

News of the City and the Outports

SHIPPING

"POTOMAC" JAMMED

SHORT OF PROVISIONS.
The tug Potomac is jammed in the ice 5 miles N.W. of Lobster Head, near Rocky Harbor, Bonne Bay, according to messages received yesterday morning. The mate and four sailors walked ashore and reported the tug short of provisions and coal.
The relief cruiser will never be able to reach her.

RED CROSS

STEPHANO SAILS

The s.s. Stephano sailed at 1 a.m., taking as additional passengers:—Hon. G. and Mrs. Knowling, W. Knowling, Mrs. J. Lindberg, Mrs. Finlay, M. Kent, T. Kent, Captain Joffe, Ed. Redman and 2 in steerage.

The schr. "Crowell" loads fish at A. H. Murray's for Brazil.

Baird's Gaspe has arrived at Pernambuco after a passage of 25 days.

S.S. Euphrates tried to get to the pier at Portugal Cove yesterday but could not owing to ice.

The G. B. Cluett sailed yesterday. The Inga has arrived at Brazil after a passage of 30 days.

The Jean sailed for Brazil yesterday. There was a stowaway on board and when outside the heads he decided not to go, and so jumped overboard. He was rescued and brought to port.

COASTAL BOATS.

REIDS.

MEIGLE ARRIVES.

S.S. Meigle which had harbored at Trepassy arrived last night.

BOWINGS.

Prospero left Marystown at 11.40 a.m.

FIRE AT AYRE & SONS.

At 2 p.m. the Central and Eastern companies were called to Ayre & Sons stables where a fire was in progress. After 15 minutes the firemen had the blaze extinguished. The damage was not extensive.

REV. R. H. MADDOCK INVITED TO WESLEY.

Rev. R. H. Maddock, Methodist clergyman at Brigus, was invited to Wesley Church, at a meeting held Monday night. He is a brother-in-law of the Rev. F. R. Matthews, the present pastor.

SERIOUS BLAZE AT POOLE'S COVE.

A serious fire occurred at Poole's Cove, F.B., yesterday morning when the house of a man named Tizzard was destroyed. He was boiling tar in the kitchen when it boiled over. His wife and 8 children had a narrow escape.

DISASTROUS FIRE. OLD LADY BURNED.

The house of Robert Skeans, at Maher's, the famous fishing spot, near Brigus Junction, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Mrs. Skeans was badly burned about the hands and head while trying to save her children. Magistrate O'Toole ordered the doctor at Brigus to visit her. By last night's train she arrived for treatment at the hospital.

FOUR BELOW.

The thermometer last night registered 4 below zero.

NICHEL'S SPLENDID BILL.

The Nickel Theatre presented a splendid bill yesterday, and the large number of patrons during the afternoon and evening were delighted with it.

A lot of sinners are dubs at it.

Mater—"I've discovered that our Edward has a literary bent."
Pater—"Probably that's why he's always broke."

S. P. A. TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT

Large Attendance Yesterday Afternoon at Presbyterian Hall

The tea and concert at the Presbyterian Hall yesterday afternoon, to raise funds for the S.P.A., attracted a large gathering and was highly successful. The following programme was gone through:

Pianoforte Duet—Mesdames Logan and W. Monroe.
Song—Miss G. Colton.
Recitation—Miss M. Doyle.
Song—Mrs. G. Ayre.
Violin Solo—Miss Johnson.
Piano Solo—Mr. G. Christian.
Song—Rev. W. Thomas.

The final item was a chorus "Good Night," by Misses Gertrude McNeill, Cynthia Marshall, Lavinia Clift, Jessie Baird and Olive Rennie. After the concert there was a sale of china-ware and teas were served. The receipts amounted to \$65.00.

AFTERNOON CONCERT

The concert and afternoon tea at the Aula Maxima yesterday under the auspices of St. Bon's Ladies' Association, proved a great success. There was a large attendance and the programme was heartily enjoyed.

The following took part:
Mandolin Solo—Mrs. Foster.
Song—Mr. A. Joy.
French Horn Solo—Mr. A. Bulley.
Violin Solo—Miss M. Devine.
Song—Mrs. C. Cahill.
Whistling Solo—Mr. Stranger.
Recitation—Mr. T. O'Neill.
Song—Mr. C. Fox.
Song—Miss B. Alix.

Each was warmly applauded. The accompanists were Mrs. Cleary, Mrs. O'Neill and J. Slatery. Teas were served by Mrs. (Hon.) J. Ryan.

The receipts amounted to \$60 and go to the general funds of the association. On Shrove Tuesday there will be a pancake party.

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MAROOINED.

A well known employee of one of our largest East End mercantile establishments left on Saturday for Bell Island to spend the week end. Rumor has it that it was matters other than were business which prompted his visit. The succession of gales which have prevailed since have prevented any departure from the Island, but telegrams have been received from the lonely (?) one which lead his friends to think that wedding bells will RING in the near future.

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WANTS THE LIGHTS

(Editor The Daily Mail.)
Dear Sir,—I have noticed very many requests in your sporting page from both players and spectators of hockey asking that the big lights be lit in the Prince's Rink during the progress of the games.

So far Mr. Donnelly, the Manager, has not deigned to reply. Rumor has it now that "Five Spot," the accident insurance man, has a private deal to keep the rink in semi-darkness, so as to forcibly impress upon the players the necessity of taking out accident insurance.

And verily, this is not to be wondered at, and if a cheaper rate could be got for spectators about the fence I am sure many would avail of "Five Spot's" protection.

—HOCKEY FAN.

ONE-SIDED

(Editor The Daily Mail.)
Dear Sir,—Isn't it peculiar to have the management of the Prince's Rink making a request through the daily papers for spectators at hockey matches not to smoke, when at the same time they themselves refuse the request of both players and spectators to light the big lights?

They are having record houses this season, and there certainly seems to be every reason why they should be lit, if for no other than the protection of the players themselves.

—SPECTATOR.

WAITED TEN YEARS AND THEN LOST HIM

So Now a Widow Sues the False One for Breach of Promise—And Resulting Damages.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—Ten years of waiting for a man's wife to die so that she might marry him is the story contained in the statement of claim of Mrs. Emily Bousha, filed at Osgoode Hall by Henderson and Ross. She sues George Carter, of this city, for \$5,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage.

Mrs. Bousha, who is a widow, alleges that in 1903 Mr. Carter telegraphed to her to come to Toronto, promising to marry her after getting a divorce from his wife. She left her home in Travis, Wisconsin, and came to Toronto, but says that after her arrival Carter found that he was unable to get a divorce. He then, she says, promised that after his wife's death he would marry her, so she stayed on in Toronto, supporting herself, and neglecting other chances of providing a home for herself.

The statement of claim alleges that Mrs. Carter died on July 28th, 1913, but that Mr. Carter put off marrying her from time to time till August, when he refused to marry her.

HOW TO COLLECT DEBTS.

A young Japanese clerk applied for a situation in a London merchant's office. He was told he might come on trial, and if in the course of a week he could do anything to justify it, he would receive a permanent appointment. As a test he was told to write polite but firm letters to twenty of the most notoriously long-winded customers on the firm's books. That was on Monday. On the Wednesday morning there were twenty replies, one from each customer, enclosing twenty checks and twenty apologies for the delay. The Japanese was called into the principles' office and interrogated. He replied that he had written politely and firmly as instructed. The letter book was produced and this was the form of letter he had adopted.

"Dear Sir—It is with regret that we find you have not paid your honorable account. We have carefully regarded the case, and are pained to inform you that, unless you send us a remittance by Wednesday morning, we shall have to take a course of action that will cause you the utmost astonishment."

It was only the horrible uncertainty of what might be the consequence of non-payment that produced these twenty remittances.

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IF I WERE PREMIER.

I would certainly cause an investigation to the death of the mining inspector which took place at Bell Island. Why is this death trap allowed to exist? Why is not the Government engineer, T. A. Hall, sent to the plant to report on this awful tragedy so truthfully and graphically described in the columns of *The Daily Mail*?

Then again, why is it there has not been an investigation on "oath" re the shortage of water on the night that the Cochrane Street Church was razed to the ground chiefly owing to the non supply of water? It is truthfully alleged that during the progress of the fire on that memorable night there was no head or force obtainable on Cochrane St. from the hydrants in the vicinity. At the same time the pressure as registered per gauge at the West End Fire Hall was over 27 lbs. (a full head).

If this report is correct certainly some one blundered, as was fully proven just 48 hours afterwards when a fire started in College Square (East End) and the gauge or register in the West End Hall was unable to show even one pound pressure. "Why is this thus?"

I may be pardoned if I were to respectfully suggest to Premier Morris and His Honor Mayor Ellis to cause an inquiry to be held in this important matter by first visiting the West End Fire Station and note the very high pressure registered on that occasion.

Sir Edward will then be in a position to know who was to blame and then it would be up to His Worship the Mayor to penalize the many Toronto expert plumbers, turnkeys, etc., of the water department, last but not least our City Engineer who will no doubt show reasons for this willful blunder.

—TAXPAYER.

St. John's, Feby. 10, 14.

Dear Sir,—The question asked in your paper "What would you do if you were Premier?" is a good one, and one that should be taken up by a large number of your readers.

If I were Morris I would rush the election petitions through the court as soon as possible and show the people of the Country that I am not afraid of investigations. The members say they acted square, and it is

up to their leader to prove they have done no wrong.

I would put a muzzle on the junior member for Ferryland, as he has no right to try and make little of the Salvation Army by laughing and talking, in a certain club room, because Mr. Jennings happens to wear a Salvation Army coat when he appears in the House.

If I were Morris I would tell Phil that I was glad enough to hunt up the Salvation Army vote last fall, and to get a Salvationist to act as Chairman for one of my meetings.

If I were Morris I would have recognized the strength of the Union after my visit to Foggo District, and would have thrown out the cullage of the party (Morison, Woodford, Piccott and Crosbie) and made a deal with Coaker, as I know I would be able to work with the Union and run a true "People's Party" instead of the Picnic Party as run for the past five years.

If I were Morris I would appoint a judge and ministers that would satisfy the public, and not be led by the nose by Crosbie, Morison and others.

If I were Morris I would go down on my knees three times a day and offer my thanks to the people of Bonavista for turning down Morison, and pray that I might soon be relieved of the presence of Johnnie Crosbie and Gaffney Woodford.

If I were Morris I would do my utmost to please the F.P.U.; and run the Government in such a way that I would fear no man.

In conclusion—If I were Morris I would keep the House open afternoon and night until the work is finished so as to get out of pain as soon as possible, and in future try and act square and not try to work the game of bluff as in the past.

—SUCCESS.

MOVING PICTURES

(Church Life)

The amount of good that may be done by moving pictures becomes more evident every day. We are told that saloon keepers are heard to complain of the injury to their business caused by the popularity of these shows. They say that the moving picture houses have been taking their customers away from them by the wholesale. In the good old days men of small means would drop into a bar-room and spend small change before

the got out. Now a large number of them go to moving picture shows and stay there an hour for ten cents; perhaps they take their wives and children, they get all the excitement they want and then go straight home.

It is now generally recognized that moving pictures may have an excellent educational effect. This is true even of the amusement moving pictures. Little cross sections of life are shown, staged and acted better than are the cheap shows given at considerably higher prices. Moving pictures are going to be used by the churches. They can help the church merely as an entertainment device by providing free picture shows in the same way as free concerts and organ recitals are now provided. Then the motion picture can help in giving religious instruction in Sunday Schools; pictures of travel through Palestine, of biblical scenes, of events in the history of the church are available. Religious heroes are better known to theatre goers to-day through moving pictures than they ever were before.

JUST A SMILE OR TWO.

Not knowing how to tango is not necessarily a sign of spirituality.

A girl doesn't so much mind doing housework if it is called domestic science.

There's usually something worth while doing when the dreamer gets into action.

You can't convince a young woman that any one ever caught a cold in a low-cut party dress.

When health comes in at the door in these days, love at once begins to try to locate the fire escape.

Some men hope to have rewards in heaven because they have refrained from doing wicked things owing to the fact that the temptation was not sufficiently attractive.

A conservative Canadian M. P. favors granting suffrage only to mothers. "No babies, no ballots." Artful scheme. That kind are so busy they haven't time to go to the polls.—N. Y. Telegram.