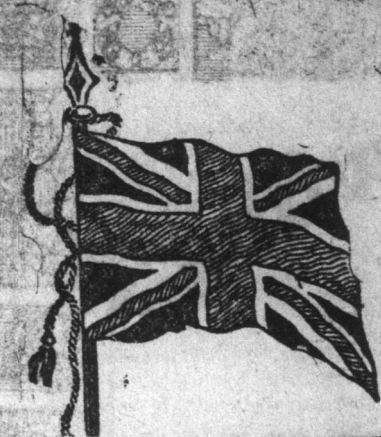




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Notice

Following our usual custom THE EVENING TELEGRAM will publish at noon on Christmas Eve. Advertisers are requested to note this fact and have all copy for that day, in our hands before 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Number of Unemployed Ships Decreased

Following our article in Saturday's issue on the Shipbuilding Industry, which did not indicate a very promising state of affairs, the information contained in the report appearing below of the Bankers Trust Company on the increased activity in British shipping circles gives to the situation a more hopeful aspect.

The report reads: "The quarterly returns of the amount of shipping laid up at the principal ports of the United Kingdom on October 1, 1925 show a decided improvement as compared with the status on July 1. On October 1 the number of ships laid up was 359, with a total tonnage of 375,000, while on July 1 the number laid up was 430 with a tonnage of over 777,000, or an improvement of over 200,000 tons for the quarter. This was the smallest amount of laid up tonnage on October 1 in the last five years, with a single exception of 1924. On October 1, 1921 the net tonnage out of commission was 1,296,000; in 1922, 824,000; in 1923, 755,000, and in 1924, 334,000.

The great improvement since July 1 is considered remarkable by Lloyd's in view of the fact that the freight market during the three months was consistently dull. It is stated that the freight market at the present time is not unsatisfactory and that if the surpluses of wheat available in the principal exporting countries are any criterion, the outlook for the owner is a little more promising than for some time past."

Delegates From Bell Island.

This afternoon a delegation from the miners on Bell Island, which arrived in the city this morning, will meet the Government and discuss various matters relative to working conditions in the mines. The delegation consists of the following: Mr. M. J. O'Neill, President of the Miners' Union, Mr. John Kent, Financial Secretary, Mr. John Ryan, member of the Bell Island Council, Messrs. E. C. Highmore, J. Skanes, B. Barron and J. R. Smallwood, President of the Nfld. Federation of Labor.

As announced on Tuesday last in the Telegram, the Government decided to hear the views of the men before entering into any agreement with Besco, and we feel certain that their wisdom and fairness in taking this course will be generally appreciated.

We trust that the outcome of the interview will result in the removal of the outstanding causes of dissatisfaction, and

that an agreement will be reached which will make for harmony and generally will enable not only the miners but the country as a whole to share in the benefits that should be derived from this valuable property.

Will Lecture in Memorial College

Dr. M. J. Randall, former Headmaster of Winchester College, who is visiting Newfoundland in the interests of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, will lecture on "English Public Schools" in the Memorial College, on Wednesday night next. Dr. Randall will arrive here tomorrow, and will remain until Dec. 27th.

Pearl Necklets, French indistinguishable Pearls, in cases suitable for presentation, from \$5.00 up at TRAPNELL'S. dec21.51

This Week at St. Thomas's

Monday: St. Thomas' Day—Holy Communion (Chapel) 8: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion (Church) 11.

Tuesday—Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Seniors) 8.

Wednesday—East End School Prize-giving and Concert, 8.

Friday: Christmas Day—Holy Communion, 6:15 and 8; Morning Prayer, 11; preacher, the Rector; Evening Prayer, 5:30.

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi—Holy Communion, 11; preacher, Rev. W. E. R. Cracknell.

Saturday: St. Stephen's Day—Holy Communion (Chapel) 8: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion (Church) 11.

Gent's Pocket Watches, 12 and 16 size, in gold-filled cases, lever movements, from \$15.00 to \$45.00. See them at TRAPNELL'S. dec21.51

On Our Bookshelf

RALPH CONNOR'S LATEST NOVEL "TREADING THE WINEPRESS."

"Good wine needs no bush," and to Ralph Connor's reputation as a story teller little can be added by any eulogy, but it will readily be agreed that the writer of the "Sky Pilot," "The Doctor" and the other works which have been read with such pleasure by thousands, in his latest novel, "Treading the Winepress" (McClelland and Stewart, Toronto), has added lustre to his name and given the public a book of outstanding interest and merit.

"Treading the Winepress" is a story which will have a strong appeal to Newfoundlanders, as in part it deals with a phase of the War in which her seamen played a conspicuous and heroic part, namely, that in which the Mosquito Fleet was engaged.

The story opens in a little Nova Scotia fishing village, and much of the action takes place there. The quaint folk of that vicinity are the principal characters. Tony Mackinlay, the handsome, cultured son of a marvellous father who has been fisherman, sailor and naval officer in his day, is the central figure. In this quiet village comes a party of American tourists, young ladies and gentlemen, and during their stay their yacht is wrecked and of course Tony goes to the rescue. He falls in love with Diana, one of the girls of the party and she with him, but it is not till the outbreak of war makes separation imminent that either of them speaks.

Tony does special service during the war in charge of his own gunboat. The war section of the book is comparatively short, though its influence is felt through the whole story, but the surprising twist that is given to the whole chain of events, and the final outcome is too good to expose here. A big powerful theme has been handled in a most sincere and convincing way.

"Treading the Winepress" grips the reader from the very start, not only because of the intense interest of the story, but because of the real personae of the reader meets, and the intimate knowledge which the author shows of human characteristics. We unreservedly recommend Ralph Connor's latest work to our readers, and feel convinced that without hesitation it will be pronounced by all who peruse it better than his best.

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Badly Needed

M. Morey & Co., Ltd., received by the "Pontiac" 1,000 tons of Welsh Ant. coal. When in Wales, Mr. H. J. Wyatt selected this coal at the mine so that the purchaser is sure to get the very best quality. The coal is regular in size, free of slack, and is guaranteed to give the best satisfaction. dec21.51

The Trains

Sunday's express will be a few hours late arriving at Port aux Basques, owing to the derailment of yesterday's east-bound train at Kitty's Brook.

The incoming express, which met with a derailment 3 miles east of Kitty's Brook last night, got away from there at 10 o'clock this morning, and is not due to reach the city before 4 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The local train arrived at 12:30 p.m. O'P'S & SAUNDERS, 96, S. O. Steele & Sons, Ltd., opp. Seamen's Institute. dec21.51

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Christian Brothers' Collection

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\$10.00—M. J. Keen.

\$5.00—A. Walsh (Corner Brook).

Obituary

DEPUTY SHERIFF JOHN TRAPNELL, J.P., L.S.O.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

Sub-Sheriff W. J. Carroll of the Supreme Court received a telegram this morning from Harbor Grace announcing the death of Deputy Sheriff John Trapnell, which occurred at 9:30 o'clock last night.

John Trapnell was born in Harbor Grace 75 years ago, and was the youngest son of Mr. Henry Trapnell, one of the most respected residents of that town, who carried on an extensive crockeryware business in the house still existing on Water Street, which was originally built and occupied by Peter Rogerson & Son, afterwards of St. John's. John Trapnell received his education at the famous Grammar School, presided over by the illustrious teacher, Mr. Roddick, father of Sir Thomas G. Roddick, the famous physician of Montreal. John Trapnell was the ideal type of a Newfoundland citizen, and he led a noble and blameless life. He invariably avoided the glare of the public calcium and even at school he rarely entered into the many games in which the most of us took such delight, but he was always a most interesting and loyal companion, and dearly loved his public hand. He held a high place in public regard. He was a man of few words, but sound judgement, and he was a family man always being prominent in all that made for the welfare of the town of Harbor Grace. His brother Captain William built two vessels on the beach, where now are erected the splendid Marine Docks. They were the schooner Laurel and the brigantine Reformer—William being lost with all hands in the latter, on a passage from Newfoundland to England. The deceased, after leaving school, was employed on the coaster Laurel for a short time, then entered the business of his father, and about twenty years ago was appointed to the position which he held until a short time ago when he was retired. He died in Montreal, offices, everywhere winning the sincerest regard of all who came in contact with him by his ability, dutifulness and integrity. A man of noble character and winning personality, and a citizen of the highest type. Harbor Grace is the loser by the passing of such a man as John Trapnell who ever had the interests of the town and the people at heart.

The Trapnells are of a very old family, who went to England with William the Conqueror, and whose name appears in the Domesday Book, as one of the largest land owners in England. The family still show their Coat of Arms, "The Griffin Rampant," granted to them at this time. The Trapnells were amongst the first settlers at Harbor Grace in 1832, but were residents there long before that date. The British branch of the family still correspond with relatives in Newfoundland, and quite recently, the death of Caleb Trapnell took place in Bristol. He was a prominent designer and jeweller, who manufactured a jewel case presented to the late Queen Mother Alexandra at the time of her marriage, and which was her favorite work-box.

There were six children, the deceased being the youngest and now only three survive, Jacob, now in his 87th year, resides in Montreal, and visited Newfoundland about a year ago. Two sisters, Mrs. James Worrall of St. John's and Mrs. Spence of British Columbia. The other two brothers, both lost their lives in that service. Mrs. Donald Morrison and Mr. R. T. Morrison of California are descended from Capt. Robert Trapnell, who was lost in the barque "Lord Raglan" of 2,000 tons, when trading to Australia. The deceased was 75 years of age, and for many years held the position of Deputy Sheriff, also Recording Steward, of the Methodist Church at Harbor Grace, and people of all classes were pleased when he received the Imperial Service Order from His Majesty King George a few years ago.

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