

The NICKEL Theatre

BIG HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.
TO-DAY! 5 REELS—5. TO-DAY!

PIERRE OF THE NORTH.—A film novelty; something new; full of thrilling and sensational moments.
THE THIRD THANKSGIVING.—A pathetic photo play by the Edison Co. And 3 others—3.

LOOK—READ! LOOK—READ!

NOTE—Owing to improvements being made at the NICKEL, the performances will be transferred to the Casino from NEXT MONDAY on.

EVERY AFTERNOON AT 2. EVERY NIGHT AT 7.

CONVINCING PRONOUNCEMENT IN THE HOUSE BY MR. COAKER CONCERNING THE PRICE OF FISH

Relates the Facts Regarding the Great F.P.U. Movement That Boosted Prices and Put Many Thousands of Dollars in the Pockets of Our Fishermen.

Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Mr. Coaker.—Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a few remarks regarding the matter before the House. I take much pleasure in seconding the amendment made by Mr. Kent in connection with the vacancies in the Departments of Agriculture and Justice. I agree with him when he states that we believe the Government has done wrong by opening the House without filling these positions.

So far as the F.P.U. is concerned, resolutions condemning the conduct of the Government in this respect have been sent to the Governor. The F.P.U. don't believe that such important offices as these should be held by men who have been ousted from power by the people. It has been rumoured that it is intended to fill these positions by making two appointments to the Legislative Council. If this is done, I feel that it will create an agitation in the Colony that won't soon subside.

Would Protest

We who represent the fishermen of this country believe that the Heads of the various Departments should hold seats in the House of Assembly, and if appointments are made to these vacant positions of members of the Legislative Council, the F.P.U. will go one step further and agitate for the abolition of that chamber. It is not fair to the country. It is certainly not fair to our constituents that these men who were so badly defeated at the polls should be placed in the Upper House and allowed to hold the same positions as Heads of Departments.

As regards the price of fish, our friends on the Government side think they made a tremendous gain against the F.P.U. because they tried to show that the price of fish was raised by the law of supply and demand. I have no intention to deny that the law of supply and demand had something to do with it; but it's the F.P.U. who were the chief cause of the high prices locally paid.

In the past, we often heard the merchants complain that they were losing money on exporting fish, but we never heard that they were making money by exporting fish. They tell of their losses but are silent as to their profits. Now I get reports from the foreign markets and know how prices stand and I am in a position to advise the fishermen down north when to hold back their fish until they get satisfactory values.

Tries to Sell Locally

I always try to get some men here in St. John's to make offers for our fish. I have had offers of \$5 for fish from men in St. John's, that they had to pay \$6.30 for subsequently, because we would not take less. If I consider the price offered is not sufficient, I advise the men to hold back their fish until the price goes up. If we tell them to hold back for \$6 they will stand by us.

The year before last I went to some merchants on Water Street and asked for an offer.

"I will give you \$5.50 for Green Bay fish," one said.

"We won't sell it less than \$6.00," was my reply.

I then sent a message to the fishermen telling them to keep their fish. A few days after, this same merchant offered \$6.30.

"Why didn't you offer that price before?" I asked.

"That was all it was worth then, but your appeal to the fishermen to hold for six dollars which appeared in the Advocate, was telegraphed to the markets, and they at once responded to higher prices, and consequently we are able to pay the higher prices just as easily as we could the \$5.50 when it was offered."

The appeal to hold back the fish for six dollars was the cause of the advance abroad, as it was claimed the catch was short and the Union controlled 150,000 qtls, and would not sell at less than the price you named. This keeping back of their fish necessarily caused the price in the foreign markets to go up.

The Hon. the Premier said that he went down to Bonavista and had a chat with a Bonavista man. This man had bought a certain quantity of coal from the Union and had lost \$15 worth of fish through unloading the coal himself. Mr. Abbott has stated that whenever they handled coal or fish in the busy season at Bonavista, they always hired men who were not fishermen to do the work, and paid them to land the coal. There is no man fool enough to do as the Premier stated that man did. They buy loads of coal every year and if it did not pay the Union men at Bonavista to do so, it would soon end.

They were offered \$5.50 for their fish at Bonavista in 1912. I went to men who buy fish at Bonavista and offered the fish for \$6.00 a quintal. They offered nothing more than \$5.50. I told the men not to sell for anything less than \$6.00. I sold 1,000 quintals at \$6.00 for them, and they were wild because I had not sold the 3,000 quintals that they had offered; but before the 1,000 quintal lot was shipped the price had advanced to \$6.40, and then they learnt why I had not sold the 3,000 quintal lot at \$6.00.

Loyal Unionists

The men of Bonavista are loyal to their Union. When the members of the Government went to Bonavista and held their meetings, they denounced the Union and Union stores, and denied that Coaker had raised the price of fish, hence the opposition they aroused against themselves. The men knew that I obtained \$6.40 for their fish for them and you will never convince them otherwise. They have had the proof of it.

Another hon. member stated that up in Burnt they were getting \$6.50 for fish. Why were we getting \$6.60 at Twillingate when it was selling for \$6.25 in St. John's. You should ask the people of Green Bay who fixed the price of fish for the last few years. The price has been fixed north and not at St. John's. It is only when the fishery is a poor one, when the catch is small that we can fix



Up Against It!

That's what the man is, who meets with an Accident this slippery weather and who hasn't yet handed me his Five Spot for that

Accident Policy.

DON'T ALLOW ME TO BE IN A POSITION TO SAY:

"I TOLD YOU SO!"

"A FIVE SPOT and it's worth it."

P. E. OUTERBRIDGE,
137 Water Street
TELEPHONE 60.

a price as the demand has a great deal to do with the price of fish.

I am qualified to say something about the agricultural policy of the Government as I have been a bit of a farmer. I spent 20 years farming and I tell you that your policy is a wrong one.

Favors Agriculture

I want to see agriculture promoted in Newfoundland. It is alright to give out stick to certain people. Suppose you give a bull of a first-class breed to the ordinary fisherman. He takes charge of it for three years and allows it to run at large until the winter. He gives it no meal or feed like it was raised on, but feeds it with a little dry hay. If they have plenty of hay to give it, the animal may thrive, but in many cases not half enough food is fed to such animals.

I remember using a number of pure breed sheep some time ago; but I lost them, because they were not used to our climate. They simply wasted away. You have to feed them all they can eat and hay is not sufficient.

I repeat that the agricultural policy of the Government is a wrong policy. Give \$40,000 for clearing land, then some good will result. Spending \$8,000 on exhibitions such as those seen last fall won't encourage agriculture.

The Rt. Hon. the Premier stated that we had done our work behind closed doors in the recent election campaign. Now I held 45 public meetings during September and October and everyone of them was open to the public. We did not work inside of closed doors. The trouble in Bonavista Bay was that the Premier did not dismiss his colleague, when the F.P.U. asked for his dismissal in 1912. Had he done so the Government would not have been so unpopular, and the north would not have turned down his men so badly.

Now, if ever the men of the north find out I have failed in my duty to them, and have not done what is right, there will be no chance for me in my own or any other district.

Sectionalism

The question of sectionalism has been referred to. Now there is no such thing as sectionalism connected with us. We want to unite the people and we have done it. In our Councils we have Catholic and Protestant members sitting side by side; no such thing as religious difference is ever witnessed.

Go down to the District of Fogo and you will see an illustration of this. Before the formation of the Union the Catholics and Protestants kept to themselves, and did not unite one with the other, but when they joined the Union both attended the Council meetings, and after a few meetings the Catholic members could get on their feet and discuss matters just as well as the Protestants who had been attending Lodge meetings for years.

Then take the vote of the Catholic community of Tilton Harbor at the last election. Out of 130 votes cast the Union candidate got 80. I want to see sectionalism banished, altogether. No one hates it more than I do, and our whole aim has been to unite all denominations in our Councils and nothing has ever done more to banish sectionalism from the Colony and to bring all our people together than the organization of which I am the head.

Now, I hope Mr. Speaker, that we will not have any more insinuations about sectionalism thrown across the board. I don't want to have anything to do with it. But if they want to fight in that way I am prepared to fight them; but let them take the responsibility.

(Continued to-morrow)

RESOLUTION OF F.P.U.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Carbonar Council of the F.P.U., held on Saturday night, Feb. 21st, the enclosed resolution was unanimously sent to The Daily Mail and The Advocate for publication.

"That this Council views with grave concern the present condition of the Roads in this District, and is of opinion that the present mode of handling and disbursing our Road Grants does not tend to give the best results."

"Therefore, be it resolved that this Council believe the Road Board should be elected by the electors of this District and all moneys belonging to the District should be expended by this Board."

Signed—
GEORGE PENNEY, Chairman.
GEORGE SHEA, Secretary.
Carbonar, Feb. 23, 1914.

EVIDENCE

Mrs. Clarke came running hurriedly into her husband's office one morning.

"Oh, Dick," she said as she gasped for breath, "I dropped my diamond ring off my finger, and I can't find it anywhere."

"It's all right, Beas," replied Mr. Clarke, "I came across it in my trousers pocket."

NOT THE MAN.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—In your editorial of 14th inst. J. F. Sheppard's name appears very conspicuously in connection with the expenditures of public moneys in and around Spaniard's Bay.

The idea is prevalent that I am the man; I beg to say that I have never received any pecuniary recognition from Mr. A. W. Piccott, M.H.A. Neither have been favored with the authority to extend any moneys whatever by the present or any past government.

You will please do me justice of giving this the same prominence in your paper as the article referred to.

—J. F. SHEPPARD.
Spaniard's Bay, Feb. 23, 1914.

Francis Roche.

On Monday, the 4th inst., death visited the home of Mr. Joseph Roche and claimed his little six-year-old son Francis, after a long illness.

Some months ago the child contracted a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia and he lingered on until death relieved him of his sufferings.

Francis was a bright child and will be sadly missed from the home which he had brightened for a few short years.

Great sympathy is being expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Roche in their bereavement.—Com.
Branch, Feb. 15, 1914.

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY MAIL.

HOCKEY: To-Night

HALIFAX PROGRESSIVES vs. ST. JOHN'S Prince of Wales' Rink

THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Doors Open at 7.30. .. Game Starts at 8.45.

General Admission: Twenty Cents.

Tickets for sale at Cash's Tobacco Store and A. Wadden's, Water Street West.

The Daily Mail Sporting Section

News Of Sport At Home And Abroad.

LAST NIGHT'S RACES AT THE PARADE RINK

Championship Race Won by George Squires.—Chauncey the Victor in 'All-Comers' Event.

The races at the Parade Rink last night attracted a large number of spectators. There were two events and they were keenly contested.

Championship

The first race was between J. Hackett and George Squires, for the championship of Newfoundland. It was a three mile contest.

Hackett took the lead at the start and held it for two laps when his opponent passed him. Four rounds later, Hackett again took the foremost position.

On the last lap of the first mile Squires forged ahead and kept that position until the seventh lap of the third mile when Hackett put a spurt on and took the leading place.

When the bell sounded, signifying three laps before the finish, Squires jumped ahead and kept it until he reached the tape a few yards in advance of his opponent. Time 11.41. The prize is a championship belt which must be won three years in succession before becoming the property of the winner.

All-Comers

There were six competitors in the 3-mile all-comers—H. Lidstone, J. Bishop, J. Evans, O. Chauncey, R. Marshall and F. O'Toole.

This proved an interesting and exciting contest also, as the racers engaged and repassed each other several times.

Chauncey was the winner with Evans second, and Lidstone third, while the others were close behind.

Time 12.08.

The first prize was a gold medal and the second and third silver medals.

C. L. B. WINTER SPORTS

The annual winter sports of the C.L.B. take place early next month. An excellent programme of events has been arranged and the members of each division are hard at work training.

The Sports this year are expected to be the best the Brigade has ever held.

On Thursday night the members of B. Co. will try conclusions with A. Co. in a hockey match for a trophy presented by one of the members of the Brigade.

FIRST MATCH TO-NIGHT

The first hockey match between the Halifax and City teams takes place in the Prince's Rink this evening at 8.45.

ST. JOHN'S ANXIOUS TO HAVE PROFESSIONALS

Fans Would Be Glad to See Exhibition Games.—The Play Put Up by the Teams.

The announcement in The Mail yesterday that two professional teams were likely to visit St. John's, was received with pleasure by the hockey fans. The following account of the Crescents and Black Foxes who will likely be chosen will be read with interest just now:

New Glasgow, Feb. 11.—The Black Foxes played the Crescents off their feet to-night in the fastest game played here this season. About one thousand fans saw the Foxes win an easy victory over the Half Moons. The game started out very fast, and after several minutes of play Wilkie scored the first tally for the home team on a pass from Gregory. One minute later Gregory and Mag MacGregor made a nice run, and Gregory scored number two, which was closely followed by W. MacGregor. Play was now getting very fast, Crescents trying hard to score, but unable to get past the defence of the Foxes' Gregory, who is playing the game of his life, with Mag MacGregor goes full length of ice and Mag scores fourth tally.

Effort to Score

The Crescents, thinking this was going some, started out to score with Steve Vair getting the visitors' first score on a pass from the wing, which was closely followed by W. MacGregor, which made number five. In a minute later Kyle made a clever run and scored number for the Crescents. With Stuart going to center, Wilkie and Cook played on the wings, Corbeau replacing McNamara. Wilkie teaming with Stuart after the face-off, slipt number six for the Foxes, which was followed by Kyle. W. MacGregor playing great hockey, scored number seven. Carpenter, going the full length of the ice, put the rubber by Criss for the eighth; Stewart getting number nine; Williams getting the tenth. Vair made number four for Halifax, and the period ended ten to four in favor of the Foxes.

The third period opened with Crescents trying hard to score. The ice was getting very chippy, and players found it hard to carry the

puck. Corbeau scored the Crescents number five, which was followed by Cooke making the score eleven to five. No more scoring was made during the period.

For the Half Moons Corbeau and Vair were the pick with the fans while Cross saved many hot corners which looked at times impossible to stop. For the Foxes every man worked like a machine with combination guessing. Williams made his best showing to-night. It looked like all times to the fans to see him carrying the puck the full length of the ice in the third period.

LIVING IN 1870.

Some men are only a habit. New ideas hurt some minds as new shoes hurt some feet. Why suggest to these folk that modern methods would help them? The most conservative office man cannot fail to grasp the benefit of reforming a faulty filing outfit by such an economical and effective system as is afforded by the Globe-Wernicke Co. in the safekeeping equipment, introduced by them to the trade. Mr. Percie Johnson has the method ready for demonstration in his office and will be glad to send you the catalogue "Filing and Filing" that will be sure to interest you.

King George The Fifth Seamen's Institute.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the King George The Fifth Seamen's Institute Department

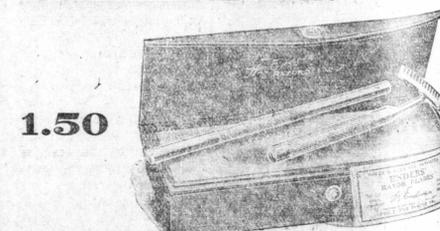
NOTICE

Classes for reading and writing will be held in the Girls' Department of the King George the Fifth Seamen's Institute every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock from March 3rd. Any girl who do not know how to read or wish to learn will be welcome. Everything will be free of charge.

(Mrs.) EDITH H. JOE, President.
(Miss) GERTRUDE BARKER, Secy.-Treasurer.

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- S. S. "TERRA NOVA" will sign crew Tuesday, 3rd March, sailing 3 p.m. March 6th
- S. S. "RANGER" will sign crew Thursday, 5th March, sailing Noon March 9th
- S. S. "EAGLE" will sign crew Friday, 6th March, sailing 5 p.m. March 9th
- S. S. "FLORIZEL" will sign crew Monday, 9th March, sailing 8 a.m. March 13th
- S. S. "STEPHANO" will sign crew Tuesday, 10th March, sailing 8 a.m. March 13th.

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