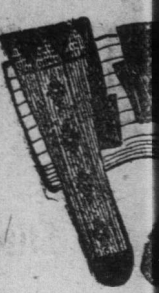
Here and There.

SUSU.—The Susu left Wesleyville at 1.40 a.m. to-day, coming south.

BOWRING'S SHIPS.—The S.S. Prospero left Pilley's Island at daylight this morning, going north. The S.S. Portia left St. Joseph's last night, going west.

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