

News of the City and the Outports

'PORTIA' NOW GOOD AS NEW

Everything From Saloon to Engine-room Has Been Overhauled and Put in the Very Best Shape.

The Bowring Coaster Portia, which for the last two months has been undergoing renovation, sailed West last evening. She is now in first class trim, in fact, just as good as when she left the stocks ten years ago.

Messrs. Bowring Brothers are believers in the axiom that a stitch in time saves nine, and their Coastal steamers receive thorough overhauling each winter.

Last year, owing to accidents the Portia did not lie up as long as usual, but this year she made up for it.

Eight Weeks in Port.
During the last eight weeks a large staff has been employed on her and she has been gone over from stem to stern.

The engines have been completely overhauled. The machinery was taken abroad by chief Smith and his assistants. New parts were put in where needed and that department is said to be in better condition than it ever was. The engines were tried a few days ago and worked most satisfactory.

The saloon and staterooms have also received attention, being freshly painted and varnished. The state rooms have been supplied with new fittings and everything is in apple-pie order.

New carpets are now on the way from the Old Country.

Thoroughly Renovated.
The renovation has been splendidly done and the firm can look upon the ship with pride once again.

The steerage accommodation has also received every attention and passengers in the second class can rest assured of every comfort.

The steamers carry two stewardesses, and ladies are comfortably and well looked after.

Yesterday morning The Mail was shown through by Mr. Foley, Manager of the Coastal Department, and Chief Steward Crossman, and we were very favorably impressed with the general appearance of the ship.

GEORGE STREET CHURCH

The members of George Street Church choir meet in the basement of the church this evening at 8, for practice.

MOLASSES MAY BE CHEAPER

We were informed yesterday that molasses is likely to be somewhat cheaper at Barbadoes this season, because of the large quantity left over from last year.

WEATHER REPORT

Bonavista—East S. East wind. Lighthouse keeper reports one 2-masted steamer about 8 miles E. N. E. off the Cape all yesterday, apparently jammed. No water to be seen East of the Cape.

DIED AT HOSPITAL

Edgar Francis, a lad of 14, who had been undergoing treatment at the General Hospital, died at the institution Saturday.

The remains were prepared for burial by Undertaker Carnell, and were sent to Hermitage, his late home by the Portia last evening.

There was general regret that Mr. P. J. McCarthy was unable to sing at the sacred concert Sunday night. Although not confined to his room, Mr. McCarthy is far from well. He was taken ill at the Casino Theatre one night last week and was obliged to desist playing. We hope that he will be fully recovered shortly.

NICKEL'S FINE BILL ATTRACTS LARGE AUDIENCE.

The Casino Theatre was attended by a large audience last night. The programme opened with a Pathe weekly showing Capt. Rostron, the Titanic hero, and his medal, and also Jeff and Mutt.

"Beau Brummel," the well known historic story, proved most interesting. "The Dean's Daughters" was one of the prettiest social dramas we have ever seen. The acting was splendid. "Lieut. Scott's Escape" is an exciting story of Indian life.

The concluding picture was a laughable comedy of newspaper life in a small country town.

The programme will be repeated this evening.

To-morrow the Lubin feature "Tamarora, the Gipsy," will be presented.

SAD CASE OF RUIN AND DEATH OF GIRL

Was But Fifteen Years Old When She Died of Eclampsia--Case Causing a Stir in City.

The death of a little girl, 15 years old, as the result of eclampsia, is causing a sensation in the city at present.

The victim was a child named Nellie Gillard, and she died at the Salvation Army Rescue Home a fortnight ago yesterday.

Her age at the time of death was given as 15.

She was born at Canada Bay on the French Shore, and a few years ago lived in St. John's, but later went to her northern home, where she remained until the early part of the winter, when she was sent on here and placed in the Rescue Home.

The corpse was interred in the West End cemetery and the remains of the baby who died on Monday last of convulsions, just a week after her mother, was buried at the Salvation Army cemetery.

This is one of the worst outrages

to be reported here for some time. Several gentlemen have spoken to The Mail about it during the last twenty-four hours, and all agree that those responsible for the child's death should be brought to justice.

It was first stated that the girl was living in St. John's last year, and that a young man had slipped out recently, but this we are told is incorrect.

We understand the police department did not know of the case until after the child's death.

It was then too late for the Justice Department to take action, we are informed by Deputy Hutchings, as the British law says report must have been made within six months of the commission of the crime.

In to-morrow's issue we hope to deal at length on this case, which in the interests of justice and society, should be probed.

Old Comrades; New Uniforms

A very enthusiastic meeting of the C.L.B. Old Comrades was held at the Armory last evening. Mr. Charles Peters, President, occupying the chair. A large number of members were present, all giving their support to the matters discussed.

It was decided that the Old Comrades have a uniform, consisting of tunic and pants, head dress and belt, the style of which will be announced later. The uniforms are to be made in the city by one of our local factories. Tenders for this work were given by three concerns, but the British Clothing Co.'s tender being considered best value, theirs was accepted.

Order Uniform Samples.

A wire to Col. Gee, at headquarters for samples of head dress and belt, will be sent immediately and it is expected that six weeks from now the Old Comrades will be the possessors of a very pretty uniform.

Amongst those present was Mr. R. F. Goodridge, who has taken an active part in the putting through of this work and is showing himself a C.L.B. front rank worker.

The next parade in which the Old Boys take part will be looked forward to with great interest, as, with the new uniform, they will be one of the smartest corps in the city.

BE SURE YOU'RE RIGHT—

Then go ahead and place that advertising contract with THE DAILY MAIL at once. Our circulation's jumping daily—

OBITUARY

Gordon Ryall

Master Gordon Ryall, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ryall, whose serious illness was recently announced, died at noon yesterday.

He had been a great sufferer and death was welcomed, as it relieved the body, though the sorrow of the parents in losing their boy is poignant.

The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon.

Otto Emerson

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Emerson will have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their little boy, Otto, which occurred at the Fever Hospital at 7 o'clock this morning.

Yesterday the child was sent to the institution to be treated for diphtheria croup. During the night his condition became worse and this morning he died.

Otto, who was 7 years old, was a general favorite with his playmates and others, and his early demise unfor the parents the sympathy of all, for such sad circumstances elicits

Otto had been sick since Friday last and when he was taken to the hospital yesterday he was hardly able to speak.

This forenoon Mr. and Mrs. Emerson were permitted to visit the hospital to see the remains of their little darling.

The funeral takes place from the hospital to-morrow morning at 10.

Fox Ranching In Newfoundland

Mr. R. R. Chappell, who has just returned from a visit to his fox ranch at Stephenville, Newfoundland brings most encouraging reports from the ranch. Mr. Chappell stated that he thought Newfoundland foxes were as good, and perhaps better sellers than any other. "Recently a silver pelt from a Newfoundland wild fox was sold for \$3,100 and two live animals for \$3,000 each. The Financial Post points a few undeserved criticisms at our company. We are not an incorporated company, and are not registered. We are just a group of business men, and we are interesting our friends in a business venture that is a solid investment. We have a cable from a London firm, offering to buy our ranch, just as it stands, at any price we care to place upon it. But we're not selling just yet."

"There is considerable difference between the P. E. I. foxes and the Newfoundland animals, is there not?" "Well, no. The island foxes have been domesticated long enough to produce a slightly finer grade of fur. But it is conceded that the Newfoundland animals are more heavily furred, and in time the fur will be just as fine."

PERSONAL

Capt. Walter Kennedy left for Fortuna by the Portia last evening.

Mr. S. K. Bell, who was visiting the South East Coast, returned home yesterday.

Miss J. Barnes, organist of the Congregational Church, who has been seriously ill, is steadily improving.

We announce with pleasure that word was received yesterday that Mr. N. Duley, who was taken seriously ill at Sherbrooke, necessitating a visit from his parents, is much improved and is able to be up.

The attending physicians have made a complete examination of the young man and are satisfied that he is not in a serious condition.

His mother remains with him for the present, but his father is expected by the next express.

ENTERED HOSPITAL

Glady's Lowe, a little girl of Shoal Harbor, entered the hospital this morning to have a slight operation performed on her face.

VERY INTERESTING—

Everybody should read The Daily Mail's correspondence, it's so interesting.

DEATHS

RYALL—At the residence of his devoted parents, at noon yesterday, Gordon, aged 17 years, the dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ryall, 86 Circular Road; fortified with last rites of Holy Church. Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. Friends will kindly accept this the only intimation.—R.I.P.

THE SEALING OUTLOOK IS UNCHANGED

Bellaventure—Took a few today. RANDALL.

Adventure—Noon today. Picked up a few. Nascopie, Bellaventure, eagle, Fogota, Sagona, and Bloodhound in sight. JACOB KEAN.

Nascopie—Picking up scattered seals all day. Got a few. Adventure, Beothic, Sagona, Eagle, Fogota, Bloodhound doing same. Seals cut up, estimate 133,000. Seventy miles S.E. Grey Island. All well.—BARBOUR.

Beothic—"Tried yesterday to get patch of seals; came down Gulf but impossible to penetrate ice blockade, returned to whelping ice to-day and got 800. Will return as soon as patch cleaned up. Nascopie, Adventure, Sagona, Bloodhound and Eagle in company.—WINSOR."

Florizel—"Spoke Newfoundland this morning, clean; he left Ranger 20 miles S.E. of him, also clean; we have done nothing to-day. Total stowed 14,000.—J. W. KEAN."

Stephano—"Seen scattered seals. The following ships are in sight: Bonaventure, Bellaventure, Florizel and Newfoundland.—A. KEAN."

Eagle—"Nothing new to report. Sagona reports herself with 12,000, Bloodhound 700; Nascopie, Beothic, Adventure and Diana in sight.—E. BISHOP."

Neptune—"Fifteen miles North West St. Paul's, light breeze from S.E., fine, frosty; large sheets difficult get through. On board and stowed down 9,200. Numbers of young harps in water going south. Following ship in sight, Erik. Have no report; not much doing. All well.—WILCOX."

The operator at St. Pierre wired yesterday afternoon:

"A three masted black painted steamer with yellow funnel going south east, just passing now."

There is no word of her since. She would probably have harbored this morning out of the storm. No doubt it is the Southern Cross.

SHIPPING

'SUCCESS' ARRIVES.

The schr. Success, Capt. Churchill, which put into Barbados damaged while on her way to Brazil, arrived in port this forenoon. She did well to get in out of the storm.

COASTAL BOATS.

Portia left at 6.45 last evening, taking Miss Wiseman, P. J. Cornack, Miss King, Capt. Kennedy, R. J. Bonnell. The steamer left Trepassy at 8.30 this a.m.

BOWINGS.

The Reid Nfld. Co.'s coastal steamers which have been lying up all the winter, are now getting ready for their summer's work.

REIDS.

The Argyle, which has been renovating, sails for Placentia Bay next week. The Ethie will then come on for repairs.

COASTERS GETTING READY

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Wilson Insists On Repeal of Act

Washington, March 30.—President Wilson to-day declared that on account of the contradictory statements in the Baltimore platform, democrats should have no hesitation in voting for the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls exemption.

He characterized the exemption as a subsidy, and pointed out that one plank in the Baltimore platform expressed opposition to any subsidy. The President reiterated that exemption never was the policy of the democratic party in the House, because the Tolls bill passed through a coalition of republicans and a minority of democrats, the majority of the democrats voting against it on the ground that it was a subsidy.

He let it be known that he was unqualifiedly opposed to any compromise or amendment, such as had been proposed in the Senate. He is for straight repeal, without equivocation.

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<h3>Felt Table Centres.</h3> <p>20 dozen Embroidered Felt Table Centres, in Green and Red, at half regular price,</p> <p>12c.</p>	<h3>Table Covers.</h3> <p>Our representative in England has just sent us a line of about 200 Table Covers he secured at Half Price, which we have marked accordingly.</p> <p>Tapestry, 60c., 85c., \$1.20, \$1.40, \$2.30, \$2.80, \$3.20, \$3.80, \$4.80.</p> <p>Chenille, \$1.80, \$2.30, \$3.00, \$3.60, \$4.80.</p> <p>Embroid'd Crash, very special, \$2.50.</p>	<h3>"Sunresista" Fadeless Casement Cloths,</h3> <p>50 inches wide. Colors are Slate, Light Blue, Dark Blue, Reseda, Vien Rose and Natural.</p> <p>20c.</p>
<h3>SUNDRIES.</h3> <p>Door Mats, 24c., 35c., 75c.</p> <p>Bath Mats, \$2.10.</p> <p>Patent Nosed Stair Pads, 10c. each.</p> <p>Scrub Cloths, 5c. each.</p>	<h3>Lace Curtains CURTAIN SPECIALS</h3>  <p>at 32c., 45c., 65c., \$1.10 per pair.</p>	<h3>Curtain Nets and Madras</h3> <p>Many dainty designs to select from at</p> <p>7c., 15c., 20c. to 35c.</p>

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To Search For Missing 'Karluk'

San Francisco Whaler is Commissioned by Ottawa to Proceed North.

HERMAN IS OFF ON HUNT.

Expects to Find Stefansson Supply Ship Frozen Hard Near Point Barrow.

San Francisco, March 24.—To search the Arctic circle for the lost Canadian Exploration ship Karluk is the mission of the steam whaler Herman, which left San Francisco for the Far North. The Canadian Government is sending the whaler, to the relief of the Karluk, which with the greater part of her crew, has been missing for several months. Explorer Stefansson, commander of the expedition, who with three of the crew, left the Karluk, which was fast in the ice, to hunt caribou, could find no trace of the vessel when he returned. The ice has been broken up by a gale and the ship, it is supposed, drifted eastward.

Locked Among Icebergs.

Capt. C. T. Pederson, master of the Herman, believes he will find the Karluk somewhere between Point Barrow and Herschell Island, locked among the icebergs. By the time the whaler reaches the Arctic it is expected the ice will be sufficiently broken up to permit the ship to search the wastes.

The Herman is carrying a stock of provisions and fuel that will enable her to remain in the North, if necessary, until the season closes again. Even if the Karluk has escaped destruction, fear is expressed for the safety of the crew, as the winter has been unusually severe.

Missing Since September

The Stefansson expedition left Nome last July, the explorer intending to traverse the northwestern passage.

The Karluk became frozen in the ice in September. Latest reports from Stefansson were that he had arrived at Fort MacPherson on February 3rd. Weeks has been spent by the explorer and his men in a futile search for the lost vessel.

Something New For Our Readers

To-morrow The Daily Mail will commence the publication of a daily Fashion Plate series.

Practical patterns will be illustrated and full sized working sheets will be obtained from this office.

We will also publish the first of a series of original embroidery designs which will appear each Wednesday.

Full directions will be given for transferring the pattern to the material on which it is to be worked.

Look out for this service; it is something new and something good.

OPORTO MARKET

	Mar. 23	Mar. 23
Stocks	18,975	22,735
Consumption	3,760	3,465
Stocks	3,750	2,115
Consumption	1,230	1,000

A STRAYAWAY

Const. Simmonds found a little girl who had strayed away from home yesterday afternoon on Water Street. He took her to the lockup where later she was claimed by friends.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Written under date of March 26th, Mr. J. M. Devine, yesterday, received a letter stating that Mrs. Susan Penny, of Keels, B.B., was found dead in her home a few days ago. No particulars were given. Deceased lady was well known in St. John's.

AT GOWER STREET CHURCH

The gospel service at Gower Street Church last evening was largely attended, and the service was impressive and helpful. The address which touched all hearts was delivered by Rev. Dr. Fenwick.

FOR SALE!

Sticks suitable for masts for schooners, ranging from forty feet to sixty feet, at reasonable prices. For particulars apply at the office of BOWRING BROTHERS, LTD.

MR. KENNEDY WINS CASE.

The adjourned case of T. Kennedy vs. S.S. Parthenia, for a claim of \$120 was continued yesterday afternoon. Several witnesses were examined, after which Judge Knight gave judgment in full for plaintiff.

W. J. Higgins for plaintiff; J. Fenwick for defendant.

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