

Returned Soldiers Exhibition of Banquetted

At Wabana Hotel, Bell Island, recently two returned soldiers, Pte. A. P. Grieve of "Oura" and Pte. D. Dobbin, of the Second Canadian Expeditionary Force (Toronto Battalion) both veterans of France and Gallipoli, who had been severely wounded, were given a good time by the N.C.O.'s and men of C Coy., C.C.C., of which 32 members are on active service. Mr. J. M. Greene occupied the chair, a splendid dinner was served and the following programme was gone through and was heartily enjoyed by all present:—

THE KING—Prop. The Chairman.
"C" CO., C.C.C.—Prop. Private A. P. Greene (1st Nfd. Regiment).
Resp. Lieut. Greene (C.C.C.)

OUR GUESTS OF HONOUR—Prop. R. R. Costigan; Resp. Private A. P. Greene, (1st Nfd.)

THE LAND WE LIVE IN—Prop. Pte. D. Dobbin, (C.E.F.) "The Flag of Newfoundland."

"C" CO. NON-COMS.—Prop. R. R. Costigan; Resp. Corporal P. Styles, (C.C.C.). No. 9 Platoon, No. 10 Platoon.

THE LADIES—Prop. Lance Cpl. S. Cole, (C.C.C.) Resp. Lance Cpl. J. Stove, (C.C.C.)

OUR ABSENT FRIENDS—OUR SOLDIER CADETS—Prop. The Chairman.

"Where are the Boys of the Old Brigade," "Some day they'll wander back again."

GOD SAVE THE KING.

War Relics

The dry goods store window of James Baird Ltd on Water Street afforded attraction to passing citizens, hundreds of whom viewed an interesting collection of war relics displayed there. These consisted of portions of the equipments used by British, French, German and Austrian soldiers and consisted of shells (already exploded of course) the German Tommy's service cap, British steel helmet, Soldier's fur tunic, gas masks, goggles to protect the eyes from gas and other most interesting relics. One of them is in the shape of the case of an 18-inch shell used by the Tommies as a dinner gong in the trenches. These were brought here from the front by Dr. W. H. Parsons, winner of the Military Cross, and kindly loaned to the store by his brother-in-law, Mr. W. Barker, manager of the F. B. Wood Co., for exhibition. The collection is well worth seeing and bring before the beholder in a slight way the grim realities of this terrible war.

Miss May Furlong

Than Miss Furlong, there is nobody who has the interest of the Newfoundlanders more at heart. When in London she ferrets out in the most marvellous manner party upon party of our soldiers and entertains them in a regal style at one of the best London hotels. She visits the wounded and does what she can (which is generally a lot) to help them. She distributes her bounty with a generous hand; and not only this, but her cheerful presence leaves everybody who comes in contact with her as cheerful as herself. She is the spirit of goodwill, and what is perhaps most remarkable about her is that she gets as much enjoyment out of those she entertains as do the guests out of her. Miss Furlong has the art of making people happy down to a fine point—and especially soldiers. The only time that Miss Furlong is disturbed is when people try to thank her for her kindness, it is then she gets indignant, so it is wiser to say nothing. There is no lady in St. John's with a heavier heart than Miss Furlong, who deeply mourns the loss of so many brave young fellows that she loves to honor when she visited London—some of

OBITUARY

PTE. JAS. J. WHEELER.

Died of wounds "Somewhere in France." James J. Wheeler, son of John and Agnes Wheeler, Torbay Rd., aged 24 years. At the bright young age of 15 he first left Newfoundland to seek employment elsewhere, and spent two and one half years in the U.S.A., one and a half out West, and two and a half in Cape Breton mines. Though young as he was, he never forgot his dear mother or loved ones left behind. He returned to his home Aug. 14th, 1914, and remained eight months, when he left to fight for right and justice. He joined the Regiment, April 16th, 1915, and left with F. Co., June 20th on the Calgarian and was at Avr, Scotland, 7 months. From there he went to France with B Co., and was in the 1st of July drive and came through without a scratch, but in the 12th of Oct. drive met with a slight wound, but still remained on duty. Nov. 21st he met his fatal wounds in the chest, right arm and right leg, and died of wounds at the 34th Clearing Station, Nov. 21st, 1916. His death is a heavy and sad blow to his relatives and friends, for he was happy and cheerful in all his undertakings. He leaves a father, mother three sisters, two brothers, one serving in the navy, to mourn the sad loss of a kind son and loving brother.—R.I.P.

HAD TO GIVE BONDS.

At 12.30 p.m. yesterday a labourer of Prospect Street was ordered by Consts. O'Flaherty and Sporns for being drunk and disorderly in the house of a woman of the place. He used pretty vile language towards the woman, who appeared in Court against him to-day and was compelled to sign bonds to keep the peace in future.

these she shall see no more.

So, Lord we thank Thee for Thy Grace, And pray Thee fill their vacant place.

The funeral of the late John Hearn, which took place yesterday afternoon was attended by a large number of citizens. At the Cathedral the Final Absolution was imparted by Rev. Fr. Conway, and interment was at Belvidere Cemetery.

The Killing of Our Caribou

Mr. Mark Gibbons, the well-known lumberman and fur-trader, who has travelled practically all over the country and who arrived here a few days ago is very pessimistic over the future of our caribou. In a conversation which our representative had with him last evening he assures us that unless drastic measures are taken immediately for the conservation of this splendid game they will become extinct before the people of the country can be aware of the fact. Under present conditions the caribou are being rapidly exterminated. In a section embracing the territory from Millerton Junction to Kitty's Brook, where heretofore multitudes of deer could be met, a few years ago only few are now to be seen, and Mr. Gibbons says that the reason for this depletion is that almost all the breeding animals have been killed. The same applies to other sections over which Mr. Gibbons has travelled. Where formerly these animals could be met in large numbers and these conditions prevail all over the country in which to-day, Mr. Gibbons estimates, there are not more than 5,000 caribou. In a great measure this unfortunate condition of affairs has been caused by indiscriminate slaughter of the animals by large numbers of foreign and local hunters.

Mr. Gibbons says that a couple of years ago he was in the country near Red Indian Lake, and was appalled to see the hides and skeletons of hundreds of deer strewn the ground. They had evidently been rounded up by hunters and shot irrespective of age and sex and most of the carcasses left to rot on the ground. He gives another instance, in which in the same place he found many carcasses buried in a pit in the ground and also quotes the case of a man who had shot 60 deer to pick out the best for food and who still continued to kill them without fear of the law or any other principle involved.

He cites the case of the country about Gambo. Six years ago, Mr. Gibbons observes, there were many deer to be had in this section and to-day hardly a head can be had there. All the good heads have been killed, mostly by alien sports and it is imperative that the killing of the animals be stopped at once if they are to be saved to the country. Mr. Gibbons says that the wardens, whether designedly or by mistake, give reports as to the numbers of deer seen by them, which are absolutely incorrect, and our informant gives interesting particulars in this regard. He observes that the conditions applying to our caribou are analogous at present to those which prevailed in the "Western States" when the great herds of buffalo, which roamed the plains, were wiped out before the extermination process could be checked. The Government and people were assured that hundreds of thousands of these animals were in existence, when suddenly it was found that they had been decimated to such an extent that few animals were left, and to-day a remnant is kept and exhibited in the national parks and zoos as curiosities. Mr. Gibbons was then in the States and sees the resemblance between those conditions and these confronting us to-day in the matter of our noble caribou. What Mr. Gibbons says is the great requirement now for the increase of our deer herd is a close season of at least three or four years.

We think this is a matter which should receive the prompt and serious consideration of the Government and we further opine that the Game Board should take evidence from men like Mr. Gibbons and not place altogether implicit reliance on the reports of interested people, who, for purposes of their own, over estimate the number of deer now in the country. If the experience of the buffalo in the United States is not to be duplicated with the caribou in Newfoundland the sooner action is taken the better.

HE SOLD BOOZE.

To-day in the Magistrate's Court, Sgt. Byrne had one, Patk. Gardiner, before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C. for a breach of the License Act at Graois Islands during the summer. Witnesses called testified that the man, who fished down there, sold liquor and received cash for it. It was proven also that this was his third offence and he was fined \$150 or 3 months. He was not represented by counsel. Supt. Grimes prosecuted.

AN INDECENT ASSAULT.

At 6.30 p.m. yesterday Const. Tobin arrested a man named James Mason, of the West End on the complaint of a married woman whose house he entered and on whom he attempted indecent assault. He had no defence to enter to-day that would satisfy the Court, the evidence of the woman fully establishing his guilt, and Mr. E. J. Morris, K.C., who presided, fined him \$10 or 30 days.

LOCAL ITEMS

We thank the Riverside Woolen Mills Ltd. and Messrs. Harvey and Co. for 1917 calanders left at our office.

Yesterday evening two drunks pumelled each other pretty severely on Water Street West. Both rolled in the mud and were pretty severely cut about the face, when men passing parted them.

Picked up on Water Street, opposite Rodgers Dry Goods Store, a PURSE, containing a street car ticket, a key and a small sum of money. The same can be had by applying to Mr. W. J. Long at this office.

A number of the miners of Bell Island came to the City yesterday and left by the train last evening for their homes in Conception Bay, where they will spend the Christmas. Soon all the miners will be leaving the island to spend the holidays with their families.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. Thos. Smyth, cooper, of Gower Street, father of Mr. T. Smyth, commission merchant, and of Mr. Geo. Smyth, cooper. Mr. Smyth, who carries on a large cooperage business, is one of the best known and most respected residents of the East End.

The work on the new church of St. Joseph's, at Holytown, is progressing rapidly under the skillful supervision of Mr. Jonas C. Barter, architect. The contractors, Messrs. Pidgeon, Coady and Murphy are performing their work with expedition and thoroughness and it is hoped to have the edifice roofed in by the New Year.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Received 11 a.m. December 8th.

- 2089 Private Sylvester Simmt, 27 Mullock Street, admitted Wandsworth, gunshot wound neck.
- 2619 Private Michael Leary, 10 Sebastian Street, seriously ill Avr. pneumonia.
- 1493 Private Ernest Brown, Tack's Beach, P.B., seriously ill Avr. empyema operation.
- 2589 Private Ignatius Penton, Joe Batt's Arm, wounded, November 19th.

Previously Reported.

- 573 Sergt. Josiah R. Goodyear, Grand Falls, gunshot wound right lower extremities, slight. Rouen, Nov. 25; now reported admitted Wandsworth, gunshot wound, left thigh.
- 2628 Private Richard J. Anderson, British Harbor, T.B., gunshot wound left thigh, Rouen, Nov. 30th, now reported admitted Wandsworth, gunshot wound left thigh.

JOHN R. BENNETT,
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Colonial Secretary.

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.

The Crescent management have arranged a splendid show for their numerous patrons this week-end. "Houses of Mystery" is a Knickerbocker star feature in three reels. "The Irish Rebel" is a Kaleid production, pictured from an old Irish story, with all the scenes photographed in Ireland. "The Lucky Tumble" is a fine Vitagraph comedy and a topical "scenes in Ireland." Professor McCarthy plays a programme of appropriate music for this big show. The usual big matinee for Saturday. Send the children to the popular Crescent, they are sure to enjoy themselves.

HAD TO PAY UP.

Today the domestic Beatrice House who was arrested yesterday with obtaining goods from Ayre & Sons to the value of \$33.75 under false pretences, was in court before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C. She pleaded guilty and was ordered to make good the amount to Ayre & Sons or go to the penitentiary for three months. Her father, who was in court, paid the amount.

WAS GIVEN SHELTER.

At 9 o'clock last night a Swedish sailor named Petersen walked into the lockup and asked for shelter. The man was soaking wet from the rain-storm and was pretty hungry also. He had been ashore he said and the vessel on which he was a sailor had left port without him. He was looked after by the guard and was let go to-day.

Weekly Meeting Civic Board

Mayor Gosling presided and all the members of the Board were present at last night's meeting of the Municipal Council.

Mayor Gosling, in dealing with the expenditure of monies for repairs or improvements in the city streets, held that the work should be given to residents of the city who are the taxpayers and that this should apply particularly in winter time. He informed the meeting that he had been made aware that men outside the city limits were being employed to the prejudice of the city taxpayer. He asked consideration on the part of the Board of this important matter and it will be taken up at a special meeting.

He also referred to the tarvia pavement on Duckworth, the condition of which is unsatisfactory and ordered that assistant Engineer Ryan make a full and complete report on it to be forwarded to the company who contracted for the work.

The Solicitor reported on the judgment of the Supreme Court, in the matter of Parsons vs. the Council, in which the latter refused to grant permission to build, and the Court granted a mandamus. The Solicitor in his report said if the action of the Court was enforced the only course left for the Council was to reconsider its decision, or appeal to the Privy Council. The matter will be considered at a special meeting, Monday night, when the Solicitor will be asked to be present.

The Solicitor reported that the Council could attach all monies due McKinnon and Holmes, to the amount of \$500, the tax on contractors, who are not residents of the city. The parties referred to contracted to build the Standard Oil Company's Works on the South Side of the harbour, and in a letter to the Secretary referred the matter of the tax to the Oil Co.

Immediate action will be taken. Monroe & Co. complained they were not getting a satisfactory water supply to their ships, and asked that a hydrant be placed on their premises. The Engineer will report. John Callahan asked for an increase of wages for the Sanitary employees. The Secretary will write Mr. Callahan.

The Royal Colonial Institute wrote for a Newfoundland Directory. It will be supplied. A. J. Forsey called attention to cave-in in the side walk near his residence, 161 LeMarchant Road, which caused the water to flow into his cellar. The Engineer will make enquiries. In reply to the Council J. H. Kavanaugh said he would connect houses 11 and 13 York street using the same water and sewerage system for both. Referred to Plumbing Inspector for report.

As water from the Smallwood building is wearing away the surface of McMurdo's Lane and the owner has been notified the matter is now in the hands of the Solicitor. The Engineer was instructed to see to the gullies about the city and to have the sand and silt cleaned up. The Reid Nfd. Co. must send plans of proposed coal shed before permit to build is given.

They Should Worry.

Wife—The papers say that nitrates are higher.
Hub—What do we care? We never telegraph anyway.

10 More From Petty Harbor

A very spirited recruiting meeting was held in the new hall at Petty Harbor last night and the building held a capacity audience. Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., presided and on the platform were Revs. Hewitt and Tierney, both of whom delivered eloquent addresses, calling upon the eligible young men of that section to enlist. The other speakers were Mr. W. R. Howley, K.C., Lieut. H. Ross, Sgt. J. Robinson and Mr. W. J. Morris, all of whom made earnest appeals for recruits, showing that men to fill up the gaps in the ranks were now imperatively needed. Those who responded to the call were—Samuel Chafe, Samuel Baird, Peter Chafe, Fred Chafe, Wm. Thos. Whitten, Rd. Westcott, Hy. G. Chafe, F. Walsh, Arthur Angel and R. L. Rendell.

Another meeting will be held in the Goulds to-night, when Lieut. Ross and Sgt. Robinson will speak.

HE WAS ARRESTED.

Yesterday a man named McGrath, who was summoned for refusing to support his wife, did not appear in Court, and was arrested under warrant. He proved to the satisfaction of the Court that he was in the country when the summons was sent him and escaped paying the penalty for contempt of Court.

On the original charge of non-support he was asked to give bonds in \$100 to keep his better half, or go down as a guest of Mr. Parsons for 30 days.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

At 10 o'clock last night Const. Tobin arrested a boy named Hubert Kearns, who stole a flash light out of the cabin of a schooner, the property of Leander March, valued at \$5. The lad pleaded guilty and was fined by Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., \$10 or 3 days imprisonment.

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