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Commercial Misadventure.

The Government of Newfoundland was neither particularly fortunate nor particularly successful in its first venture into the realms of commerce as illustrated by its transactions in the purchase of fish and the guaranteeing of supplies. The one occurred in the fall of 1920; the other in the spring of 1921. Then of course there were the Sugar and Salt ventures, both of which worked out disastrously so far as the country at large was concerned. But the leaders of the Government either could not or would not profit by experience. Instead of calling a halt and determining their losses on both the commodities named ere they ventured further, they again plunged recklessly into the arena of trade, and as was to be expected, came a cropper, mainly because of their ignorance of conditions, but more so because of their absolute lack of commercial knowledge and unsophisticated mentality having regard to the difference between Meum et Tuum.

It is not part of the functions of a Government to benefit one section of a country at the expense of the other. Yet such has been done by the present administration. They practically ruined the South and West Coasts in order to confer favors on the North, or at least that section of the North where the Fishermen's Protective Union counted its strength. Protection and assistance were given. Fish were purchased out of Government monies from the catchers, while those on the South and West Coasts were prohibited from shipping for export their winter and spring cargoes. The latter were discriminated against; were undoubtedly penalized by the infamous Regulations. And the result has been to place the Western portion of the island in a state of chaos so far as trade and commerce is concerned. It will take years for this part of Newfoundland to recover, if ever it does. And the blame for this can be laid without challenge on the shoulders of the Government of to-day. People hitherto independent in Southern districts, have been driven to solicit relief. And it is well known that neither the quantity or quality of such relief is calculated to do more than keep body and soul together. For the ignorance of the Government the land has been plunged into distress and the people into destitution. These facts are too plain for denial.

The loss borne by every taxpayer in the country on the blundering incompetency of fancied financiers, brought about by their wild policy of fish purchasing from Northern planters and vessel owners, amounts to nearly a quarter million of dollars, all of which must be paid out of

the pockets of all the taxpayers in the Colony. No particular section will be levied on for this. All must contribute. Those who profited by the sale of fish, paid for out of Public Revenue, will not be called upon to make good the loss which was involved in the transaction. The Colony at large must meet it. The exact figures of loss on the 1920 fish purchase, are, according to a statement tabled in the House of Assembly last week, TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NINETY-THREE DOLLARS, FORTY-TWO CENTS (\$235,093.42) or nearly one dollar per head for every man, woman and child of the whole population, which must be met out of current revenue. And yet the administration sits calmly by and the majority allow the few to commit such depredations on the Public Treasury. Is it not time to awaken, people of Newfoundland? Throw off the lethargy and apathy which have assailed and overcome you, and get back to the spirit of the days when incapables and incompetents were given short political shrift. Fish Regulations, Sugar and Salt Scandals, Government supplies by guarantee—and a tale will bear telling about the latter—have so strangled the future of the country, that a supreme effort will have to be made to break away from the coils in which prosperity is entangled, if there is any wholesome desire on the part of the people to make an entirely new beginning, free from the influence of designing politicians, masquerading as statesmen.

Memorial Billiard Trophy.

HANDSOME GOLD MEDAL FOR HIGHEST BREAK.

The very handsome medal to be presented to the maker of the highest break in the Memorial Billiard Tournament now being played in the C.C.C. Hall, is the donation of Mr. J. T. Lamb, Jeweller, Water Street, the medal in making being the work of Mr. Lamb and his assistants. The design is a 15 carat gold Maltese Cross surmounted by a crown, underneath which are three billiard balls, the base being formed of crossed cues. The centre contains a shield on which will be engraved the name of the winner. The medal is suspended from a gold pin bar, inscribed "Billiards," by a tricolor ribbon. The design of the medal is chaste and neat, being made from a plan drawn by Mr. Lamb, and is finished in the minutest detail. The lucky winner will have no cause to be ashamed of his trophy. In a circle inside the cross proper are the words "Memorial Billiard Tournament, Highest Break," and on the reverse side of the crown the year—1922.

Orange Grand Lodge.

GOLDEN JUBILEE SESSION.

Delegates from nearby towns in touch with the railway have been coming into St. John's the past few days, for the purpose of attending and participating in the 50th annual session of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Newfoundland. Golden Jubilee celebrations ever have an attraction and the present one is no exception to the rule. A full week's programme of business has been drawn up and will be carried out as per schedule. To-night the Provincial Grand Chapter Royal Black Knights of Ireland will convene at Victoria Hall at 8 o'clock. To-morrow (Tuesday) night at the same hour, the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge will be opened by the R.W.G.M. Bro. W. H. Cave. Wednesday afternoon a general parade to the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist will be held. A special form of service has been prepared for this church attendance, and the Rector—Rev. Canon Jervis—will preach. On Wednesday evening a grand banquet will be given in the Methodist College Hall, at which will be present leaders in Church and State, many of whom have been drafted to deliver addresses on subjects of national importance. Regular routine Grand Lodge business will occupy the remainder of the week and all look forward to a deal of work for the good of the Colony and the Association being accomplished.

Retreat for Women.

At the R.C. Cathedral yesterday it was announced that a retreat for the women of the parish would begin on Wednesday evening next. The retreat will end on Sunday and will be followed by a similar exercise for the men. Revs. Jos. McLaughlin and J. F. Coghlan, C.S.S.R., are conducting the retreats.

From the Sealers.

REPORTS NOT ENCOURAGING.

The latest reports received by the sealing ship owners show very little improvement in the prospects of getting full loads. The ships are now working south in the hope of locating the patch reported by Major Cotton. Judging by the message received from Capt. Kean the ice is shifting position quickly, and scattering, as he has located one of his pans of seals twenty miles from where they were on Friday last. The s.s. Thetis, according to the report of Captain Windsor, is very little to the north of St. John's. The following are last night's messages:

BOWRING BROS.

Ranger (Saturday p.m.)—Steamed east from old carcasses 50 miles. Picking up scattered seals, no quantity, ice very loose with swell, position 80 miles S.E. Funks.

Viking (Saturday p.m.)—Drifted 20 miles S.E. St. Paul's Island, blowing gale from North West, in whelping ice; seals scarce. Nothing new to report.

Eagle (Sunday p.m.)—To-day noon working S.E. took 200 old hoods, 200 young hoods, and 150 whitecoats yesterday, no sign to-day.

Terra Nova (Sunday p.m.)—Trying to work S.W. but ice still tight. Eastern ships report ice loose. Picked up one of our pans this evening twenty miles S.W. of where they were panned.

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Neptune (Saturday noon)—Position 80 miles E. by S. Funks, steamed S.W., taking very scattered whitecoats. Don't seem to be any quantity as reported by aeroplane; have searched big lot since leaving last whelping ice.

Thetis (Sunday p.m.)—Position 90 miles S.E. by S. Cape Bonavista. Good sign of whitecoats to-day, also saw a good many old harks; difference between Neptune's position and ours 70 miles.

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Seal (Saturday noon)—Winds have been southerly; we saw scattered whitecoats to-day; very thick fog; steamed 5 miles, ice broken but very heavy; everything working well.

Seal (Sunday p.m.)—Received distress call from Diana at 9.30 last night. Steamed towards her position this morning; ice then very heavy. Understand Sagona is going to Diana. Ice now open with heavy swell; all well.

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Sagona—Ship standing by disabled Diana.

TO POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

Via Fogo—Terra Nova, Sagona, Seal, Eagle and Neptune report crews aboard; all well.
Via Cape Race—Ranger and Thetis report crews aboard; all well.

Last Big Game of Season to-night at 9.30: St. Bon's vs. Feildians. Don't miss it.

Standing of Clubs.

IN BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The three games played on Saturday night brought the first week of the Billiard Tournament to a close. The Masons are now in the lead by percentage of wins with the Star and B.I.S. close seconds. The first game on Saturday was won by G. Knowling (City) who defeated J. Hickey (K.O.C.) after very close play. The next game was the quickest for the series, G. Rabbits (Masonic) defeating J. Spratt (T.A.) by 176 points. The game was finished in 42 minutes. Rabbits had 12 breaks, aggregating 217 points. In the final game, Power (K.O.C.) defeated D. French (B.I.S.) by 70 points. The standing of the various clubs is as follows:

Club	Pld.	Pts.	P.C.
Masonic	3	3	100
Star	6	4	66.6
B.I.S.	5	3	60
C.E.I.	6	3	50
Guards	4	2	50
K. of G.	5	2	40
T.A.	5	2	40
City	4	1	25
Saints	4	1	25

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WHO CAN TELL?—We have been asked for information concerning a schooner of about 30 tons, launched in Prince-Edward Island in the early 70's on the 1st of April, and christened therefrom "April Fool". This vessel, so our chronicler says, came to Clift Wood & Co. on several occasions with produce cargoes from the Island. No prize offered for correct reply.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES DISTRESS.

Our Local Peeps

HIS DIARY.

March 26th.—To the office, the streets being most horribly bad, upon the breaking up of the frost, so as not to be passed almost. Busy till noon, planning myself to see what a deal of business goes off a man's hand when he stays by it. Anon to the Board of Trade and discussed with many members on divers matters. At night to the Club and to play at Bridge.

March 26th (Lord's Day).—The air coach flies to-day from Botwood, and pretty to see it land upon the pond and a great many people there. In the afternoon, I to walk with my wife, and the weather grown very mild. My wife in high good humour and talks of many things, but little, indeed, of her clothes, which is a strange thing, and withal, one to be thankful for.

Airman in St. John's.

F. S. COTTON FLIES FROM BOTWOOD—MADE SURVEY OF ICE-FIELDS—LEAVES FOR LABRADOR SOON—WESTLAND DAMAGED.

The Martinside aeroplane piloted by Major F. S. Cotton, arrived in the city from Botwood at 1.45 p.m. yesterday, making an excellent landing on the pond. Mr. Cotton left Botwood at 11.10 a.m. and before flying to St. John's, made a survey of the icefields in the neighbourhood of the Funks. The ice was well off the land and after hovering over the water for nearly two hours, without locating any seals, the machine was turned in the direction of the city. Mr. Cotton will leave either to-morrow or on Wednesday for Botwood, and will fly from there to Labrador with mails. On the return trip from Labrador he will probably bring back a quantity of furs from the Hudson Bay Trading Posts.

FORTY MILES OFF LAND.

Mr. Cotton said that while flying over the water yesterday, he noticed that the nearest ice was forty miles off the land. In the farthest place, it was eighty miles off. Under the circumstances, it was far too risky to endeavour to locate the seals. An altitude of 4000 feet was maintained practically throughout the flight. Upon arriving here, the airman informed the sealing owners that no further surveys could be made this season. Mr. Cotton states that the sealing fleet missed the big patch reported by him, by a few miles. He told the Telegram that the Westland machine is out of commission for the season as an engine bearing was burnt out in the recent accident. The engine will be shipped to England for an overhaul. Mr. Cotton has some splendid photographs taken from the air. These include views of the sealing steamer, and men engaged in killing seals. After his return from Labrador, Mr. Cotton will remain here for some time making arrangements for next winter.

At Rest.

Yesterday afternoon the mortal remains of Moses Pike were interred in the General Protestant Cemetery. The funeral was very largely attended, among those present being the members of Wesleyan Adult Bible Class, who closed their session to attend out of respect for the deceased. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Rev. W. B. Bugden conducted the services at the home and graveside. Moses Pike died as he lived at peace with everyone, and it can be truthfully said he had no enemies. "Till the day dawn and the shadows flee away."

How Pelts are Identified.

Replying to a correspondent—H. R. P.—we have made enquiries from those who know and their replies all correspond. When seal pelts are piled on the top of every pile of seal pelts is turned "fat upwards" and identification marks cut in the fat with a sheath knife. In addition the piles are "flagged" with a miniature house flag of the firm owning the ship, with the initial letter of the ship's name in the centre, sometimes two or three of the name letters, for instance R. G. R.—"Ranger". Of course if the slashed pelts are thrown away and the flag destroyed, it is difficult indeed to determine ownership. All seals look alike in the sculp. Honesty of crews is perhaps the chief reliance regarding the safe ownership of pans. In some instances, however, more than one pelt in each pile is marked, those underneath bearing slashes, being in many cases overlooked by the plunderers. Thus if the suspected ship is watched when landing proceeds, it is possible to locate the theft.

St. John's competitors will please note that all leaves intended for entry in the "Windsor Patent" Bread Competition must be at Harvey & Co.'s Office by noon Wednesday.

Annual Meeting of the Bible Society.

A LARGE AUDIENCE AND HELPFUL ADDRESSES.

(I.C.M.)

Though postponed since January, the meeting of the Bible Society which was held at the Methodist College Hall last night, was in every sense of the word, a great success; and the committee are to be congratulated upon their effort. There are so many meetings, that it looked for a while as if this year should be a blank; but that has been avoided, and instead of a blank there is the record of a meeting that might well be called "model"—model in attendance, model in promptness, model in preparation, and model in dispatch; and best of all, edifying in spirit. The platform itself presented a sight which told of unanimity of purpose in the work of the society; and then the enthusiasm of the audience intensified the interest of the meeting all through.

The meeting was opened by the President of the Auxiliary, Rev. Canon Bolt, and he was surrounded by several clergymen of the city churches; among whom was the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland. The Cathedral choir was also present, and under the direction of Mr. F. J. King, who presided at the organ, they added greatly to the success of the meeting. The devotional duties were entrusted to the Rev. Mr. Hildren, and these being accomplished, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Harris, K.C.M.G., took the chair. In brief review His Excellency spoke of the great and good work of the Bible Society, and of its far-reaching benefits. He also treated upon the apparent discrepancy between the Bible and Science; and stated, that as a deep student of scientific problems, and as one who had made much research in that direction, he was strongly convinced that there was nothing to fear, and that Scripture was justified in all its teachings. There is really no disagreement, the teachings of the Bible bear out the indications of the other.

The report and financial statement was submitted by Messrs. Leamon and Templeton respectively; and, considering the strenuousness of the times, both at home and abroad, the situation is as good as can be expected. With these preliminaries over, the speakers of the evening were called upon to deliver their addresses; and in words fitting and dignified they both measured up to the importance of the hour. The Rev. Mr. Earp spoke fifteen minutes, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson spoke twenty minutes—short speeches, but full of meaning. Both these Rev. gentlemen were new to the platform of the Bible Society in St. John's, and we are pleased to say that their contributions to the programme last night were timely as well as masterly.

Rev. Mr. Earp dealt with the lessons of yesterday, and the needs of to-day, and the hopes of to-morrow. From these points he drew a beautiful picture of service, and paid his tribute to the work of the Society. Rev. Mr. Johnson treated more upon Church history, and showed by many apt quotations, that the circulation of the Scriptures had fulfilled a great mission in the spread of the Gospel, and that the results of the Society's work had been found advantageous from every field of labor. The two short addresses proved an inspiring finish to the more official features of the meeting; and in many aspects, they were a step in advance of the last address which is sometimes given.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to His Excellency for presiding; and to the organist and choir for their assistance. Dr. Macpherson and Leslie Curtis, Esq., and H. Y. Mott, and H. W. LeMessurier, being the proposers. The Lord Bishop closed the meeting; and at 10 o'clock the audience filed out the hall, well repaid for their presence, and no doubt, all stimulated in the support of the Society. Such a meeting as last night's could not fail in deepening the bonds of unity between the churches; and it is to be hoped that in all efforts which stand for the good of society, and for the improvement of the world at large, there will be fostered a still deeper spirit of unity, and a greater feeling of confidence. Long enough have churches and sects pulled against each other. Let, therefore, the good feeling of last night continue; and then we can all truly join in the processional hymn, and sing:

"Like a mighty army moves the church of God,
Brothers we are trusting where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity."

Feildian Dinner.

The Feildian Championship Hockey Dinner will be held at the Green Lantern, on April 19th. This is apparently becoming an annual event for this is the third year in succession, in which the Feildians have been League Champions. To-night will show whether the Tie-Cup championship will give an added cause for celebration.

MINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY PHYSICIANS.

Diana Sends Distress Signals.

SAGONA TO THE RESCUE.

On Saturday night, at 9.30, distress signals from the S.S. Diana were picked up by the S.S. Seal and Sagona. The latter ship, being nearest the disabled steamer, proceeded to her assistance. At 6 p.m. yesterday the Sagona reached the Diana, which had her tail shaft broken on March 16th, and it is presumed that she has been squeezed in the ice since. The Sagona had not reported up to 1 p.m. to-day, but it is believed she will take off the crew and bring them to the nearest port, whence they will be taken home by the S.S. Watchful, now on her way South.

Abraham Lincoln.

THE MOST HUMAN OF U.S. PRESIDENTS.

Rev. Dr. Power will lecture to-night in Cochrane Street Lecture Room on "Abraham Lincoln in story." This lecture was delivered some time ago in the Presbyterian Hall, and was greatly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to gain admittance. Probably no man has ever existed whose character is so unassailable as that of Lincoln. He was an idealist who lived up to his ideals, and yet he was sufficiently material to make one of the most efficient Presidents of the United States. All who admire Lincoln should attend the lecture to-night. A short concert will also be held and refreshments will be on sale.

Work of Blind.

Sample of woollen goods, the work of Misses Janie and Winnie Sparkes of Briggs, graduates of the Halifax School for the Blind, are now to be seen in Ayre & Sons window. The samples consist of sweaters, mufflers, socks and gloves. The quality and workmanship could not be improved upon. This is only an evidence of what the blind of this country will be able to accomplish with the training which they will receive at the school which will shortly be established at Waterford Hall through the generosity of Sir Edgar Bowring.

LECTURE TO-NIGHT—Mr. John Higgins, B.A., has chosen "Memories of Oxford" for his lecture in aid of St. Patrick's Memorial School, to-night. The lecturer who was Rhodes Scholar will have much interesting information to impart about the history of the University.

Glassware Bargains.

Plain Thin Tumblers, small size 1.20 doz.
Plain Very Thin Pony Tumblers 2.00 doz.
Plain Heavy Tumblers 1.00 doz.
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Plain Half Pint Tumblers 1.80 doz.
Key and Circle Pattern Tumblers 2.30 doz.
Plain Wines (Ports) 2.10 doz.
Plain Wines. (Sherry) 2.10 doz.

A Snap in BEER MUGS.

Half Pint 1.40 doz.
One Pint 2.80 doz.

Crystal Nut Bowls55c.
Berry Bowls, 30c., 40c., 42c. 65c.
Crystal. Nappies 1.20 doz.
Oval Preserve Dishes 23c. 40c.
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Large Size Crystal Fruit Bowls 2.00 doz.
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\$1.25 Set.

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Butter Dishes 30c., 45c.
Sugar Bowls with cover 35c. and 45c.
Glass Jugs, 37c., 40c., 50c., 65c.
Square Candy Trays 55c.

Cust'rd Cup Bargain

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Authorities Were Notified.

In reference to the death of the man Brian of Oxen Pond, concerning which an item appears elsewhere, we have been asked by a relative to state that owing to some domestic disagreement the man who is 33 years old was compelled to live in a barn, but he never refused to live with his brother. This relative states that he matter was reported to the authorities about 12 months ago, and on two other occasions about 5 weeks ago, but no action was taken in the matter.

Make Him bring you to the S. U. F. Hall on Mondays and Thursdays and learn you how to dance.—mar25,31

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
Wind N.N.W., fresh; weather fine; no ice in sight to-day; a schooner was in sight S.W. from here outside of ice Saturday afternoon and drifted south and has not been seen since; friends sighted to-day. Bar. 29.94; Ther. 38.

BORN.
At 224 Theatre Hill, on 26th inst., a son to Mr. J. and Mrs. Sinnott.

DIED.
Last night, after a brief illness, Moses H. Clarke, aged 70 years. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 2.30 p.m. from 85 Gover Street.

On Sunday morning William G. Dryer, funeral on to-morrow Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 343 Duckworth Street; friends will please accept this the only intimation.—R.I.P.
Yesterday, 26th inst., at Glovertown, Elijah Barry, aged 76 years.
On the 26th inst., of convulsions, Bridie Collins, aged 7 months, darling child of John and Millie Collins, 6 Sebastian Street.
On March 24th, after a long illness, Ellen Cahill, beloved wife of Edward O'Neill, leaving a husband, two sisters and two brothers, to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 363 Duckworth Street. "May her soul rest in peace."

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