

Newfoundland Memories and Happenings.

Though Newfoundland is our next door neighbor and a sister Dominion, we perhaps know little more about her than any other of Great Britain's overseas possessions. And yet it is so near us that on the Cabot Straits Canada and Newfoundland seem to be stretching out, beckoning friendly hands to each other, separated by only about 60 miles from Cape Breton on our eastern coast. Newfoundland stretches across to the entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and is a six or seven hour journey from us via the Straits passage.

We Canadians, with our magnificent heritage of almost illimitable distances, having perhaps been disposed to over-rate ourselves and under-rate the "little Island-Dominion" of Newfoundland—but it is perhaps much larger than we, with our scant knowledge of it, have visualized. It is said to be a fifth larger than Ireland and tho' its length is over a hundred miles less than that of England, it enjoys the distinction of greater breadth by fifty miles. We will always be thankful we were privileged to visit Newfoundland and enjoy its rugged, scenic beauty and learn, at first hand, of the splendid qualities of the people. We were fortunate in our choice of season, for even though it was the late autumn the Frost King had not despoiled, but only intensified the beauty of the Island. What riot of coloring on "the long trail" from Port aux Basques to the capital city St. John's, a distance of five hundred and forty-eight miles! The undergrowth had surely been touched by the fairies' paint brush, for it ran the whole gamut of exquisite coloring from palest yellow to glamorous, vivid, crimson, and the russet browns and ochres and burnt siennas clamored in their fine shading for equal recognition—and got it. There is nothing monotonous in the journey. The road bed makes many a sharp, short curve and one gets accustomed, as on board ship—only more so—to

many a jostle and push, but there comes a surcease, when we reach a water-shed, where the engine takes water and the passengers are free for ten minutes or more to rest themselves by a short walk "near to nature's heart," and gather a few belated berries that with great friendliness seemed just to be awaiting our arrival.

Newfoundland's fisheries are its chief asset. Nearly everyone in Newfoundland is interested in them, either directly or indirectly. The "Catch" this past season was phenomenal and as a consequence there should be no crying cases of poverty in Newfoundland—even with a four years' war lying right behind. We think it was this very training that the Newfoundland received, battling with the elements, coming into close range and often a most dangerous one, with wind, or rain, or fog, or all these combined, or in the winter time with ice and snow and sleet—we think it has been this very battling with the elements, which has developed a sturdy courage in the Newfoundlanders, and gave him at once a precedence at the Front over even those of military training and discipline. The Newfoundlanders are so at home on the water that we are not surprised at the tribute just now paid him in a cable despatch from France to the effect that Newfoundlanders are showing surprising speed in their preparatory work for the Regatta on the Seine, near Paris, April 27th. The text of the cable is as follows: Paris, April 17.—The crews who will take part in the international regatta on the Seine, April 27, are dipping their blades in some of the most famous rivers of the world, the Seine, the Thames and the Rhine, in preparation for the inter-allied water carnival, which promises to be one of the big sporting and social spectacles of the French season.

High French officials, including Premier Clemenceau, and officers from all the allied armies have ex-

pressed their intention of being present. Each of the crews is made up of war veterans. The Newfoundlanders are showing a surprising amount of speed. The coach, however, said that his men were handicapped because they were unaccustomed to sliding seats. The Australian and New Zealand crews are training on the Thames at present, but are expected in Paris on Sunday. The Portuguese crews have been on the water since February, and the French oarsmen are veterans, who have rowed together for years.

Before this number reaches you the issue will be decided. In the meantime we are building on the Newfoundlanders heading the nations represented at this aquatic contest.

But Newfoundland is not depending on the results of this water-race for distinction. She has already won it elsewhere, and of a vastly different character. She has proved in deed and in truth her loyalty to the Empire—how the Newfoundlanders can live for it, and at Beaumont Hamel, Arras, Monchy and Cambrai her sons taught us how she can die for it.

Let us Canadians, proud and justly so of the splendid part our boys played in Empire defence and world betterment, and of the undimmed lustre and undying name they have won for Canada on the Western front—let us, with this memory ever green, never forget what our Sister Dominion, Newfoundland has done, for she has nobly borne her part among the overseas dominions. Her quota more than sustained when we, in all fairness, take into consideration the fact that so much of her hazardous work on water could not be delegated to women, such as whaling, seal and other fishery undertakings. Population considered, this sea girl Isle has amply played her part and paid the price in sacrifice. Because of this, Newfoundland shares in the triumph of sustaining the great world issue of democracy, liberty and righteousness.

No finer proof of the depths of sacrifice entered into by Newfoundland can be given than the mere statement that it is estimated she has in the neighborhood of fourteen hundred mothers eligible for decoration into the International Order of Allied Mothers in Sacrifice. A few

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Nfld. Methodist Educational Campaign

A number of meetings have been held during the past fortnight to consider the advisability of merging the Methodist College Extension Campaign, the East End School, and the George St. School, all active in campaigns, in one drive instead of three.

While making a survey of conditions, Mr. Mark G. Holman, a representative of the Hockenbury System, advised the uniting of all the forces and making a short term drive for the three early in June. The plan has been approved by the three interests involved.

In speaking of the combined effort at one of the recent meetings, Mr. Arthur Miers said, in part, "The three projects are each necessary and have been promoted to such a degree that each is committed to go ahead immediately. If each were to go alone, it would not work for the greatest economy of time, and would at the same time endanger the success of each. This should bring about not only the raising of the money, but should so bind together the Methodist Church in St. John's that future enterprises would be much easier of accomplishment."

According to the plans as announced by Hon. R. K. Bishop, General Chairman of the Campaign Committee, the St. John's Campaign will be conducted during the middle of June. It is hoped to be ready for the intensive drive by June 8th, and completing it by the 16th. There will be no Campaign in the outposts for funds for the College Extension and publicity work there. The Campaign will therefore be only for the city of St. John's.

Mr. R. F. Horwood stated that a getting together was in line with the spirit of the age. "We are coming together as nations, and the great church bodies are deciding upon common programmes and merging their common ability and strength to work out and realize these projects. There is economy, strength, and effectiveness in getting together. The Methodist Church is confessional in polity and therefore it will more and more do its work in this way. Find out through surveys what needs to be done, and then decide on a time and plan to do it. The result is a combined achievement that would otherwise not be realized."

Smillie at Ritz Hotel.

Addressing a mass meeting of postal servants yesterday at Clerkenwell, Mr. Robert Smillie, president of the Miners' Federation, declared that the miner was entitled to as much creature comforts as any other person in the country. The miner was entitled to better comforts than the non-workers.

He had been to the Savoy and Ritz Hotels, and was in a position to appreciate the difference in the mode of living of the miners and those who frequented these places. An ordinary dinner or luncheon at either of these places cost more than would keep a miner and his family for a week.

"The miners hope some day to be in the service of the State, but not of the State as we understand it now." He was confident that the workers would not consent to be continually chloroformed by Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law. "I look forward to the time when all the workers of the State, when it will be a democratic State, a free State of people working each for all and all for each."

Much valuable information had been obtained by the Coal Commission, which had gone to prove that the miners and a people of the country had been fleeced so that the owners might gain excess profits. There was no reason why there should not be as powerful a Labour Press as there was a Capitalist Press. "We are on the verge of an upheaval. We are on the verge of a revolution of thought among the workers of this country which will be as important and will lead us as far as any armed revolution will do."

Mr. Jack Jones, M.P., said he supposed a postman could be called an ordinary working man. "Although I know he often believes in high wages and low wages." (Laughter.)—London Daily Mail.

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