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Our Boys Treated Well at Hawick

Hope is Expressed That Our Boys Will be Allowed Pay a Visit to Hawick When on route Home When War is Over

Mrs. Hibbs of Livingstone Street, by one of the recent mails had more letters from Scotland containing the kind and friendly sentiments which has marked all through the missives received from Mrs. Balmer, the kindly and courteous Hawick lady with whom she continually corresponds. These friendly folk correspond with her son Jimmie who has written them from France, says he is ok, and they forwarded here to his mother a fine photograph of the young Newfoundland soldier.

The letters show that both Mrs. Balmer and her daughter, Cissie, take a kindly interest in the lad, as they repeatedly speak of sending parcels to him. They speak of Wilfred Dawe of a Company being on a two-weeks furlough at Hawick and evidently the good people of the place, most of whom have sons and brothers of their own at the front, have vied with each other in their hospitality and kindness to this and the other Newfoundland boys. They gave Wilfred the St. John's papers to read and he was glad to get them.

The letters speak of the particular friendship entertained for Max Churchill, Ralph Herder and Tom Christoper and deeply deplored the death of poor Harry Roper, another lad who was popular with the good people of Hawick.

A very nice letter is written to Willie Hibbs by Miss Balmer who hopes when the cruel war is over she will be able to visit St. John's to renew in person the friendship which has existed with Mrs. Hibbs and her family since the Newfoundland boys were first stationed at Hawick. The hope is also expressed that when hostilities cease our boys will be allowed to stay in that friendly town for a while when en route to the homeland.

WOMAN DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

At 11 o'clock last night while officers Woodford and Whalen were doing their beat they found an unfortunate woman drunk on the street. They only got her to the station after much trouble and as it was her third offence this year Mr. Hutchings, K.C., imposed a fine of \$10 or in default 30 days.

ANOTHER FIRE ALARM

The Royal Stores factory, the scene of a big blaze some few weeks ago was the scene of a fire alarm again Tuesday evening. Some straw in a hole just outside the building became ignited and the East and Central Companies were quickly on the scene and quenched the blaze.

OUR THEATRES

THE CRESCENT.

Go to the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and hear Mr. DeGroot sing the popular patriotic ballad "Keep the Home Fires Burning." To-day's picture programme is one of the finest. The Lubin Company presents "Voices From the Past," a powerful three-reel feature. The Biograph Company presents "Frederick Holmes' Ward" a fine melo-drama, featuring Vola Smith and Alan Hale. The Edison Company presents one of their famous animated cartoons "On Tour" by the celebrated cartoonist, Raoul Barre. This is some show, don't miss seeing it. On to-morrow a Ham and Bud comedy.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE 24th.

Yesterday immediately the noon-day gun fired the joy-bells of the R. C. Cathedral rang out a merry peal in honour of the day, the joyous sound of the bells being heard over the city for fully 15 minutes. Several patriotic airs were played by the bells, including the National Anthem. In former years in the Good Victoria's Reign, this day being her birthday, was celebrated with salutes from the warships in port, reviews either at Pleasantville or the Parade Grounds of the naval forces; and the day being observed as a general holiday was celebrated with the utmost enthusiasm.

"Milestones" Splendid Success

Last night the drama "Milestones" was presented in the Casino theatre to a large and very interested audience, amongst whom were His Excellency the Governor who was accompanied by Miss Davidson and Capt. Abraham. The drama received a splendid delineation at the hands of the tolerated performers and the stage settings and scenic accompaniments were superb. The cast included Mesdames Colville, Gosling and Chater; Misses Phillips, A. Hayward, E. Mare, Comdr. MacDermott, R.N.; Messrs. F. Emerson, A. Reid, W. R. Warren, J. Arnaud and Bell.

Some most effective instrumental and vocal music was heard from Mrs. Ayre, Miss Mare, Miss Spill Johnson and Mr. Williams. The playing of the large orchestra was in itself an enjoyable feature. The orchestra was composed of Messrs Johnson and Bradshaw, Messrs C. Hutton, A. Crocker, F. Bradshaw, Jago, Burley, A. Bulley and Stafford. There was a sale of candy etc. and there will be a repetition to-night, the proceeds of which will go to the Overseas Red Cross Fund, so that another large audience should be present.

The gate receipts at the sports yesterday amounted to \$239.82 and will be presented to the Red Cross Fund.

Big Crowd Sees Live Stock Show

Great Interest was Manifested in the Movement and Money Prize Animals were Highly Commented on by Dr. McDonald of Halifax Who Acted as Judge

The Stock Show held on the Parade Ground yesterday was an event which should give a great impetus to the raising of first-class live stock in this country. The chief promoter was Mr. Harold McPherson. His Excellency the Governor was present and took a deep interest in the exhibition. Miss Davidson also attended, as well as Sir Wm. Horwood, Sir Jos. Outerbridge, Hon. S. D. Blandford, M. R. S. Devereaux, M.H.A., and others. There were more than 50 animals from Westland stock on show and these included a bull (Rillington Statesman) presented by Sir Robert Bond, some fine specimens of heavy and light draught mares, American trotting mares and various breeds of cows. Dr. McDonald of Halifax acted as judge in a most satisfactory manner.

In the two-year colt class the first prize, \$100, was won by Mount Cashel, and highly commended were M. Butler's bay mare, A. O'Neill's colt, Thos. Kearsey's colt, W. Clooney's light bay colt, Mr. Justice Johnson's dark bay, Jno. King's bay and A. E. Perkins' brown. First prize, \$50.00, in the one-year colt class fell to M. Butler and highly commended were F. Steer's bay, D. Galway's brown, P. Murray's bay, C. Campbell's bay, A. O'Neill's bay, filly, A. V. Ross's brown filly. First in the two-year cattle was A. V. Ross's Ayrshire heifer, Milkmaid. The prize was \$20. The bull owned by Mr. Thomas of Lookout Farm won second place and highly commended were H. R. Cook's twin heifers and one owned by W. H. Tucker of St. Philip's. The \$10 prize for one-year cattle fell to the heifer owned by Albert Pearcey, Newtown Road. Mr. H. R. Cook's exhibit was second and Mr. T. Bearn's bull was commended.

All connected with the exhibition deserve to be congratulated on its outcome.

CHILD DRINKS LYE.

Tuesday evening a little girl aged three years, daughter of Mr. E. Skiffington, night watchman, of Colonial Street, met with an accident which might be for providential circumstances have caused her death. Her mother who had been engaged in house cleaning had dissolved some lye which had been left on the stove in the kitchen and had become tepid. The little one observed, put the vessel containing it to her lips and drank some of it. The pain which the compound caused saved her because it caused her to desist and very little went into the stomach. Emetics were given when the accident occurred and much of the liquid was ejected, but the little one was badly burnt about the mouth, tongue and throat and suffered intense pain. Dr. Campbell was called and under his skillful ministrations all dangerous consequences were averted.

TAG DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

The collections for "Tag Day" in aid of the Red Cross Fund exceeded in their results the most sanguine expectations of the promoters. Up to last night the sum handed in to Mr. R. G. Rendell represented \$1,956, but in addition there were then \$100 or more to come from other collectors, so that when all have their amounts available the aggregate should not be far short of \$2,100. This amount will swell the contributions received to date to well over \$10,000 and likely later this will grow to \$15,000. The Committee in charge and especially the ladies who did the tag selling are deserving of the best thanks of all our citizens, for they did not spare themselves and many denied themselves much of the enjoyment and sport which the day afforded to see to a successful conclusion this good work.

FOR FRENCH SHORE

Tuesday the Board of Trade had a report from A. J. Pierce of Twillingate, saying the following schooners had left there for the French Shore up to the 20th inst:—The Tidal Wave, Ophir, M. P. Cashin, Emblem of Hope, Energy, Beulah, Exotic, Martello, T. M. C. Mielta, Sea Lark. These vessels were carrying crews aggregating 94 persons.

SCOUTS 'AT HOME'

Nearly 180 Scouts and Girl Guides were present last night at the "At Home" held at their armory. The chair was filled by S. M. Pitcher, who spoke in a few remarks on Empire day and what it stood for. He also made comment on our Great Queen Victoria and how our Empire benefited during her memorable reign. Miss Holland, guard leader, then spoke in a few remarks, touching upon the progress of the guard work and their plans for the future. After the addresses a programme was gone through, in which Misses Moulton, Taylor, Cave, Taylor, Vasey, Cool, Gallops, Dawe, Messrs Mercer, Driscoll, Gushue, Vasey, Cave and Gooble, took part and all the items were beautifully given.

Empire Day Sports A Great Success

A great concourse of citizens attended the sports given at St. George's Field yesterday afternoon by the Boy Scouts and Nfld. Regiment. There were in attendance, His Excellency the Governor, Miss Davidson, Captain Abraham, Sir Wm. and Lady Horwood, Hon. John Harvey, Mrs. A. W. Harvey, Revs. Conos White and Bolt, Sir Jos. Outerbridge, J. and Mrs. Browning and many other prominent citizens. When the Governor and Suite arrived they were received by Scout Master Murdoch, while the T. A. Band, which was present, rendered the National Anthem. The programme was a very interesting one and the different events were keenly contested, and at the conclusion Lady Horwood graciously presented the winners in the events with the prizes. The sports were looked after by Scout Masters Murdoch, Goodman and Christian, and Messrs W. J. Higgins, T. Curran, C. Hunt, J. Baxter, J. Pippy and H. Foster. The events occurred as follows:

- 100 Yds. Dash (Scouts), 10-12 yrs.—1st, D. Johnson; 2nd, Herder; 3rd, Peters. Time 15-1-5 secs.
- 100 Yds. Dash (Scouts), 12-14 yrs.—1st, Dingle; 2nd, Mews, 3rd, N. Johnson. Time 14 secs.
- 220 Yds. Dash (Scouts), 14-16 yrs.—1st, Fowler; 2nd, Macpherson; 3rd, Curran.
- 220 Yds. Dash (Scouts), over 16 yrs.—1st, Harris; 2nd, Perry; 3rd, Hall.
- Sack Race (Regiment)—1st, H. Belbin; 2nd, Price; 3rd, Chafe.
- Tug-of-War (Scouts)—Won by No. 1 Troop.
- Pole Jump (under 15)—1st, Macpherson; 2nd, Bowering.
- Pole Jump (over 15)—1st, Fisher.
- 440 Yds. (Scouts under 15)—1st, Horwood; 2nd, Soper; 3rd, Dingle.
- 440 Yds. (Regiment)—1st, LeMessurier; 2nd, Crocker; 3rd, Martin.
- 880 Yds. (Scouts over 15)—1st, Perry; 2nd, Crocker; 3rd, Harris.
- 1/4 Mile (Reservists)—1st, Moss; 2nd, Rogers; 3rd, Nofall.
- Tug-of-War (Regiment)—Won by No. 1 Platoon, No. 1 Co.
- 100 Yds. Dash (Wolf Cubs)—1st, Peters; 2nd, Moore; 3rd, R. J. Reid.
- Inter-Patrol Relay (Scouts)—Won by No. 4 Patrol.
- 1/2 Mile (Regiment)—1st, Herder; 2nd, Chancey; 3rd, Price.
- Football Fives—Won by No. 1 Troop by three goals to nil. Winners—Perry, Darby, Macpherson, Stove and Barrett.
- Pick-a-back 75 yards (Regiment)—Won by A. Holmes and J. Ezekiel.
- 2nd, J. Pretty and W. Underhan.
- Inter Troop Relay Race (Scouts)—Won by No. 2 Troop.
- 1/2 Mile (Scouts)—1st, D. Johnson; 2nd, Herder; 3rd, Diamond.
- 1/4 Mile (Senior Scouts)—1st, Perry; 2nd, Phalen; 3rd, Macpherson.
- In the tug-of-war between the volunteers No. 1 Platoon won out easily.

FIRST EXCURSION TRAIN

The first 2.30 excursion train for the season will leave the depot on June 3rd, the King's Birthday. It is likely that the regular 2.30 Sunday excursion will begin the following Sunday.

POLICE COURT NEWS

In the Police Court to-day Mr. Hutchings, K.C., discharged two drunks and fined two others, one of which is a Volunteer, \$2 or 7 days; a fifth drunk was fined \$2 or 3 days.

SUMMONED FOR BREACH OF THE LICENCE ACT

To-day Sgt. Oliphant had a West End wine merchant summoned for selling to a black-lister on the 22nd. The case could not be fully proven though the black-lister himself admitted he had been on the premises and the action was dismissed. Supt. Grimes prosecuted; Mr. Carter defended.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Rev. Mother Superior, St. Michael's Orphanage, Belvedere, gratefully acknowledges receipt of eighty dollars (\$80) bequest from estate of late Alice Noonan, per Rev. J. F. Pippy (Executor).

"PLAINDEALER" LIBELLED

We learn to-day that as the result of a reference to a case now sub judice, in last Saturday's issue of the "Plaindealer," that paper has been served with a writ of libel; substantial damages being claimed.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

St. Pierre Islands to Change Hands

St. John's Correspondent Wires Canadian Press That Newfoundland May Acquire the Islands After the War—Newfoundland Herring Will be Allowed in For Food Purposes

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D., May 17.—The possibility of the acquisition of the French colony of St. Pierre by Newfoundland is being discussed in official circles as a result of conditions arising from the European conflict. The idea was suggested by the recent negotiations which led to the relaxation for the term of the war of the so-called Bait Act by the Newfoundland government in view of the shortage of fish in France. The Bait Act was put in force in 1886 and prohibited the selling of herring to the French fishermen whose headquarters were at St. Pierre.

With the advent of the war France withdrew the last of her fishermen from this side of the Atlantic, resulting in a critical shortage of fish at home. Representations were made to the Newfoundland government and in view of the circumstances it was decided to allow buyers from St. Pierre, to purchase Newfoundland herring on the condition that the fish should not be used for bait but should be devoted solely to food purposes.

Within the next few months thousands of barrels of herring, it is expected, will be shipped to St. Pierre. This concession, it is believed in some circles, will pave the way to a readjustment of the whole fisheries question after the war, and possibly to negotiate towards the taking over of St. Pierre by Newfoundland.

REID'S STEAMER REPORT

Argyle left Burin 12.30 a.m. yesterday, going west.
Clyde arrived at Lewisporte at 5.10 p.m. yesterday.
Dundee arrived at Port Blandford at 6 p.m. yesterday.
Ethie arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.30 a.m. to-day; arrived at North Sydney at 10.30 a.m. yesterday and sailed at 10.30 p.m.
Glencoe arrived at Placentia at 2.30 p.m. yesterday.
Home left Three Arms at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, in ward.
Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.30 a.m. to-day. Arrived at North Sydney at 8 p.m. Tuesday, sailed at 11 p.m.; sailing after arrival of Tuesday's No. 1.
Petrel arrived at Clarenville at 3 p.m. yesterday.
Meigle arrived at North Sydney at 10 a.m. yesterday.
Sagona left Humbermouth at 3 a.m. to-day.

LOCAL ITEMS

The markets were well stocked with cod yesterday, the local fishermen having done well. Good prices were realized.

Fully 400 trout were sent out by the morning train Tuesday and the express in the evening. Most of them returned last night with good catches.

The Citizens' Committee on the new Charter will hold a meeting to-night at the Board of Trade Rooms, when various matters will be discussed, including the rights of corporations.

A number of the Newfoundlanders who belong to the 18th Cape Breton Regiment and who were visiting their friends in St. John's and Conception Bay returned by Tuesday evening's express.

The schooner "Little Madonna," Capt. Ed. Hynes, of St. Brendan's, B.L., arrived in port yesterday morning after a good run up. The crew report that there is a fair sign of fish in Bonavista Bay but that the weather has been very backward the spring. The Madonna will load supplies and leave for home as soon as possible.

Empire Day At Topsail

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir Kindly allow us space in the columns of your paper to express our idea of how the pupils of the C. of E. school here celebrated Empire Day.

The pupils, about 25 in number, met at the school room at 9.30 a.m., each one bearing a flag with which the school-yard was decorated. A very nice programme was arranged by our teacher (Mr. Penny) which consisted of, first, a short address on "Empire Day," followed by patriotic songs and recitations, in which all took part. The music was rendered by our teacher. Afterwards various games were indulged in and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely.

About 11.30 Canon Netten visited the school and gave us a very interesting address on the Union Jack, after which the National Anthem was sung and cheers were given for the Empire. Then we all wended our way homewards delighted with the pleasant way in which the morning was spent.

We are,
LILLIAN CHAYTOR,
GEORGE KEARLEY.

Topsail, May 24th, 1916.

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THE S.S. GLENCOE'S OUTWARD PASSENGERS

The Glencoe left Placentia at 4 a.m. to-day, bringing Mrs. Rose, Green, L. B. Moore, C. P. Smith, J. W. Wylie and T. Palfrey.

NEWFOUNDLAND PATROL.

WANTED 16 Men, ex-Naval Reservists preferred, as Gun's Crews for Newfoundland Patrol. Colonial rates of pay. Apply by letter to Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Briton."

A. MacDERMOTT, Acting Commander.

Patriotic Association.

A MEETING of the Patriotic Association will be held in the Board of Trade Rooms on FRIDAY NEXT, the 25th inst., at 8 p.m.

By order,
V. P. BURKE, Secretary.

MASONIC NOTICE.

EMERGENCY Meetings of St. John's Lodge, No. 579; Avalon Lodge, No. 776; Lodge Tasker, No. 454; Whiteway Lodge, No. 3541; and Lodge St. Andrew, No. 1139, will be held in the Masonic Temple on TUESDAY EVENING, the 30th inst., at 8 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of attending a Lecture to be given by the Rev. Dr. Jones, Chaplain of Lodge St. Andrew. There will be a short musical programme. A collection will be taken in aid of the Tasker Educational Fund.

F. RENDELL, W.M., St. John's Lodge, No. 579, E.C.

R. W. SPRY, W.M., Avalon Lodge, No. 776, E.C.

D. JOHNSON, W.M., Lodge Tasker, No. 454, S.C.

W. CAMPBELL, W.M., Whiteway Lodge, No. 3541, E.C.

J. J. McKAY, R.W.M., St. Andrew, No. 1139, S.C.

The Companions of Shannon Chapter, No. 9, R.N.S., will meet at the same time and place for the same purpose.
G. W. GUSHUE, M.E.H.P., Shannon Chapter, No. 9, R.N.S.

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LOST—On Sunday, between the General Hospital and Cabot Street, by way of Forest Road, Gower St. and Long's Hill a small Gold Cross. Finder will please leave same at this office and get reward.—may23,tf

WANTED—An Experienced Boot and Shoe Salesman. One who fully understands Stock-keeping and can produce good references. Apply by letter to "EXPERIENCE," care of this office, stating where now employed, length of experience and salary expected.—may23,tf

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