

## No Demand for Fish

The local demand for codfish has slackened off during the past two months, and little has been doing in that line. The exporters, it seems, find it difficult to realize a fair price on their fish in the Italian and Greek markets, and the Government through the Minister of Shipping have been conferring with the exporters. Meanwhile, considerable fish is still in the hands of the fishermen here and elsewhere around the country. In a few cases fish shipped to St. John's have been returned. That which was kept by the fish-buyers realized in certain cases only about half its value, and the fishermen are highly indignant over the matter. The government should also interest themselves in the fish at present in the hands of the fishermen and for which they cannot find buyers.

## Mustard Plasters

Use mustard plasters for all chest troubles, such as colds, coughs, pneumonia, bronchitis, etc. Make the plasters by mixing thoroughly 1 teaspoon mustard with 2 teaspoons flour, then add water. Place the mixture between muslin and apply. Rub vasoline on the skin where the plaster is to be applied and this will prevent burning.

## No Coal

There is no coal to be purchased in St. John's at present. The same thing existed last winter and the winter before, and a great deal of suffering is caused thereby. The same thing applies to coal as to hospital and other matters. Output needs are ignored while strict attention is paid to St. John's. St. John's is where the heads of Government live, move and have their being. But the outputs produce the goods which chiefly furnish the revenue of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 which keeps the whole machinery going. But what do we get in return? The air we breathe and once every four years or so (six this time) hot air. It might have been good enough in the days when Newfoundlanders lived in "Sleepy Hollow" and "No Man's Land," and the days of the Fishing Admiral.

## House Destroyed

The dwelling house and stable with practically all contents, belonging to Mr. Noah Barrett, Spaniards Bay, was totally destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, the occupants narrowly escaping with their lives. A sum of money belonging to a son who is with the Nfld. Regt. was also lost. This fire is another reminder of the need of fire insurance and also for certain facilities to enable citizens to fight a fire with. But notwithstanding this and other numerous reminders, nobody worries and nobody cares.

## Influenza

Spanish influenza is not Spanish at all in its origin. It is as old as written history. It is chiefly to be dreaded because it weakens the resisting power of the body and permits deadlier organisms to overpower the citadel. Pneumonia often follows influenza, and it is to be guarded against rather on account of what it may lead to than for the disorder or illness it causes in itself.

Conditions of poverty or overcrowding may prove in cases of influenza a veritable scourge. The ill-nourished condition of those afflicted often accounts for the large death rate.

Influenza is, roughly speaking, a perverse or serious development of a cold, and is especially noted when everybody is more or less suffering from it. It is called a cold when it occasions only moderate inconvenience, gripe when it means a week in bed, and influenza when the malady is general. Sudden changes in temperature, especially wet weather, are favorable conditions. Cold, wet feet and undue exposure cause the resisting power of the body to be lowered and the millions of germs in the air passages are given a chance to develop. The germ of influenza is spread by those afflicted with it coughing or sneezing and thus spraying the surrounding atmosphere with the germs.

## Notice

Will the person or persons who picked up some weeks ago a post or posts with burnt tops please notify C. E. Russell, Guardian Office.

## The Worst is Over

Speaking at Manchester recently, Premier Lloyd George said: "We are going through a large dark tunnel, but the worst is over. To end all wars we must impose a durable peace. The Prussian military power must not only be beaten, but Germany herself must know, and the German people must know that their rulers have outraged the laws of humanity, and that Prussian strength cannot protect them from punishment. This must be the last war. Do not let us be misled that the establishment of a league of nations without power will in itself secure the world against a catastrophe. A league of nations with the Prussian military triumphant would be a league of fox and geese—one fox and many geese, but geese would greatly diminish in number."

## Appreciation

The Youth's Companion makes an earnest plea for an "appreciation league" and the idea is most worthy. Probably you have complained to the proprietor when a salesgirl has been inattentive or discourteous. Have you ever gone to the floorwalker or department superintendent to say a word for the salesgirl who was exceptionally attentive and anxious to please? asks the Companion.

Very likely you have written to the general manager of the electric road when a conductor rang the bell too soon or did not notice your signal to stop. Have you ever written to tell him about the conductor who is always courteous and obliging? If you think one act necessary at times, is not the other fair and generous? Are kindness and courtesy always to be taken for granted in small business relations among strangers, or are you ready to find fault than to express appreciation?

A man in an Ohio city has founded what he calls an "appreciation league." Its members agree to "report" employees who are considerate and courteous, to emphasize the amiable things that people do, to watch more keenly for virtues than for weaknesses and faults. The league is an informal organization; you can become a member by beginning at once to practise its principles.

A simple idea? Yes, but if it could spread from ocean to ocean, what a wave of kindness and courtesy would sweep over the land!

## Endowment of Motherhood

Manchester, England has taken a full step ahead in getting ready to do its duty by the coming generation. It has held a conference on the Endowment of Motherhood and has gone much deeper than the merely sentimental stage which contents itself with preparing high-sounding resolutions and securing voluminous minutes. This Conference recognized important basic principles such as the fact that home life is worth infinitely more than that of the best institution provided that the parent has control. Steps to secure and even compel this control and means of insuring stability to home life were discussed at the Conference. The fact was recognized that these two important, or rather, necessary factors to social decency were dependent directly on the vexing questions of wages and housing. Just how far the State should control and just how far it should not go were also discussed. Good citizenship comes high and depends first of all and always on the sort of mothers the State demands and aids.

The statement was made on Trafalgar Day in London that the British Navy has carried, by means of its transports 16,000,000 fighting men and the casualties amount to one man in every 10,000. The safety of the legions of overseas and American troops has rested with the Navy. That and the Mercantile Marine through their vigilance and efficiency have made the victories of the past year possible in France. They have fed and clothed the army in Salonika and have kept England so well supplied with food and raw materials that no really serious lack has been felt.

The Shipbuilding Company at Harbor Grace are preparing to lay the keels of two more large ships, which will, together with those now in frame, be rushed to completion.

## Germany as it is To-day

The German empire, better known as the German vampire, embraces 208,850 square miles, but not a single square meal-says The Brooklyn Eagle. It comprises four kingdoms, six grand duchies and 3,976,531 grand goosesteeps. Its outline and inclination it is highly irregular. On the east it bounds by the Allied fleets and on the west by General Foch.

The principal waterways of Germany are the Rhine and the Kiel Canal. The high C's now under its control are confined to the opera house. The Kiel Canal is used for exercise by the bottled ships on pleasant Sundays. The sea board, greatly restricted like all other kinds of board, is known as the high cost of living. The country is not entirely on the level. It has, in the interior, a large table land, entirely empty. There are also deep depressions in all parts of the nation.

Berlin, the capital, was established in the thirteenth century, on the Spree River. It has not yet recovered. The inhabitants are divided into two main classes—jankers and junked. The present fooler is Kaiser Billions II. His principal occupation is looking for a place in the sun. There is something warmer than that in store for him. It sounds something like Helgoland. The crown prince is the barely-apparent. The national motto is "Spurlos veresakt."

## Died

At Country Road, Oct. 23rd, after a short illness, Bessie, beloved wife of John Bradbury, aged 27 years. Leaving a husband, 2 children, 1 brother, 1 step-brother and a step-mother to mourn their sad loss.

## Note of Thanks

Mr. John Bradbury, Country Road, wishes to thank the following persons who assisted in any way during the illness and after the death of his late wife, viz: Mrs. Josiah Russell, Mrs. Nathaniel Parsons, Mrs. John Snow, Edward, Mrs. William Babin, Miss Annie Edwin, Mrs. Wm. French, Mrs. Edwin French, Jr.; also those who assisted in any way, namely: Mr. Joseph Parsons, Mr. Abram French, Mrs. William Babin, Mr. Nathaniel Parsons, Mrs. Josiah Russell, Mr. Abram Snow, Edward, Mr. Josiah Russell, Mr. Robert Tippet, Mr. Abram French, Mr. Malcolm King, Mr. James Mercer.

## The Man Always Just Going To

He was just going to help a neighbour when he died.

He was just going to pay a note when it went to protest.

He meant to insure his house, but it burned before he got around to it.

He was just going to reduce his debt when his creditors "shut down" on him.

He was just going to stop drinking and dissipating when his health became wrecked.

He was just going to introduce a better system into his business when it went to smash.

He was just going to quit work awhile and take a vacation when nervous prostration came.

He was just going to provide proper protection for his wife and family when his fortune was swept away.

He was just going to call on a customer to close a deal when he found his competitor got there first and secured the order.

Improving the Hen.—The hen is being developed as a layer in Australia, and new strains are expected to yield 250 eggs or more a year, a production of 300 a year being no longer unusual. The effect on the stock of breeding especially for great laying capacity has been investigated in New South Wales by A. A. Damsig, Jr. Among the records collected, were those of four hens which had laid 267, 270, 270, and 288 eggs in a year, and had been afterward used for breeding. No evidence of weakening or degeneration was discovered.

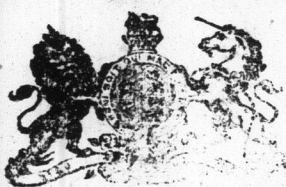
Natural milk is sold in almost all parts of Cuba, but condensed milk is in very general use, and is consumed in relatively large quantities. According to the census of 1907 there were at that time 2,579,492 of cattle in the republic, which number, it is estimated, has now risen to above 3,000,000.

## General News

One of the English bishops has suggested prayer for the new politicians, and it would be well to adopt the idea all over the Empire. Perhaps he is under the impression that a good many of the old ones are past praying for.

M. Clemenceau is a wonderful old man. Although he is 77, he is full of vigor and spirit. He speaks English extremely well. He is a most entertaining, conversationalist, and his remarks are full of epigrams and witty sayings. He is a non-smoker, but for many years smoked 20 cigars a day. Finding that smoking affected his health, he abandoned the habit, and has not smoked for 29 years.

The eleven sons of Mrs. Annie McGill, a widow of Croydon, England, have served in the Army. Five have the 1914 star, and one of these has the D.C.M. Another son was captured with General Townend, and died in a Turkish hospital; a seventh has been a prisoner since 1914; another enlisted as a boy of 15, and when discharged as being under age was sixteen.



## NEWFOUNDLAND.

## Notice to Mariners

No. 7 of 1918.

## Manuel's Island-Catalina Harbor Light Established

Lat. 48° 30' 40" N.  
Lon. 53° 03' 40" W.

Notice is hereby given, that a Round Iron-Top painted White, has been erected on Manuel's Island, Catalina Harbor, from which will be exhibited a Fixed Red Light.

Height from sea level to base of tower 7 feet.

Height from base to centre of light 13 1/2 feet.

This light is established for the purpose of indicating the Island and Shoal projecting from its Southern side, and is obscured in line with the Charlton Rock on the North Side of entrance to Harbor.

Charlton Rock in line with Burnt Point and the Light Tower on Green Island bearing S. by E. and the Light Tower on Manuel's Island bearing W.N.W. from rock indicates its position.

J. G. Stone,  
Minister of Marine & Fisheries,  
Dept. of Marine & Fisheries,  
St. John's, Newfoundland,  
Oct. 25th, 1918. Jan 24, 31

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

## Notice to Mariners

No. 8 of 1918.

## HOPEALL HEAD, Trinity Bay Light Established

POSITION—On Hopeall Head, Trinity Bay.

Lat. 47° 38' 10" N.  
Lon. 53° 34' 00" W.

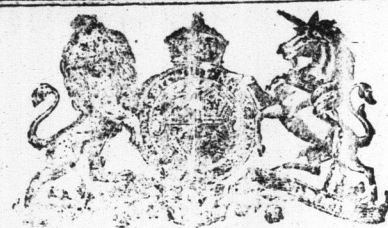
CHARACTER—A Flashing White Acetylene Gas Light giving 20 flashes per minute thus:—  
Light 0.3 sec; DARK 2.7 sec; Light 0.3 sec; Dark 2.7 sec.

ELEVATION—Height from high water to focal plane 207 feet. Height of structure from base to top of lantern 18 feet.

STRUCTURE—A square openwork framework, with sloping sides painted White, Lantern painted Red.

REMARKS—This light will be in operation during open navigation.

J. G. Stone,  
Minister of Marine & Fisheries,  
Dept. of Marine & Fisheries,  
St. John's, Newfoundland,  
Oct. 4th, 1918. Jan 24, 31



## NEWFOUNDLAND

## Notice to Mariners

NO. 1 OF 1918

## Baccalieu Isld. Fog Alarm

Lat. 48° 06' 20" N.  
Lon. 52° 48' 10" W.

The Fog Alarm at Baccalieu Island requiring repairs necessitating a stoppage, notice is hereby given that its operation will be discontinued on and after May 21st.

It is supposed that the repairs will take about a fortnight. When repairs are completed, the Alarm will be put in operation without further notice.

(No. 2 of 1918)

## Offer Wadhams Island.

Latitude 49. 35. 35. N.  
Longitude 53. 45. 12. W.

Notice is hereby given that the revolving Light at Wadhams Island giving single flashes at intervals of 30 seconds is temporarily discontinued. During its stoppage an Occulting Light will be exhibited, giving alternative periods of 5 seconds light and 5 seconds dark.

Due notice will be given when the Revolving Light is re-established.

J. G. STONE,  
Minister of Marine & Fisheries,  
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