Pres. Coaker Inaugurates
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A General District Council
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Of F.P.U. In Conception B.

Bay Roberts, Jan .14,—President Coaker, accompanied by Mr. George Grimes and about thirty delegates, arrived here yesterday at 2 p.m. A deputation from Coley's Point and Bay Roberts Councils met the visitors, who drove to Coley's Point.

At 3 p.m. the Convention opened in the Union Hall,, fity delegates from Conception Bay Councils and two hundred visitors being present.

The President's speech of two and a half hours' duration occupied the whole of the afternoon session.

The Convention sat again at 7 p.m. and closed at midnight. Resolutions were passed to establish a Conception Bay District Council, and dealing with destitution, the sealing commission; Abram Kean's conduct in the sealing disaster and demanding Bowring's to put Kean out of the sealing steamer.

A petition to the Legislature to enact a law to establish a commission to fix a minimum price for Labrador fish shipped off the coast, and a resolution for the establishment of a Union Export supplying station on the upper portion of Labrador were unaimously decided on .

The Convention then adjourned to meet at Spaniard's Bay within a few weeks. Great enthusiasm was shown.

President Coaker and Mr. Grimes attend the Port de Grave Council parade.

LOCAL COUNCIL.

UNION CONCERT, AT JOB'S COVE

Put on Two Nights to Raise Funds For Building a New Hall—Great Success

Job's Cove, Jan. 8.—On Dec. 28th and 29th we held a Union Concert here in aid of our New Hall, and it was a decided success, having a capacity house each night.

The programme consisted of:—Opening Chorus, "The Land We Leave Behind"; Dialogue, "An Army of Applicants," Messrs. P. J. Murphy, B. F. Colbirt, J. Colbirt, W. R. Johnson, J. F. Johnson, J. J. Kelley.

Song, "A Million Strong," Messrs P. J. Murphy, J. J. Kelley, T. J. Power.

Dialogue, "An Unwelcome Intrusion," Messrs B. F. Colbert, J. J. Kelley, J. Colbert, T. J. Power, P. J. Colbert and Miss S. Halliday.

Song, "A Fisher Maid," Misses Reta and Mary K. Kelley.

Recitation, "Mary the Maid of the Inn," P. J. Murphy.

Dialogue, "Timothy Cloverseed in the City," T. J. Power, Miss Bride Gibbons and Colbert.

Monologue, J. J. Kelley and Miss Reta Kelley.

Dialogue, "A Surprise Party," Misses P. J. Murphy, B. F. Colbirt, J. J. Kelley, T. J. Colbirt, Misses Jane Reid, L. Halliday, A. Power, Bride Colbirt.

Song, "Terra Nova's Volunteers," J. J. Kelley, T. J. Power.

Dialogue, "My Wife's Mother," J. J. Kelley, Misses Annie Power and Bride Colbirt.

Song, "When I met you at the fair in Tipperary," Messrs. P. J. Murphy, J. J. Kelley.

Dialogue, "Completely Sold," Messrs P. J. Murphy and B. F. Colbirt.

Recitation, "The Cremation of Sam McGee," B. F. Colbirt.

Dialogue, "Barking up the Wrong Tree," Messrs. J. J. Kelley, J. F. Johnson, T. J. Power, J. Colbert and P. J. Colbirt.

Song, "Where the Silvery Colorado Wends its Way," P. J. Murphy.

Dialogue, "Quack Doctor," Messrs P. J. Murphy, B. F. Colbirt, J. F. Johnson.

Duet, "Eileen Asthore," Misses Reta and Mary K. Kelley.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a very enjoyable time.

We are progressing favorably with our Hall. Most of our men are busy getting out timber for fishing boats for the coming season. Owing to forest fires we have to go across to the south side of Trinity Bay for the most of our timber for building purposes and it is a common sigh to see forty or fifty horses climbing the hills about 6 a.m. in single file.

Quite a few people here are sick with "la grippe," the wife of a Union member, Friend John Royal, being very seriously ill.

There is quite a lot of talking here about sealing matters. There must be no more codding about this Sealing Commission. This affair should have been settled long ago and the guilty parties punished. If W. F. Coaker's views had been seriously considered terrible affair would have been settled long ago. How long will it be kept dragging along like this? It is for us the people to say.

Now men of the north, south, east and west demand that justice be done, justice to our massacred brothers and justice to ourselves.

Our officers for the coming year are:—

P. J. Murphy, chairman;
J. Pottle, deputy-chairman;
B. J. Colbert, secretary;
W. R. Johnson, treasurer;
J. Pottle, door-guard.

The first hockey match, Feildians v. Victorious take place at the Prince's Rink to-morrow evening. Each team has several new players.

Mongolian Here After Stormy Run Of Eleven Days

Numerous Ice-bergs Were Sighted and The Ship Ran Through Miles Of Slob

S.S. Mongolian, Capt. Hatherly, arrived at 2.30 p.m. yesterday from Liverpool after a run of eleven days, bringing about 400 tons of cargo forty one bags and fifty-one baskets of mail and as passengers:

J. P. Adams, A. Bassage, Miss May Frew, Miss I. A. Lawrence and William Robson.

She met with stormy weather which continued all the way across. Head winds prevailed until Saturday last.

On the Wednesday after leaving the weather was so bad that only 103 miles were made.

About 150 miles off very heavy slob ice was met with and steamed through practically all the way to port.

A large number of bergs were seen and the captain judges that from its early appearance and quantity the ice will prove serious impediment to shipping this season.

The daily runs were Sunday, 195 miles; Monday, 194; Tuesday, 146; Wednesday 103; Thursday 113; Friday 112; Saturday 210; Sunday 169; Monday 217; Tuesday 241; Wednesday 214 to port 24, total 1965.

The Mongolian leaves here to-morrow morning for Halifax and Philadelphia and will be the last Allan boat to visit here this season sailing for the Old Country about the 2nd of February.

Beautiful Altar

Worsippers at St. Patrick's Church, Sunday evening, were greatly impressed with the beautiful appearance of the altar which was very artistically decorated.

The nuns were responsible for it, and the work was highly praised by all present.

In Training

Word has been received from England that Mr. Hugh LeMessurier, who crossed to England and volunteered, is now at the officers training quarters, Inns-of-Court, London.

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that all letters and Post Cards, whether unstamped or insufficiently stamped, from Troops on Active Service, shall be delivered in Newfoundland **free of charge.**

It has also been ordered that letters and Post Cards to our Troops on Active Service in Great Britain, or (through the Agency of the General Post Office in Breat Britain) to our Troops on Foreign Service, **be forwarded without being stamped.**

Postmasters will please observe this NOTICE and govern themselves accordingly.

H. J. B. WOODS,
Postmaster General.

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Nfld. Reservist Expects To Serve On New Battleship

Danl. Burge, Writing from Portsmouth Says There Are 450 Newfoundlanders There, All Well.

Daniel Burge, one of our outport Naval Reservists, writes as follows from the Royal Naval Barracks at Portsmouth, England, to his mother, Mrs. Geo. Burge, of Bonavista:

"I don't know when I will be going on a ship but I think it will be soon. Some people here are of the opinion that the war won't last very long but of course no one can tell for sure when it will end.

"I am serving in the Navy as a fireman (or as they say over here a stoker). I am getting along fine. There are about four hundred and fifty men from Newfoundland here and all seem to be enjoying themselves very much.

"I haven't much work to do at present but I guess I will have plenty in a few days when I get on a ship.

"There is a big battleship getting ready for sea now and will be going into commission at an early date. She is the biggest one England has, so you see, if I get on her, I will have a home on the ocean.

"Don't worry about me because I am just as safe here as when I was working in Hudson Bay—DANIEL."

CURLIANA

The Reds and Blues compete for the Victoria trophy this evening.

The President's and Vice-President's prizes will be played for to-morrow night.

The trophies are now on exhibition at the Royal Stores' window.

Messrs J Jardine, T. J. Duley, C. R. Duder and J. O. Hawvermale have presented pipes for a game to be played during the month, the proceds to be devoted to the Patriotic Fund.

Two other gentlemen have also donated pipes.

L. Outerbridge Is To Be Wedded To Toronto Lady

Wedding to be Hastened Because Mr. Outerbridge is Volunteer For Military Service

Leonard Outerbridge, son of Sir Jos. and Lady Outerbridge, this city, is another of the many Newfoundlanders who have volunteered for active service with the Canadians.

An athlete and a splendid type of gentleman, it is such men as Leonard who will help win England's final victory in this great struggle.

Our readers will remember that some months ago we announced the engagement of Mr. Outerbridge to Miss Dorothy Strathie, a prominent and popular young lady of Toronto.

The many friends of the young couple will be pleased to know thatt hey will be married shortly.

Leonard is a captain in one of the regiments now in training at Toronto and expects to cross to England with the Third Canadian Contingent, but the marriage will take place before he leaves Toronto.

"Happy As Kings" Says Reservist

Says the Thousands of Sailors at Devonport Are Anxious to Fight

Arthur Pelley, of Hant's Hr., one of our Naval Reservists, writes from England to his father, Mr. John Pelley, as follows:

"We are now at Devonport, but will soon be leaving for the North Sea on the warship "Alsatian." There are thousands of men in training here. I have heard that we are to go to the North Sea to tow in a German warship which the British have captured.

"There are ten thousand captured Germans here, who are being held as prisoners of war. We are all as happy as kings and longing to get at the enemy.

"I may not be able to write again as we are leaving shortly. They will be sending you my money every month from the "Calypso." I am thankful to be well in body and soul and hope we shall meet in Heaven if we never meet on earth again.

ARTHUR.

Mr. M. J. Dalton, representing the well-known nursery of Luke Bros., Montreal, has just returned to town from the West Coast, where he did some business for his firm.

VOLUNTEERS NUMBER 800

Goodly Number Sign on During the Last Two Days—330 Pass Medical Examinations

There are now 800 Volunteers for the second contingent.

The following signed on during the last two days:

Francis Kearsey, St. John's.
Francis Bearns, St. John's.
Fred. A. Lewis, St. John's.
Wm. G. Lewis, St. John's.
Jas. Jos. Duffy, St. John's.
Gerald J. Murphy, St. John's.
Wm. Jos. Gosse, St. John's.
Cyril W. Bishop, St. John's.
Robt. D. Francis, St. John's.
Jas. Ed. Connors, St. John's.
Walter Reynolds, St. John's.
Robt. Breen, St. John's.
Ml. F. McGrath, St. John's.
Ed. J. Goarley, St. John's.
Ed. F. Sheehan, St. John's.
Wm. D. McGillvray, St. John's.
Leo Voisey, St. John's.
Ronald Newhook, St. John's.
Ml. F. Lannon, S.E., Placentia.

Up to yesterday 330 had passed the medical examination and were drilling.

The lads spent yesterday at Buckmaster's field, LeMarchant Rd., where they were put through a series of drills and exercises.

It is not yet known when the lads will leave for the Old Country.

They will probably leave here in two divisions.

It is reported that the first may cross on the Mongolian on her return trip, but this not as yet been decided on.

Found Life Belts Of Southern Cross On Scotch Coast

Sea Casts Up Wreckage Miles Away From the Scene of a Big Sealing Tragedy.

Lloyd's List of Monday, Dec. 28, publishes the following despatch from Coll, Scotland, under date of Dec. 23:

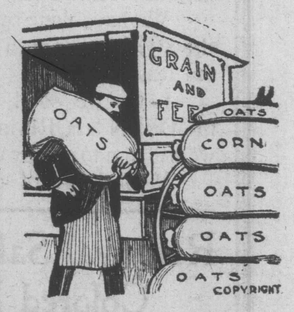
"A chest containing a large number of lifebelts belonging to the steamer Southern Cross, washed up on the North end of Gunna Sound, Island of Coll, recently."

Coll is an Island in Argyll-shire, Scotland. It is twelve miles long, quarter mile wide and has a population of four hundred.

The sealing steamer Southern Cross as is well known, was lost with all hands while returning from the icefields early in April with a full load of seals.

From the above clipping it is plain that the lifebelts drifted across the Atlantic, the time occupying about nine months.

S.S. Beothic has not yet arrived from Sydney. No doubt she is being detained by the heavy ice outside.



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CANADIANS ARE ORDERED OUT TO FRANCE

Last night a letter was received from George Cowan, son of Mr. John Cowan, who is, at the time of writing, at Salisbury Plains with the Royal Highlanders of Canada.

He says they would be leaving for France on Jan. 15th.

It is not thought that they are going to the firing line, but weather conditions at Salisbury are so bad that it has been deemed advisable to transfer the men to France. Mud is still ankle deep at the Plain.

The Royal Highlanders are associated with the Black Watch, one of the world's best fighting regiments.

Lt. A. Jackson Now On Furlough

Mr. John Jackson had a cablegram yesterday from his son Alec that he is in London on a week's furlough.

Alec was in the thickest of the fight in Belgium and his friends will be delighted to know too he is not wounded and in the best of health.

As soon as the week is up he returns to the firing line.

Stole Tub Of Butter

Ml. Quinlon was arrested yesterday charged with stealing a tub of butter, valued at $2.35 from T. J. Malone, New Gower St.

As Judge Knight is still confined to his house with a cold, the prisoner is on remand.

Good Fishing Now At Rose Blanche

The Deputy Minister of Customs had a wire this morning from Rose Blanche that 1400 qtls. fish have been caught there since Monday.

Eighty dories have been engaged averaging 6 qtls. for three days. No vessels are there as yet.

The T. A. Juvenile treat takes place at the British Hall his afternoon. It will end with a dance for adults.

Schr. Elizabeth N. which left Woods Island for Channel is loading salt bulk fish at the latter place for Bucksporte, Maine.

H. LeMessurier Gets Commission

Gazetted as Second Lieutenant in a British Regiment.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. Hugh A. LeMessurier, son of the Deputy Minister of Customs, has received an appointment in the British Army.

A few days ago we announced that 'Hughie' was at the officers' training quarters, Inns-of-Court, London.

Yesterday's mail brought the announcement that on Dec. 30th Hugh A. LeMessurier was gazetted as second lieutenant of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Regiment stationed at Cranleigh, in Surrey. This is a well-known regiment who have many deeds of valor to their credit.

We congratulate Lieut. LeMessurier on his appointment and feel confident that he will ably sustain the Colony's reputation.

Mr. LeMessurier was 9 years an officer of the C.L.B. and rose to the rank of captain. His commission in that corps was signed by Lord Chelsford, and his record in the C.L.B. no doubt stood him well.

He was also a prominent Old Feildian, and the College and its friends will be delighted that another of its pupils has received a commission.

At the Nickel Theatre to-morrow and Saturday afternoons the well-known story, "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be presented.

The story is well-known to children, as most school boys and girls have read it, but they have not yet had the chance to see it at the movies.

To-morrow it will be shown in a manner which will interest all the old as well as the young.

There will be several other pictures and Miss Ayre will sing.

S.S. Sagona goes to Halifav to discharge her cargo. Returning she will call at Sydney for coal.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—The storm is passing to southward. Fore casts N.E. winds; fair and cold. Friday, fair and cold.

Painful Accident

Mr. George Simmonds, of Cornwall Avenue, met with a painful accident, Tuesday evening.

While entering his home he slipped and fell across a box. He felt a slight pain in his side as the result, but thought very little of it.

Shortly after retiring he became very ill and a doctor had to be summoned immediately. The physician on making an examination found three ribs badly bruised.

The patient must remain perfectly quiet for the present, but some days must elapse before he will be able to resume work.

SHIPPING

Portia sails west at daylight to-morrow.

Fogota sails northward at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Schr. Crescendo is now loading fish at Smith & Co.'s for Brazil.

S.S. Tabasco leaves Liverpool to-morrow for St. John's.

The Prospero reached Griquet last evening. She left Conche this morning, coming home. Capt. Kean reports the weather very frosty, and ice ten miles off.

The M.C.L.I. this evening will debate "would a Labour Buerau or Organized Charitable Institutions be the More Beneficial in Relieveing the Distress in this City?"

The leaders are Messrs. A. Soper and S. Woods.

The trouting season opens to-morrow.

NOTICE.—Trinity Bay Councils of the F.P.U. will please notice that January 16th will be observed as Union Day in Trinity District, when every Council is expected according to the Constitution to parade. By order, J. G. STONE.—dec8

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