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PREMIER MORRIS INVITED TO LONDON

(To the Editor).
Dec. 26, 1916.
Dear Sir.—The Prime Minister has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor in relation to the contemplated Special War Conference of the Empire; also a Minute addressed by the Prime Minister to the people of Newfoundland in relation to his acceptance of the Secretary of State's invitation.

Sir Edward thought the matter of sufficient importance to justify your giving these documents a place in your columns.
Yours very truly,
W. J. CAREW,
Secretary.

TO THE PEOPLE OF NEWFOUNDLAND:

On Christmas Day I had conveyed to me by His Excellency the Governor the despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies published below, containing a summons to me as your representative to the most important Council to which it is possible for men to be summoned, the deliberations of which will deal not alone with the tremendous issues which are now rending Europe asunder, but issues which for all time may make or mar the destinies of our Race. I am required within a few weeks to attend the meetings of the Special War Conference of the Empire to be held in London. It will be the task of this Conference to formulate the terms upon which Peace may be concluded between the Governments of Europe whose armies are still, after two and a half years of war, in deadly conflict.

The paramount and responsible duty thus cast upon me by the Government of the King involves my absence from this Colony at a period when such absence as Prime Minister and the Leader of a Party may deeply affect my personal interests and those associated with me. Notwithstanding this, I do not for a moment hesitate. I see unerringly where my highest duties lie, and I have accordingly notified His Excellency to cable the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies my acceptance of his invitation.

Further, I am quite satisfied that those associated with me in the public life of the Colony, members of all political parties, as well as the great masses of the people whom we represent, will agree that in a great crisis such as that through which we are now passing, personal interests and considerations, which are small matters compared with the great duties to which we are called, must at all times be of secondary thought.

I shall immediately take this matter up with my colleagues as well as

with the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition in the Legislature, with a view of considering the course which public business may take during my enforced absence from the country. In this I am quite sure I shall receive, as in the past, a ready and hearty support and co-operation from all quarters.
E. P. MORRIS.
Dec. 26th, 1916.

CABLE FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

London, Dec. 25, 1916.
I wish to explain what His Majesty's Government contemplate is not the ordinary Imperial Conference, but a special War Conference of the Empire. They therefore invite your Prime Minister to attend a series of special and continuous meetings of the War Cabinet, in order to consider urgent questions bearing on the prosecution of the war, the possible conditions on which, in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to terminate the War, and the problems which will then immediately arise. For the purpose of these meetings, your Prime Minister would be a member of the War Cabinet.

In view of the extreme urgency of the subjects of discussion, as well as their supreme importance, it is hoped that your Prime Minister may find it possible, in spite of serious inconvenience involved, to attend at an early date, not later than the end of February.

While His Majesty's Government earnestly desire the presence of your Prime Minister himself, they hope if he sees insuperable difficulties, he will carefully consider the question of nominating a substitute, as they would regard it as a serious misfortune if any Dominion were left unrepresented.

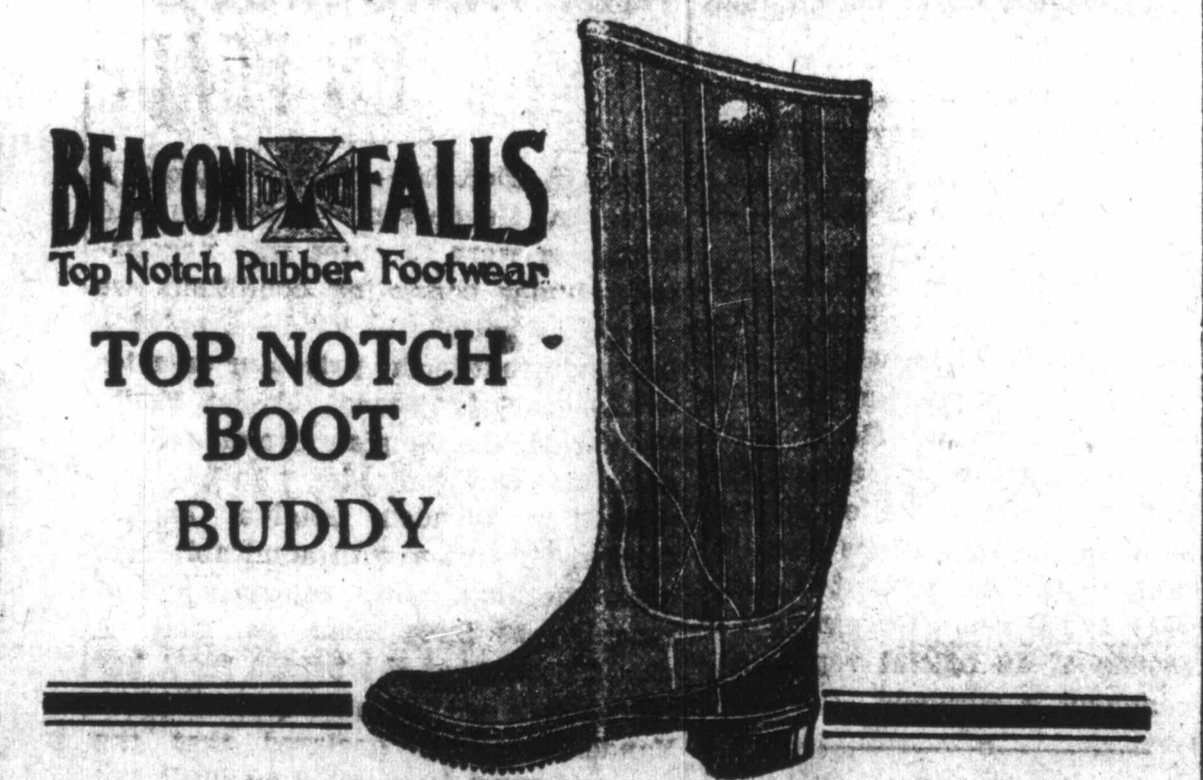
Arrangements made to publish this here on Wednesday morning. Please make arrangements to publish simultaneously.

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THE COAL PROBLEM.

Another meeting of the tonnage committee was held at the Premier's office yesterday. Arrangements are about completed for a sufficient supply of coal for the winter and for tonnage to freight it here. The committee are now endeavouring to arrange the price at which the coal will be retailed by the coal dealers.

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C.C.C. DANCE A SUCCESS

The dance last night in the C. C. C. Hall, Mechanics Building, was well patronized, about one hundred and twenty couples being present.

The hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated with bunting and coloured electric bulbs. The blending of the different coloured lights produced a most pleasing effect in giving a soft and subdued glow to the lighting of the ballroom, this greatly enhanced the beauty of the scene when the gay costumes of the ladies caused an ever changing display of colour as they moved gracefully to and fro in the figures of the stately Lancers.

All who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly and the affair was a great success socially. The music for the fourteen numbers of the programme was furnished by the Cadet Band and was of the usual high order.

The proceeds will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the new hall and the Band.

OBITUARY

MR. PATRICK MAHER.

Early on Christmas morn there passed to the Great Beyond the spirit of a citizen who was loved and respected by all who knew him. Scarcely had the chimes of the joy bells in the beautiful Cathedral where he loved to worship his Creator died away on the still air of the newly born festival when the immortal soul of Patrick Maher cast off its mortal raiment and joined with the hosts of angels in singing eternal hosannas to their Heavenly King. The deceased was thirty-four years old and he leaves to mourn him a loving wife and three very young children. For several weeks prior to his death he had been confined to his home suffering from a severe cold and an affection of the throat, a renewal of the cold brought on other complications which eventually resulted in death. As salesman for the firm of McGuire's bakery he became well-known to business people in all parts of the city and always gave the greatest satisfaction to customers and employers alike. Mr. Maher was a devout and exemplary member of the Holy Name Society, every member of which regarded him with love and esteem for his truly Christian qualities and devotion to his religious duties. The funeral will be at 2.30 this afternoon from his late residence 40 Hayward Avenue.

The Mail and Advocate extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

NEW CHURCH AT HOYLESTOWN

Work on the new Church being built by St. Joseph's Parish at Hoylestown is proceeding apace.

The building, which is 90 feet long by 35 feet wide, is situated on the slope near the foot of Signal Hill just to the rear of the old brewery site and may be approached either from Quidi Vidi Road or Signal Hill Road. It fronts towards the town and when completed will be a prominent feature in the view of the East End of the town. The walls are now nearly completed and it is hoped to have it roofed in early in the new year.

Considering that the first sod in excavating the foundation was turned on October 17th, excellent progress has been made so far, which reflects great credit on the contractors, Messrs Pidgeon, Coady and Murphy. We may add that this is the first large building which they have undertaken to erect and they are doing the work in a very creditable manner.

On the southwest corner of the church there will be a square tower in which the church bell will be hung. The plans were prepared by Mr. J. C. Barter, architect, and the work of erection is under his direct supervision which safely ensures its being done in accordance with first class specifications.

FIRE ALARM YESTERDAY

An alarm of fire was rung in from Box 32, at the foot of Barter's Hill, at 7.05 last evening to which the Central and West End Companies responded.

On reaching the scene the firemen found that their services were not needed. A lighted lamp had been accidentally upset in a nearby house, and, fearing a blaze, the alarm was rung in. The application of a few mats quenched the burning oil before any damage was done.

The all out signal was sent in at 7.10, just five minutes after the alarm and the firemen returned to their halls.

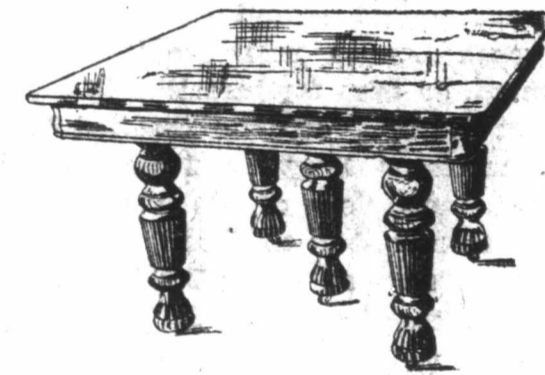
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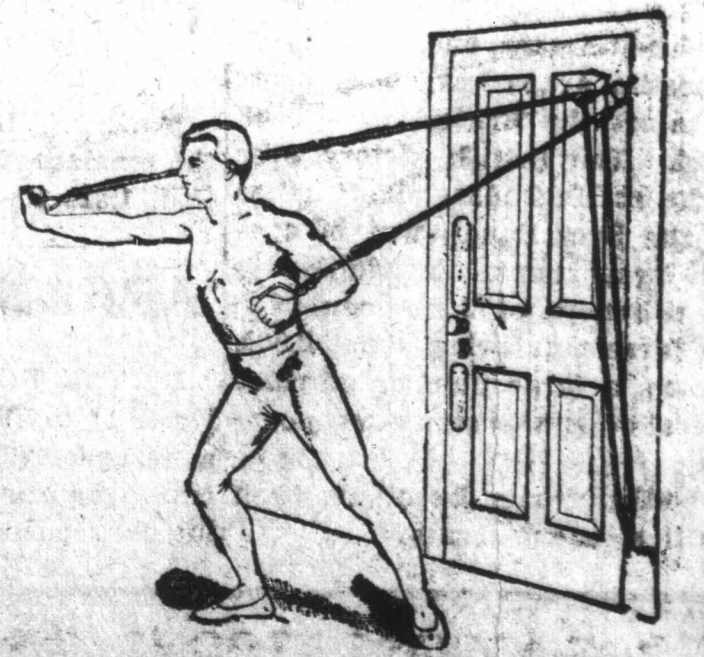
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