SHIPPING

The Fogota reports a considerable *quantity of ice off Conception Bay.*

The Ss. Ethie arrived at Lawn 6.30 p.m. yesterday going West.

S.S. Stephano passed Cape Race at 9.30 a.m. and is due cher this afternoon.

The Gulf steamer "Sagona" has not been reported since leaving Port aux Basques at 10.30 Tuesday night.

The Stephano, due to arrive about noon, has a very large freight for this port.

Ss. Argyle sailed from the R. N. Co'y last night to resume her regular service on Placentia Bay.

The Ss. Cape Breton, coal laden, is due to arrive tonight. She is from *Louisburg and comes to the R. N.* Co.

The Schr. Dorothy Baird is to come off the floating dock today. She will *load codfish from Jas. Baird Ltd., for Brazil.*

When she reaches Placentia the Ss. Ethie will be ordered on here, and put in readiness to take up the Trinity Bay service.

The Meigle which left Placentia last evening for the Westward, had the following passengers on board—Miss Morley, Miss Churchill, Mr. A. Rodger, J. Poole and 15 second class.

The Trip to Halifax On the "Stephano"

The following is the story of the troopship Stephano's trip to Halifax with the members of the third contingent on board:—

"*March 20.—Boarded Stephano at* 6.30 a.m. for Halifax. Leaving the *wharf we steamed through the Narrows;* everyone on board happy. There are 250 soldiers, including Lt.-Col. Rendell and Dr. MacPherson and about 90 Naval Reservists on board.

At 10 a.m. we passed the Durango 8 days out from Halifax to St. John's. Our signallers were speaking to her.

After a quick run up the shore we passed Cape Race in 5 hours.

In the afternoon we held a parade and the following orders were read:—

Reveille—6 a.m.;
Breakfast—6.30;
Roll Call and C.O. Parade—9 a.m.;
Sick Parade—10 a.m., in smoking room;
Dinner—11.45 a.m.;
Men messing in Saloon, Dinner 11.30 a.m.;
Roll Call and C.O. Parade—3 p.m.;
Tea Parade—4.30 p.m.;
Tattoo—9 p.m.;
Lights Out—9.30 p.m.

We did not have many up after 9 *p.m., pretty near all being sick.*

"Sunday, *March 21.—I have a very* comfortable room with Corps. Barnes and Ayre. Had a walk on deck before breakfast and certainly enjoyed both. Believe I am putting on weight already.

At 70 a.m. we fell in for Roll Call and Qr.-Master Bimester gave all this of cigarettes, a present from Mr. *Harmsworth, of the A. N. D. Co.* Three hearty cheers were given for him.

Our Marconi operator had a wireless that the Irresistable had been torpedoed.

A concert was held at night in the saloon. Sir Joseph Outerbridge presided. His opening address was patriotic and enjoyed by all.

Miss Goodridge acted as accompanist and was assisted by Miss Murchison.

At the conclusion of the programme, Col. Rendell delivered a very impressive speech and at the conclusion cheers were given for him. Sir Joseph Outerbridge and the officers of D Co

The programme was:—

1. Mandoline Solo — C. P. O. Lloyd.
2. Song. — Corpl. A. Edwards.
3. Song. — Miss Murchison.
4. Recitation. — Sergt. Hicks.
5. Song. — Lance-Corpl. Tucker.
6. Song. — Pt. H. Rowe.
7. Quartette. — Dr. Macpherson, Corp. A. Edwards, Lance-Crpl. King, Sergt. Bemister.
8. Cornet Solo. — Pt. C. Vavasour.
9. Song. — Lance-Cprl. Fowlow.
10. Song. — C. P. O. Lloyd.
11. Song. — Lance-Crpl. King.
12. Cornet Solo. — Pt. Fanning.
13. Song. — Lance-Crpl. Peet.
14. Comic Song. — Crpl. A. Edwards.
15. Piano Solo. — Misses Goodridge and Murchison.

"March 22.—Arrived at Halifax at 2 a.m. and berthed at 8; were met by Capts. Montgomerie, O'Brien and Lieut. Ayre. Leave again in 2 hours on S.S. Obduna; all well. Goodbye."

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

A pleasing event took place yesterday at the Newfoundland Boot and Shoe Company Factory, when Mr. Charles Thompson, the retiring manager, was presented with a farewell address, and parting gifts in the shape of a handsome dressing case and smoking outfit suitably inscribed. Mr. E. G. Hunter, accountant, read the address, and the presentation was made by Mr. Arch Padford, foreman of the cutting department, in a fitting manner. Appended are copies to the address and Mr. Thomson's reply:

ADDRESS.

To C. R. Thomson Esq.
City.

Dear Mr. Thomson,—It is with feelings of deep regret that we learn you have resigned from the Managership of the Newfoundland Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company Limited.

*It has been pleasing to note the great advancement made by the Com*pany during the thirty-five years you *have been in charge of the factory,* also the feeling of good will which existed between us.

In whatever sphere your future labours may be we wish you abundant success, and trust that you and yours *may enjoy every prosperity and* happiness.

We ask you to accept the accompanying gifts as a small token of our appreciation of your kindly interest in us, and as a remembrance of other days.

Signed on behalf of the Employees of the Newfoundland Boot & Shoe Mfg. Co. Ltd.

E. G. HUNTER.
St. John's, March 31st., 1915.

REPLY.

To the Employees of the Newfoundland Boot & Shoe Mfg. Company Limited.

My Dear Friends and Co-workers,—

It is with feelings of appreciation almost too deep for utterance that I thank you for the kind words contained in your address, also the tangible expressions of your good will, which accompany it.

It is with pleasure that I can look back over the past thirty five years, and review the growth of the business, under my charge and with the co-operation of yourselves, and others who have passed on.

When I took charge of the factory in 1878 the business was only about one third of what it is today, and during the intervening time, we have met withh phenomenal success.

In looking around I can see the sons of men who were with me at the start, as well as others who have been in the employ during that long period, and I assure you all, that the harmony which was always evident between us during our association together, will be a happy memory to dwell upon.

In going out from you I can only express the wish that you may all enjoy every prosperity and happiness, and that you will show the same loyalty and faithfulness to your new Manager, as you have given to me.

C. R. THOMSON.

PERSONAL

Mr. T. Walsh, of Catalina, came to town by the Fogota last night.

Capt. A. Carter, of the Earl of Devon was a passenger to the city by the Fogota last evening.

Fr. Cox, S.J., preaches in the R. C. Cathedral tonight, after Tenebrae which commences at 7.30.

Mr. Wm. Comerford who represents Garniau Co. Ltd. of Quebec, arrived into the city from Hr. Grace last evening.

Mr. Oliver Leach who came to the city last week, is appointed to the Managership of the Hr. Grace Boot and Shoe Co'y, in place of Mr. W. J. Janes, who takes a similar position in the Newfoundland Boot and Shoe Co., this city.

Kyle's Passengers

The Kyle brought the following passengers to Port aux Basques from Louisburg:—D. J. Leonard, Mrs. M. M. Marshall, Miss A. Walker, Miss J. Curtis, and Miss V. Curtis. The express left Port aux Basques at 8 o'clock this a.m. and should arrive to-mrroow afternoon about 2.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)

Moderate to fresh N. W. to W. winds, fair today and on Friday; not much change in temperature.

Roper's (noon)

Bar. 29.10; ther. 50.

LOCAL ITEMS

A local train via Brigus arrived into the city at 12.30 p.m.

A case of diphtheria reported from Barnes' Road yesterday was removed to the Hospital.

Last afternoon and night were quiet in police circles, only one arrest being made. The officers seemingly get a rest every other day.

A captain of one of our local steamers has been suspended by the company, awaiting an investigation into alleged errors.

"April showers bring May flowers." Well, what will first of April sunshine bring? Every day of it prosperity we hope.

The weather along the line of railway today is light and fine, with the prevailing wind N.W. The temperature ranges from 29 to 49.

The placing of the Bruce's new rudder in position is going to mean a big job, and it is expected the ship will be at least three weeks on dock.

There will be Divine Service in Congregational Church to-morrow (Good Friday) at 11 a.m., conducted by the Pastor, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

W. P. A.—All patients having money boxes are requested to bring them to Government House without fail on Monday, April 5th, at 3.30 p.m.

At the "Braw, Braw" Scotch folk *an' their freends are reminded of* John Nicol's paper on "Auld Rookie" *tonight in St. Andrew's Rooms at* 8.30 o'clock.

This is April 1st, anniversary of the late Sir W. V. Whiteway's Natal Day. Whiteway Lodge, A.F. and A.M. hold their monthly meeting in Masonic Temple this evening.

A number of young women who had been attending school in the City, left for their homes by train this morning, having received their Easter holidays.

So the Desola's Chinese crew are to be sent to their homes by the next Stephano, according to report. It is about time that the stranded celestials be forwarded to their destination.

Holy Saturday—8.30 a.m., blessing of holy water Easter water, blessing of fire and phascical candle, followed by Solemn High Mass. The afternoon and night will be devoted to the hearing of confessions.

A message to Marine and Fisheries from British Consul at St. Pierre last evening reads:—"Schr. Palandra from Grand Bank, total loss on rocks S.E. of Dog Island, midnight March 30th. All crew saved."

The saw mills on the West Coast are now all in full swing, and Butt's, at St. George's, Farnell's, at Stephenville, Crossing and Benj. Tulk's Mill at Barichoix Brook, are all working full time to meet the demand.

The baseball league are holding their annual meeting Saturday evening *next, when the programme of* games for the coming season will be drawn up. An annual re-union will be held on next Tuesday evening.

St. George's Board of Trade held its annual meeting last week and the following officers were elected for the present year:—Pres., H. H. Haliburton; Vice-Pres., A. J. O'Reilly; Treas., W. E. LeRoux; Secy., D. J. Bethune.

The Management of the Star of the Sea Society are making a presentation to Fr. Cox, S.J., as an appreciation of his kindly assent to lecture for the Society. The pleasing and thoughtful event will take place just before the Rev. Gentleman's departure.

S.S. Prospero, Capt. J. Kean sailed at midnight for Western ports, taking a large freight and the following passengers:—Mrs. Taylor, Misses Harris, White, Tibbo and Hann; Messrs. S. Harris, S. K. Bell, S. Throp, J. Daley, C. Courtenay, L. Butler and ten in steerage.

The freight departments of the R.N. Co'y., are now getting busy by shipments of goods which had accumulated at Port aux Basques arriving into the city daily. When navigation opens at North Sydney, still larger freights will be forthcoming, as a quantity of stuff is now stored at the Reid premises there.

DEATHS

THISTLE.—Died, at Little Bay Island, April 1st, Max, aged 16 years, *only son of Thomas and Lydia Thistle.*

SUN LIFE OF CANADA IN STRONG POSITION

Annual Statement Reveals Highly Favorable Features.

In spite of world-wide business depression, Canada's largest assurance company has just closed a highly satisfactory year. Total assurances on the books of the Sun Life of Canada now amount to $218,299,000, assurances written during the year totalling over $32,167,000. It is gratifying to Canadians to note that new business written during the year in Canada amounted to $15,988,000, an increase of $388,000 over the figures for 1913. During the year the Sun Life of Canada paid out to policyholders in Death claims, matured endowments, profits, etc., the sum of $6,161,000 bringing the total payments of policyholders since organization to over $45,500,000 Other features which are worthy of note are an increase of no less than 15 per cent. in assets which now stand at over $64,187,000; an increase of 13 per cent. in net surplus to $6,503,000 and an increase to 6.71 per cent in the average rate earned on the Company's investments. It is also noted that the increasing scale of policy dividends will be maintained in accordance with which five-year and reserve dividend policies will receive larger dividends during 1915 than those received by similar policies in 1914.

Altogether, such a showing in view of adverse conditions is most encouraging and indicates that this conservatively managed Company is in a even stronger position to-day than at any time in its forty-five years' history.

The Kaiser's Splendid Train

Whenever possible the Kaiser, when travelling between Berlin and the fighting line, uses his luxurious state train, which is a *veritable palace on wheels.*

Six coaches, each weighing over *sixty tons, compose the special* train, and of these four are reserved for the emperor and his suite, and the other two are used for kitchens. The second coach in the train is reserved by the *kaiser for his personal quarters,* and it contains a saloon, bedroom, dressing room, bathroom and sleeping apartments for his bodyguard.

The saloon is panelled in the wood of an ancient cedar tree taken from Mount Lebanon, the gift of ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid of Turkey. The floor is of black wood taken from the piles of a wooden bridge built across the Rhine by Julius Caesar in the year 55 B.C., while the ceiling is decorated with a design representing the six great rivers of Germany.

The windows of the saloon are protected by thick steel bars, and armed sentries stand at the doors of the apartment night and day. The last coach in the train is used *by an engineer, who has charge of* the machinery which operates a complicated system of emergency brakes.

The kaiser's two dachhunds, Wardl and Hexl, have their kennels on the train, and they generally accompany their master on his travels.

Italians Fortify Dodekanez Islands

London, March 24.—Telegraphing from Saloniki the Daily Mail's correspondent says:

"The Italians are fortifying the Dodekanez Islands, formerly the Turkish Sporades, in the Aegean Sea, with heavy calibre guns, and numerous steamers are said to be taking munitions there."

The Dodekanez Islands, better known as "the Islands of the White Sea," lie off the southern part of the west coast of Asia minor. The principle islands are Stampalia, Leros, Patmos, Nikaria and Kalymnos.

Supreme Court

Before A Full Bench

Re the Companies Act, 1889-1906 and Jackman the Tailor Ltd., and an application of Wm. Cook et al to extend the time to register debentures. Kent, K.C., for the Petitioners moves for a day of hearing the application. Dunfield for P. C. O'Driscoll, the liquidator, assents to any day in May next. Ordered that hearing of application be set for May 7th.

T. J. Freeman versus Government of Newfoundland.—The Court is of opinion that evidence of Reid Nfld. Co. should be brought in to ascertain whether they have any interest in the property in question. Kent K.C. undertakes to serve a copy of petition on the said company. Court adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o'clock.

SEALING NEWS

Following messages read at Marine and Fisheries today:—

Change Islands—Wind N.W.; fair; ice conditions unchanged.

Fogo—Wind western, strong breeze, fine; six of the fleet in sight.

La Scie—Calm, fine; ice loose from Cape to outside; Gull Island, 100 seals landed last evening; men out this morning with boats; seals about 2 miles off, difficult to reach; hard slob in the lakes.

The following messages were received in town yesterday:—

From Ss. Nascopie to Job Bros. 5 p.m.—"North East gale today; wind N. W. now; position 20 miles North of Twillingate; other ships here; still jammed; ice tight."

From J. W. Morgan, La Scie, yesterday afternoon—In my opinion there must be a good patch of seals five or six miles N. E. of Cape John; *seals plentiful two miles off North* Bill of Cape; ice loose; seals taking to water; 10,000 landed at La Scie.

To Bowring Bros., last night:—

From Ss. Florizel—"Drifting out the Bay; ice tight; ship still jammed; nothing new to report."

From Ss. Eagle—"Ice tight; ship jammed; nothing new to report; drifted S. E. 1 1-2 miles since yesterday."

From Ss. Viking—"Off St. Paul's; ice tight; ship jammed; ice tight as far as can be seen; Erik and Diana N. W., jammed."

ENLISTED

Five more names on the roll, bringing the count up to 1,482. Those who enlisted last evening were:—

St. John's—War Brides.

Broad Cove, B.D.V.—Jos. King, Ed. Penston, Wm. Noftall.

Freshwater—Leonard Carnell.

Yesterday afternoon the men, some 247, were out on parade. The fifth company has now beeen formed, and all have been given full kit.

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St. John's, Nfld., March 26th, 1915.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

By Lieut.-Col. Sir W. E. Davidson, K. C.M.G., Officer Commanding.

Lieuts. Alderdice, Wighton and Nunns have arrived from the Contingent on Active Service for the purpose of assisting in the training of 'E' Company, and are taken on the strength of the Regiment as from the 23rd instant, on which date they reported themselves for duty.

[No. 9.]

(As per Army Form O, 1810, First Newfoundland Contingent, February 25th, 1915, enclosed.)

ERIC S. AYRE, Capt.,
Acting Adjutant.

Unit—NEWFOUNDLAND
Daily Orders, Part II.
February 27th., 1915.

Promotions—

No. 3, Lance Corporal H. Herder, A Company, promoted Corporal Nov. 15th., 1914.

No. 72, Private J. Reardigan, A Company, promoted Lance Corporal November 15th., 1914.

No. 94, Corporal J. Irvine, A Company, promoted Sergeant Nov. 16th., 1914.

No. 171, Private C. White, A Company, promoted Lance Corporal Dec. 2nd, 1914.

No. 317, Private G. Winslow, B Company, promoted Lance Corporal, temporary, Dec. 10th., 1914.

No. 480, Lance Corporal, J. J. Robinson, A Company, promoted Corporal, temporary, Dec. 26th., 1914.

No. 504, Private C. Paterson, B Company, promoted Lance Corporal, January 27th., 1915.

No. 142, Corporal J. E. Fox, A Company, promoted Sergeant, provisional, February 24th., 1915.

W. F. RENDELL, Capt.

In order to accommodate the outport people who are anxious to follow the Proceedings of the House of Assembly, which opens on April 7th, we will send the Daily issue of "The Mail and Advocate" to any person for the balance of this year for the sum of One Dollar, and the Weekly issue for the sum of Thirty Cents.

"In an' aboot Auld Reekie"—Illustrated with Limelight views—Mr. John R. Nicol will read a paper on Edinburgh at St. Andrew's Club on Thursday, April 1st, at 8.30 p.m. Admission 10c.—m31,2i

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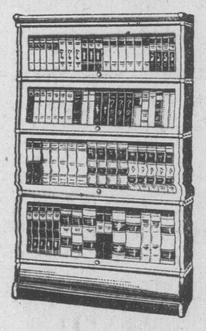

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