

Plenty Rabbits Now on Market

Big Shipments Arrive the Past Few Days—Should Mild Weather Set in Storekeepers Stand to Lose Heavily

Owing to the fact that so much pulp and paper with other freight was handled on the railway since January little rabbits were brought along to the city. Hundreds of barrels of these were brought from Clarendville to St. John's during the past six weeks or more but were held at the stations and all were brought in over the road within the past few days, so that the market is now glutted and should a protracted period of mild weather occur most of this excellent food will spoil before it can be disposed of by grocers.

Good Year Lumbering

In the course of casual conversation which The Mail and Advocate reported had yesterday with Mr. Rouben Horwood of the Horwood Lumber Co., that gentleman says, that this has been an excellent winter for lumbering from Trinity Bay to White Bay. The conditions were ideal, there was just enough snow facilitate hauling, with frost sufficient to make the cakes secure, and Mr. Horwood believes the cut will be much in excess of last year. Though not well acquainted with the industry in that section he yet thinks that similar conditions prevailed up West and he thinks with equally beneficial results for the industry.

CROSS CUT SAWS and ICE SAWS just received at GEORGE KNOWLING'S Hardware Dept. —Feb 25, 31, eod

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Annual Meeting C.E. Orphanage

Reports Submitted Show Creditable State of Affairs Due in no Small Measure to Able Management of Supt. Wadland

Last night at Canon Wood Hall the annual meeting of the Governors and friends of the C. E. Orphanage was held, His Excellency the Governor, the institution's patron, presiding. There were a large number present, including Lady Davidson, His Lordship Bishop Jones, Revs. Canons White and Bolt, Messrs W. B. Grieve, W. G. Gosling, J. A. Clift, T. Cook, Messdames Clift and R. A. Brehm.

The meeting opened with the hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past," Rev. Canon Bolt offering prayer at its conclusion. Mrs. Gosling, the Secretary, then presented her report which was very satisfactory and showing that the care of the institution and the orphans were in good hands. It paid a tribute to the supervisors of the institution, Mr. and Mrs. Wadland. The children it stated, were well fed and clothed and they were free from sickness due in great measure to plenty of exercise in the open air. The report embodied the hope that in future the outports, from which two-thirds of the children of the institution came, would contribute more liberally towards its upkeep.

Mrs. W. B. Grieve, the Hon. Treasurer, submitted the financial statement and both reports were adopted. His Lordship, the Bishop, read a report of the funds now held by the trustees. In the Orphanage at present are 75 children—39 girls and 36 boys. The largest number during the year was 88. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:

- Patron—His Excellency the Governor. Visitor and President—The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop. Vice-Presidents—Rev. Canon White, Rector of the Cathedral Parish; Rev. Dr. Jones, Rector of St. Thomas's Parish; Rev. H. Uphill, Rector of St. Mary's Parish. Trustees—His Lordship the Bishop, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, Hon. E. R. Bowring. Hon. Treasurer—W. B. Grieve, Esq. Hon. Chaplain—Rev. Dr. Jones. Hon. Physician—T. Anderson Esq., M.D. Hon. Secretary—Mrs. W. G. Gosling. Hon. Secretary S. S. Orphanage League—Mrs. R. B. Job. Committee—Rev. Canon Bolt, J. A. Clift, Esq., Walter F. Rendell Esq., R. F. Goodridge Esq., C. McK. Harvey Esq., Hon. S. D. Blandford, Tasker Cook Esq., L. G. Chafe Esq., Hon. M. Browning, Mrs. M. G. Winter, Mrs. W. G. Gosling, Mrs. J. A. Clift, Mrs. John Harvey, Mrs. Brehm. Auditors—C. McK. Harvey Esq., F. E. Rendell Esq. Resident Superintendent—Mr. John B. Wadland. Asst. Superintendent—Mrs. Wadland.

The Governor then complimented the management on the conduct of the Orphanage and referred to the objects for which it had been established and maintained. Votes of thanks were passed His Excellency and Lady Davidson for their kindness in attending, the Managing Committee for their services during the year, and Dr. Anderson who had been most attentive to the inmates, after which the meeting closed with Benediction by His Lordship the Bishop.

WEDDING BELLS

SMITH—BURKE After Nuptial Mass at St. Patrick's Church yesterday morning a pretty wedding was solemnized, when Miss Katie Smith, daughter of Mr. P. Smith, Wittless Bay, was led to the altar by Mr. Pierre Burke of St. Jacques. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Pippy. The bride was very prettily attired and was assisted by Miss A. Burke, sister of the groom, while that happy personage was attended by Mr. Jack McGettigan, nephew of the bride. When the ceremony had concluded the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's father, Patrick Street, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served and the health of bride and groom heartily honoured. In the congratulations extended The Mail and Advocate joins.

The schr. Novelty, Capt. Benson, sailed to-day for Pernam taking 7557 packages codfish shipped by Monroe & Co. The Nellie M., Capt. Taylor, sails to-day for Gibraltar for orders, taking 6,000 qtls codfish, shipped by Monroe & Co.

Was Glad Get Clear of Suvla

Arthur Cummings Writes His Mother—Says he Had all the Shirts he Wanted—Parcels Sent Have Not Reached Him

Suez Camp, Jan. 23, 1916. Dear Mother,—Just a few lines, as I am sure you are anxious to hear from me. We arrived at Suez on the 15th and I am just beginning to know a little about the town. I think it is much nicer than Cairo, but of course it is much smaller, but one thing it is cleaner.

I suppose you have heard all about the evacuation of Suvla and Cape Helles, we got off both places without a casualty. I was among some of the last to leave; at any rate I am not sorry I am away from iron rations or (shells) as they are not a very good friend of mine. This is some of the paper you sent while I was in the trenches. I just received. It was a long time on the way, was it not? It was better to get it even after a long while than not at all like the socks and tobacco.

I would advise you to stop sending parcels while I am out here as I never got any of them, perhaps some of them might turn up yet, but I have given up hope. I saw an article in one of the papers received from home regarding the Caribou Hill affair. I was up on Caribou Hill the second night, it was a picnic. Richard Hynes, D.C.M., is a great friend of mine and has been since we were at Stobs and he gave us a clear statement of it.

I also saw another article regarding clothes, I think it was in the Mail or Star, about some not receiving shirts while at Suvla at least for the first two months. Well, for myself, I got all the shirts I needed, but I could not get any under pants and I think I was much better without them, being a little cold is much better than to be eaten up with vermin. We got plenty of cardigan jackets, gloves, socks, caps, tunic pants and lots of little things necessary to keep us warm. Now, mother, I am not trying to put the best side out, I am giving you the plain truth, and any man who did not get a shirt while on Gallipoli it was his own fault.

I myself do not feel any the worse for my experience, but I do not want to experience it again. It was simply terrible up to our waist in water for three or four days. I think I have said all for now. I remain your loving son. ARTHUR

[The above writer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cummings of this City.]

OUR THEATRES

NICKEL'S BIG BILL There is a most attractive programme arranged for the Nickel theatre to-day and one which every one should make an effort to see. The second instalment of "The New Exploits of Elaine" will be put on shortly. There will also be a Broadway star feature film entitled "The Scar." This is a powerful drama in three reels. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday the great Charlie Chaplin comedy, "The Woman," will be shown. This is another brilliant comedy which all will be delighted to see.

THE CRESCENT

"The Fortunes of Marianna," a story of the underworld, produced in two reels by the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. Bessie Legen and August Phillips, the great Edison stars, feature in "An Innocent Thief," a thrilling drama. A fine Biograph melo-drama is "When Hearts are Young," and "The Fable of the Two Sensational Failures" is an Essanay comedy written by George Ade, America's foremost humorist. Mr. Dave Parks, the man with the voice, sings a new ragtime number: "Those Ragtime Melodies." This is a great hold-day programme, don't miss seeing it.

CHAMPIONSHIP SKATING RACE

Monday night a skating race for the championship of Newfoundland will be held in the Parade Rink between Geo. Squires and J. Evans. Squires who is mail officer on the express has held the championship belt for the past two years and if he wins out in this contest he will retain the coveted trophy.

THE "SAM BLANDFORD."

A staff of engineers and others have been engaged the past few weeks giving the engines and boilers of the S. S. Sam Blandford thorough overhaul. These important sections of the ship like the hull are now in splendid condition and she will be as fast as the best of 'em. Thursday the ship will be given a trial spin.

Arrested for Wholesale Robbery

Police Make Sensational Arrest in Connection With the Recent Robberies—Mrs. Butler Held by Police Now Released Under Bail

Led to it by a very slight clue, which Sergeant Byrne followed assiduously for the past two days, the arrest of Mrs. Catherine Power, a married resident of George Street, with three children, was accomplished at 5 p.m. yesterday. She is charged with the commission of 15 different larcenies which cover a period of two years, though most of them were committed within the past six months. The woman, who is of respectable appearance, the police allege stole a large number of articles, the enumeration of which we have not the space at our disposal to give to-day.

Suffice it to say that gold chains, necks, umbrellas, men's coats, pants, rings, ties, silk dress, cheque and a lot of cash taken from the houses she visited are charged against her. The police after arresting her yesterday went through her residence under a search warrant and found a good deal of the stolen property including watches and other trinkets, as well as a lot of keys, some of which fit the houses, from which goods and cash were stolen.

In one dwelling entered about two weeks ago, that of Mrs. A. W. Knight, Barnes Road, there were a lot of matches burned and the house narrowly escaped destruction, as the room which the marauder entered had been on fire. Within the past two years no less than 21 houses have been entered in the city and goods and cash stolen therefrom.

Mrs. Butler Released.

When the case of Mrs. Power was called by Judge Hutchings to-day Mr. W. J. Higgins, who had been retained for her defence, asked for a postponement, as he had been employed in the case only a short while before and wished to confer with his client. This was granted, I. G. Sullivan asserting that the Crown was not in a hurry to proceed. Mrs. Butler, who had been held, was brought into Court and Mr. Sullivan formally withdrew the charges against her, stating that there was only one slight charge to be preferred, the larceny of a doormat from Mrs. Anderson, a tenant of accused. He asked that bonds be given by her to appear if called, and she was released by Mr. Hutchings under these conditions.

Annual Meeting of Church Institute

The annual meeting of the C.E.I. was held in the Institute rooms last evening, Mr. C. E. Hunt, president, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read, which showed that the Institute had a successful. A large percentage of the members had volunteered for active service, and were serving their King at the Front. Mr. G. J. Adams conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

- President—Mr. C. E. Hunt. 1st. Vice-President—Mr. F. C. Wills. 2nd. Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Jas. Chaffey. Secretary—Mr. Gordon Pike. Treasurer—Mr. Geo. W. LeMessurier. Parochial Representatives—Cathedral, Mr. John Davey; St. Thomas's, Mr. A. Findlater; St. Mary's, Mr. G. B. Whitten. Council—Messrs. J. Farndale, C. Godden, F. W. Pike, John Miller, Jno. Taylor, E. T. Snow, P. G. Butler, M. G. Martin, S. Hart, and F. Moore. After the meeting the annual sale of papers was conducted by Mr. F. C. Wills.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

WHY YOUNG MEN DON'T MARRY

You will learn that along with other good things at the Sociable that the Congregational Ladies' Aid Society intend holding on Wednesday Evening, March 1st, in the Lecture Room of the Church. Come and bring your friends. Good Programme, Candy, &c. for sale. Entertainment at 8 o'clock. Admission 30 cents. Those taking part are: Misses Hamlin, Mitchell, Steele, Hallett, Oakley, and Messrs. Moore, McCowan, Herder, Crocker; also H.M.S. Squires' Band and sketch, "Why Young Men Don't Marry." —Feb 28, 29, mar 1

FOUR BELOW ZERO

A N.W. wind prevailed along the railway line and it was pretty cold. The thermometer reached its lowest point this morning when it registered 4 below zero at Quarry.

Another Example Opposed to Confederation

Civic Board Issues Order Stopping Cutting of Side Drains—Many Places, Private and Public, Flooded as a Result

We hear that with the anti-ocratic principle evident in Civic matters of late, the fiat went forth early in the season that no side drains were to be cut on the streets, and the disastrous results are already evident in the damages caused at the Post Office, T. A. Club Rooms and other places, public and private, by reason of floods.

Pretty "economy" this on the part of a Board which has "economized" so keenly on tarvia pavements and defective pipes. The cutting of such side drains would have given needed labor to some struggling men whose sons are true patriots, out risking their lives in the firing line for King and Empire. But this does not appeal to the pseudo patriots of the Commission.

Those who gave the orders to cut no more drains were bad enough but those on the Commission who sub-sequent when the order went forth were more.

Wont the people fire this gang when the time comes. Just wait and see.

LEAGUE HOCKEY—To-night St. Bon's vs. Terra Novas. Game starts at 7.30 sharp.

TO-NIGHT'S HOCKEY

The Terra Novas and St. Bon's will meet in the League Hockey match to-night. The line up will be: Terra Novas St. Bon's Duley goal, Hearn Tobin cover, Vincombe Higgins Stick cover, Callahan Johnson centre, Godden Sellars right, Crawford Trappnell left, Shortall

MADE FOUR ARRESTS

The police made four arrests last night including three drunks and disorderly. Another capture was made by Detective Sgt. Byrne, who not withstanding the arrest of another suspect last week, has been assiduously investigating the series of larcenies committed the past six months. Last night he arrested a woman named Mrs. John Power of George's Street who is charged with the commission of no less than 15 thefts of a serious character during the past six months.

DAMAGE BY FLOODS \$300.

The floods which entered the Casino Theatre Saturday night did more damage to the Total Abstinence Society's Club rooms than at first was thought. The ceilings of the armory, the long corridor running in from the Duckworth Street entrance, billiard room and other sections. The cloth on one of the billiard boards was much damaged by water and it will take fully \$300 if not more to effect repairs.

HR. GRACE DOCK ANNUAL

Yesterday the annual meeting of the Hr. Grace Dock Co. was held, when the Secretary's report showed that more business had been done in the past than in the preceding year. The financial report will be made in May. The officers elected were: President—Hon. J. J. Murphy. Vice-President and Managing Director—J. Tapp. Secretary—E. Simmons. Directors—W. S. Monroe, R. S. Munn, A. W. Piccott, A. J. Goodridge, C. A. Jerrett, T. Dunn, J. McRae and J. Duff.

SEVERE FROST NORTH

Letters received by business people from the North say that the frost recently was most intense there. Some old people hold it was, in some instances, the coldest they ever experienced. A letter from Little Heart's Ease tells of a dog which was out all night and which lay on a stone to which it became frozen. The animal had to be pulled away from the stone forcibly and a deal of its fur and skin adhered to its hard bed.

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C.C.C. 'At Home' Grand Success

Hall Decorated With Allied Flags—Presented Fine Appearance—Concert and Dance Thoroughly Enjoyed by Large Gathering Present

The great number of people who attended the At-Home of the Catholic Cadet Corps in their new hall, Mechanics' Building, last night, pronounced it to be a most enjoyable affair and the best of its kind ever held by the Corps. The Hall was beautifully decorated and reflected credit on the officers and lads of the Corps who did the work. Around the ball-room were draped the colours of the C.C.C., while the flags of the Allied Powers were displayed to advantage with the quartettings of the same, and pictures and mottoes were also placed round the room, which was brilliant, with white and colored electric lights.

A shining shield of bayonets was displayed on the front of the gallery, and on the cornices and the ornamental projections below them and running round the hall were displayed the beautiful silver cups won by the Corps in many a hard game on the athletic field, while above these were crossed rifles fitted with fixed bayonets. A guard of honor from the Corps in uniform and with rifles and fixed bayonets were drawn up at the entrance to the hall, in which Lieut. Col. Conroy, Capt. Meahan, Doyle, Furlong, Perez and other officers of the Corps received the guests.

Officers from the C. L. B. Highlanders and Boy Scouts were present in uniform and there were also present, Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G., Revs. Frs. Pippy, Renouf, Sheehan, Drs. Greene and Carter and others; Revs. Brothys Ryan, Kennedy, Ryan (St. Bonaventure's), Fennessy, Egan and others; the Premier, Messrs. Kent, K.C., James Parker, C. Hutton and T. J. Edens. The galleries were lined with spectators and at 9 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Lady Davidson and Mr. Goodridge, A.D.C., arrived and were received by Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Conroy and were greeted with the strains of the National Anthem, while the audience remained standing.

A very entertaining programme was then gone through as follows:—Overture—Band of C.C.C. Song—Prof. C. Hutton. Irish Step Dance—Mt. Cashel Boys. Patriotic Recitation—Master James Bradshaw. Song—Miss Mollie Shea. Chorus—Boys of St. Patrick's Hall and Holy Cross Schools. Ventriloquist Exhibition—Mr. Webber. Song—Miss Mary Ryan. Allied Airs—Band of C. C. C. Each number was beautifully rendered, and there were frequent and applause general. A particular feature was the patriotic recitation of Master James Bradshaw, aged 5, who received an oration and had to respond to an encore. The little chap then gave "When Donnelly beat the Turks" in capital style.

"On with the Dance" was now the slogan, and to the beautiful music of the Corps band about 250 couples "tripped the light fantastic" until this morning. The refreshment tables were also well patronized and the "At-Home", in its very feature, was a perfect success, in which The Mail and Advocate heartily congratulates the promoters.

WEATHER AND ICE NORTH

Seal Cove—Moderate S.W. winds, fine and mild, bay clear of ice, few seals seen, no old ones. Tilt Cove—Prevailing winds west, with cold, no heavy ice seen, loose ice, old seals reported middle of February. Nipper's Hr.—Wind west, moderate, bay practically clear of ice except slob, no seals here lately. Twillingate—Wind W.S.W., light, moderately cold and fine, ice started off and much water in bay, no seals. Change Islands—Light S. W., fair, ice off shore. Fogo—Wind S., moderate, mild, ice off about five miles, few strings passing. Greenspond—Light South winds, thick snow, bay full slob ice. Bonavista—Calm with heavy snow falling, ice several miles off from south shore yesterday evening. Catalina—Light S.W. wind, dull; slob ice moving off shore. Port aux Basques—Wind N. W., light and fine, no ice in sight. Codroy—Wind W.N.W., moderate breeze; ice about three miles off. Flower's Cove—Moderate winds, cloudy; ice moved off from shore.

ON Wednesday evening, March 1st, in the Presbyterian Hall, the George Street Adult Bible Class are holding their Annual "At Home." Concert starts sharp at 8 o'clock. Games after Concert and Tea served. A feature of the evening will be a "Jumbled Word Prize Contest." All members are requested to be present with a friend.—Feb 28, mar 1

More Prizes for Energetic Clerks

During the past couple of weeks we have published the names of the winners of the prizes offered last season. This year we offer the following prizes:— First Prize.....\$30.00 Second Prize..... 20.00 Third Prize..... 15.00 Fourth Prize..... 10.00 Five \$5.00 Prizes. The above are for clerks who between now and December 1st, 1916, return the largest number of tags taken from Red, White, Patent Process "Bear Brand" and Buddy Boots.

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