

Obituary.

WILLIAM SEWARD CROSSMAN.

(M. P. SHORTIS).

A noble Christian life closed in a holy and peaceful death Thursday evening, when Mr. William S. Crossman, the doyen of our marine engineers, was called to his eternal reward. His death is mourned by a very large circle of friends whose esteem and affection he won during his long and eventful life, having attained the patriarchal age of 84 years. The deceased gentleman was endowed by Nature with many beautiful qualities of character which won for him the high esteem in which he was held by the public of all classes. His charity and unending faith ever impelled him to promote the good works of the community in which he lived, and the Church of England, to which he belonged. He was of that temperamental type that exudes good fellowship. In a word—he was a Newfoundland gentleman of the old school. So passed a great soul. That he did much good there is no doubt. That a great deal of it will never be known in this world there is just as little. The bright memory of his truly Christian example, his devoted life during his long residence here, will ever remain fresh in the hearts of those who knew him. No one who heard him speak could fail to be impressed with the sincerity of his words. He was possessed of sterling qualities and wisdom which the hard trials of experience alone can bestow. He was broadminded and tolerant in all things.

Mr. Crossman was born in St. John's 84 years ago and after leaving school, entered the large machine shop, owned by his father, Mr. Aaron Crossman, a native of Devonshire, England. This large and flourishing establishment was an institution, not alone in St. John's, but was known and patronized by people of the whole country in those days. When about 19 years of age he was selected by the pioneer lumber merchants of the Explicia Messrs. Windsor and Valance, to superintend the erection of their mill, and his efforts gave every satisfaction to the proprietors. He was next appointed engineer on the S.S. "Avalon" and then on the tub "Cabot". When the "Cabot" was built by Messrs. Job Egan and Co., built the steamship "Avalon" (Capt. Edward White), Mr. Crossman was appointed engineer and was in charge of the ship for the S.S. "Avalon" and "Napier". He brought out the "Avalon" in 1910, and was constantly in the "Avalon" until three years ago, when he retired, having been connected with the firm of Job Egan and Co. for the long period of over half a century without a break, which is indeed a splendid record, and a sufficient guarantee as to his ability, trustworthiness and integrity. Mr. Crossman made several trips to the Arctic regions, and was chief of the "Neptune" when it went to the relief of McMillan, with Capt. "Bob" Bartlett in charge. He was also in the same ship for two years in the Arctic, surveying the coast in the interests of the Canadian Government, and covered 21,000 miles during that period.

His wife, who predeceased him about 30 years ago, was a daughter of Mr. Oke, Inspector of Lighthouses, many years ago. Three brothers predeceased him, viz. Moses, John and James, also one sister, Mrs. Richard A. McCoubrey, of the "Times" newspaper. He leaves to mourn one son, Robert, the well known engineer of this city; one daughter, Mrs. W. B. Fraser, also of St. John's, many relatives and hosts of friends, to whom

Would any man or woman refuse to give some small help to a child bereft of father or mother? NOT ONE!

On Sunday next the unselfish sisters of Belvedere Orphanage ask the Catholic people of St. John's to help a little in the upkeep of

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who must have food and clothing—the bare necessities of life. After the pulpit announcement on Sunday, the friends of the institution have arranged to extend this appeal to

ALL OUR CHARITABLY DISPOSED PEOPLE

no matter what class or creed, who would like to do something for those helpless little ones. Remembering the precious treasure your own little ones enjoy, don't refuse an extra dollar to the orphans' fund. Fathers and mothers, grown-up brothers and sisters, think kindly of the Belvedere Orphans next Sunday. The prayers of lisping little lips will reward you.

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the sympathy of the whole community is extended. The funeral will take place from his late residence, 101 Gower Street, to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3.45 p.m. and interment will be in the Church of England cemetery, where all that is mortal of a truly good citizen and Christian gentleman will repose in peace amongst those he loved best whilst upon earth. Requiescat in pace.

C. L. B. Cadets



The weather did not deter 129 all ranks from duty Thursday night. Lieut.-Col. as usual was in command with the following staff: Major H. Outerbridge, M.B.E.; Captains L. Stick, P. Rendell, Horsley, C. Co.; Lieuts. W. R. Motty, Eric Jerrett, A. B. Perlin, M. Job Taylor and W. Reeves (multi) with Regt. Sergt. Major John Andrews and Brigadier Major Williams. The attendance is showing signs of improvement.

The C.L.B. Ladies' Auxiliary under Mrs. Tasker Cook, President, and Mrs. W. H. Hynes, Secretary, and Committee, are busily engaged finalizing their annual sale to be held Thursday, October 2nd. They are making a special feature of dancing in the afternoon for children, and special arrangements are being made to accommodate older folks at night in the gymnasium. The ladies will dispose of plain and fancy work, ornaments, flowers and refreshments.

Recent orders announce that Battalion drill will be held in future on Tuesdays, beginning the seventh of October. There will be no parades next week on account of the preparation of the Armoury for the Ladies' Auxiliary. All officers, N.C.O.'s and lads of A. Co. and all Old Comrades are requested to meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week in order to put up the stalls and decorate the Armoury for Thursday, October 2nd. Will you all be there, boys? Sure! Everybody is needed—bring a hammer and some nails!

During the week one lad was dismissed for non-attendance. We are sorry. Our advice is to enlist again and play the game. Six new recruits are posted to A. Co. and nine to F. Company. Second Lieut. Hubert Rendell has been granted three weeks leave from September fourteenth. The officers hope he will have a big bag of partridge as they are keenly looking forward to a partridge supper on his return.

The Battalion Band was again working overtime this week. The Band is always prominent in good works. On Thursday night they gave an excellent programme of music in Bannerman Park for the Child Welfare Association. Wednesday they played again in the Casino for the same object, and in the Armoury they organized a dance with the generous help of Miss Moore and provided the music to the approval of everyone. Heartiest congratulations, Capt. Morris.

Captain Stick, our energetic Adjutant, announced he is arranging a Bridge Drive next month. This will be part of the Officers' contribution to the budget of 1924.

Additional electric lighting is being installed in the Armoury by the Ladies' Auxiliary and by Headquarters.

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funds. This is necessary when social functions are held in the building.

The Ambulance Department, under our Chief Medical Officer, Captain Fred Burden, M.D., are planning their Fall and Winter programme of ambulance classes. All lads that would like to take up this work can now attend lectures beginning October 3rd. This is one of the best branches of the Brigade work, and knowledge gained in "first aid" is useful always in everybody's life.

August "Brigade" has quite a complimentary reference to Captain Morris and the Battalion Band on account of his excellent programme rendered at their special concert some time ago. London Headquarters raised the question as to whether the Newfoundland Band has any competitor in England or elsewhere that could reproduce the same concert. Carry on, Capt. Sandy! Carry on!

Last evening the Officers held their monthly conference. President Geo. House in the chair. He presented his report as Camp Commandant, which was a record one in every respect. The report was ordered to be sent to the Diocesan Magazine. Mr. Llewellyn Colley reports that Major Anderson, G.C., of Heart's Content, is on the Brigade's casualty list in the General Hospital, St. John's. The gallant Major has a broken ankle and the Officers are going to place him on their waiting list. All ranks hope he will soon be fit for duty and rejoin his Company.

Brigade Bank cashier Capt. A. S. Lewis reports for August that there are 129 depositors with \$240.87 to their credit in the Brigade Savings Bank. All ranks who have not opened accounts are requested to make every effort to open a Savings Account for the proverbial rainy day.

Public Opinion

IMPORTANCE OF PERSONALITY.

Frank Wilnot, writing in the Sphere on "The Importance of Personality," says:—

"The curious thing is that while we are represented in some quarters abroad as hide-bound in precedent, we are in fact the most individual and elastic of peoples. No wonder foreigners cannot understand us. We are suspicious of change, and yet talent

continually breaks forth in unexpected and startling directions, and it is this pre-eminence of individual efforts which has made us what we are.

"The truth is that amidst all our wide diversities and disputations we are constantly—though unconsciously—looking for that expression of the individual soul which has built up our race, and which is destined to take us on to fresh triumphs.

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while we may not boast, and while we may pay tribute to the distinguished leaders in other lands, we may at least allow ourselves a measure of satisfaction that in these times, when prophets of evil think we are going into the deeps, we have set the note for the world in most directions of human endeavour, and that it looks very much as if we were going to continue to do it."

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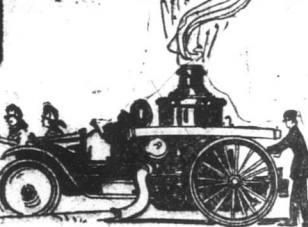
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