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## At the City Hall.

The Chairman and all the members of the Board, except Mr. I. C. Morris, were present at last night's meeting of the Civic Commission.

B. English wrote re concrete sidewalk on Queen's Road, and asked that the city put curbs around it. The Engineer will report.

Tenders for quarry spawls were opened. Nineteen tenders were offered quoting prices from 55 cents to 70 cents per ton. The contract will be apportioned to the lowest tenderers.

It was decided on motion of Mr. McGrath seconded by Mr. Anderson that only licensed truckmen be permitted to cart the stone to the city.

Mr. Withers dissented and an interesting discussion followed.

J. M. Devine, Gear & Co., W. Campbell and Woods Candy Stores made a joint complaint as to the inconvenience caused them by the cab stand in front of their premises. On motion of Mr. Ayre, the matter was deferred until the report of the Committee on cab stands is submitted.

The Office Committee recommended bonuses of \$35 and \$25, respectively, to two of the clerks for extra services during the labourers after hours on Saturdays.

Mr. Mullaly opposed the granting of the bonuses on principle, and furthermore was of the opinion that it was unfair to have matters of this kind sprung on the Board. He felt that due notice should be given. Another of the clerks had volunteered to do similar work without payment.

Mr. Harris agreed with Mr. Mullaly that due notice should be given before the Board was asked to vote on such matters, and wished to know why volunteer service was given by another clerk.

Mr. McNamara as chairman of the office Committee, explained the position as far as they were concerned, stating that previously one of the clerks was given \$25 a year for this work, and for three years the two clerks had done it without remuneration. As a compromise the sum of \$30 was now offered for past services, and would have cost \$75 at the previous rate.

Mr. Mullaly contended that the clerk undertook the work without promise of remuneration, the best evidence of which was the fact that they had made no claim on the late Council.

The Chairman considered Mr. Mullaly's principle a sound one, and suggested that the office committee will further report on the matter.

The Engineer reported on the claim of Mr. Wilcox, Plymouth Road, and while he held that the city was not responsible, recommended the laying of 500 feet of sewerage pipes. The matter will be further considered.

Mr. Braslaw read a letter, dealing with the condition of the old railway yard, which is being used as a dump. The Reid Nfld. Co., the owners, will be asked to fence the property.

The Sanitary Supervisor's report was submitted, but discussion was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

After the passing of pay rolls and usual routine business the meeting adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

## Some Patriotic Women.

Some remarkable replies have been made by women to the recruiting circular which has been sent to their homes in Scotland.

"The patriotic devotion of the women is apparent in the vast majority of the papers they have returned," says the "Scotsman." "Loyalty to their King, love for their country, and anger at the outrages perpetrated

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by the Germans make them face with unflinching courage, and even with a fierce joy, the sacrifices which they are called upon to make.

"One mother, a widow, was asked by her son in Australia for her permission to volunteer for the front. She called him at once: 'Join the Australian contingent—Mother!'"

"A lady, whose husband and son have enlisted, says: 'You have got all that are in our house—only another little lad, but he is only 12. If you care to wait till he is 19, we will be only too glad to send him away to fight for his country, for he is a real live terrier. I am very sorry, for it would have been the joy of my heart to have sent you a dozen more men!'"

"A disappointed mother, whose son refused to enlist, writes: 'Excuse his mother for saying that he is nothing short of a coward in this time of crisis.'"

"Another lady writes: 'I am sorry I have only one son, and he is just 9 years old. I wish I had ten, and I would give them all to you to fight for our country. My husband is abroad, and I have not heard from him for more than seven years, but he was an old Volunteer lad, so I hope he will have the pluck to fight for his country.'"

"The following is from a wife whose husband is not abroad, but very much at home. It has had to be censored somewhat before publication so as not to be too revealing: '—, who was in —, was temporarily discharged, but is all right again and ready for service. For God's sake call him up at once, as he will be better fighting for his country than fighting with me.'"

"A mother, whose husband has gone to the front, says: 'Only one son—two years old. If he would bring you good luck I would send him to France as a mascot!'"

"The idea of an Amazons' Battalion seems to have 'caught on' to a surprising extent.

"One man writes: 'Sorry to say there is no male in the house bar myself. There are four females. If you are taking any of them, I am sure there is one who would make a grand soldier—that is, the wife.'"

"Another says: 'Sorry I am too old, but have seven daughters. If they are any use, you can have them.'"

## Thanksgiving Day at Fogo.

Many thanks are due the Governor for proclaiming a Thanksgiving Day. The day was put to good use in this settlement. Service was held at 11 o'clock in St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. J. O. Britnell officiating, and it was conducted on the lines of an ordinary Thanksgiving Service.

The text of the sermon was taken from Psalm 147, 14 verses: "He maketh peace in all thy borders."

The preacher expressed how glad he was to see such a large number make it possible to attend. He then explained why a Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed, why our Governor saw the fitness of it. How in England it is a common sight to see a man maimed for life through the present war while we in Newfoundland are living in happiness and are blessed by being exempt from such sights. But that the day may be fittingly observed we should offer up our thanks to Almighty God in his house.

He then dwelt at length on and pictured very vividly the suffering and misery of the people of Belgium, now bravely those people stood up; that no one can say what might be the state of the world to-day but for their attempt to stop the intruder. During the reading of a newspaper clipping: "Not a smile in Belgium" scarcely a breath was drawn. Then he appealed to the people for their sympathy and asked that they might help as others are doing.

After the sermon a collection was taken up on behalf of the sufferers in Belgium to which all, touched to the heart, gladly responded. The lesson of self-sacrifice taught by the service will never lose its effect.

ONE PRESENT.

January 26th, 1915.

## Why Your Bread Costs More.

"The average housekeeper does not read the reports of provincial markets, or, if she did, she would understand better why bread is dearer," says the Times.

"Supplies of wheat from overseas are temporarily short, and in South America especially bad weather interfered with harvesting. Farmers, after years of low prices at home, foresaw the present demands, and waited, and are consequently getting the higher prices. The advance generally on home-grown wheat in recent days has been quite 5s. a quarter, and taking the whole period of the war, it is nearly 20s. since the rates prevailing in the earlier days of summer."

"It is, indeed, sufficiently marked to have an effect already on the septennial calculations of the rent charge, which means so much to the incomes of the country clergy, and has raised these by more than £1 5s. per cent. All forms of grain are dearer, and even peas and lentils appear at higher figures in the grocers' lists. The rise in bread will be heavily felt in all large households."

WHY IS IT SO?

"The seas are kept open by our Fleet, and wheat has been coming well to harbour," says the Westminster critically. "We recognize that there has been a big rise in freights, and that rates of insurance are higher, but these are not enough to account for 15s. on the quarter. Unless there is some explanation that does not leap to the mind, the rapid rise is brought about by influences which would be none the worse for investigation. We think the Government would do well to have a little inquiry into the matter."

"Under the Unreasonable Withholding of Food Supplies Act, 1914, the Government have ample powers to deal with the situation," says the "Daily Citizen." "It may be necessary to take public control of the merchant ships as we have already taken public control of the railways. It may be necessary for the nation to become its own wheat and flour merchant as it has already become its own sugar merchant. Whatever is necessary should be done and done at once."

WHY BREAD HAS NOT RISEN 270 PER CENT.

"If we had not command of the sea, the price of bread would have risen, not 27 per cent., but more like 270 per cent., by this time, and there would be famine in the land," says the Times. "In 1801, when this was still nominally a self-sufficing country, the price of wheat, which is now about 43s. or 44s. a quarter, rose to 180s. and bread to 1s. 10½d. the 4 lb. loaf. That the present world-wide dislocation of trade should have produced no greater effect than it has in a country so dependent on foreign supplies as our own is a truly remarkable fact."

"The gradual character of the rise



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in prices and its general distribution over a great number of articles indicate that it is due to general causes, not to any artificial manipulation of markets. Attempts are sometimes made to manipulate markets, but their influence is limited and never lasts long. The tendency to blame the 'middleman' for any rise of prices is a commonplace of ignorance.

SOURCES OF SUPPLY. "Freights are higher because insurance is more costly, coal dearer, and ships scarcer," adds the Times. "Then there are delays in port because railways, like ships, are being used for military purposes, and because the supply of labor is insufficient. There is congestion at Liverpool; a similar state of things exists in London and in Glasgow, where complaints of deficient labor have been made for weeks past."

"Other causes are the closure of some sources of supply and the diversion of trade to other markets. The last-mentioned causes have not been sufficiently appreciated. Our chief sources of wheat and flour in normal times are British possessions—namely Canada, India, and Australia—the United States, Argentina, and Russia. We also take usually a considerable quantity of flour from France, Germany, Austria, and Roumania. All the last four are practically withdrawn; Germany and Austria by the state of belligerency, Roumania by the closure of the Black Sea, France by reason of her own needs and the operations of war. Russia is also cut off. Of the remaining five sources Australia has no surplus because of a poor harvest, and Argentina is doubtful because there is a prospect of one. There will be plenty of food, but the price will be more dependent on the character of the harvest in a fewer number of supply countries than usual."

Here and There.

TOBACCO GONE.—The S. S. Tobacco left for Halifax last evening.

CLEARED FOR VALENCIA.—The schr. Callidora has cleared from Carbonear for Valencia with 4,080 qtls. of fish.

TO OUTFIT BANKER.—The Capt. W. Kennedy went by the Portia yesterday en route to Fortune where he will fit out his banker for the spring fishery.

FOR BELGIAN FUND.—The collection for the Belgian Fund at the service in Whitbourne on Thanksgiving Day amounted to \$20, which is considered high for such a small congregation.

VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTION.—The proceeds of the volunteers' dance amounted to \$340, which will be devoted to the Women's Patriotic Fund. Great credit is due to promoters on such a big success.

ANNIVERSARY.—The Sabbath School Missionary Anniversary Service will be held in the S. D. Adventist Church on Sunday evening, commencing at 6.30. A good programme has been prepared. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

NOT EMPLOYED.—We have been requested to state that the report that Mr. H. J. Seymour, late of the employ of the Reid Nfld. Co., was about to enter the employ of S. E. Garland, is not correct. Some persons have circulated this report, and Mr. Seymour fears it may operate against him in his endeavour to find a position.

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