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## WEEK-END NOTES.

(I. C. M.)

We cannot do better this week than continue our tour from Heart's Content to the bay as far as Old Perlican. The distance between these places is about thirty miles, and it includes several very important and thriving settlements: foremost among which may be mentioned New Perlican, Turk's Cove, Winterton, Hant's Harbor, New Chelsea, New Melbourne, Brownsdale, and Sibley's Cove. These places were among the first to be populated within the bay, and they have long contributed to the trade and revenue of the country; and they thereby have a right to the same benefits which other parts enjoy. This we fully expected to find, as it is a quarter of a century since our last tour, but our calculations were misplaced. True, we noticed a marked advance in many conditions, and especially in the dwelling houses, and schools, and halls and churches; but in the public service there does not appear to be that progress which one should expect to find. To our mind this particular part of the district has not had the best home for it. This statement applies especially to the railway and to its extension to Heart's Content. From Whitbourne the line connects with New Harbor and then on to the Cable Town. From Carbonear the line runs to Old Perlican. By this means a great boon has been conferred upon Bay de Verde district, and upon part of the south side of Trinity Bay district. But the question arises, why was this intervening shore of thirty miles not included? By its omission the break in travelling is most awkward, and the trade of the place has been disappointed and seriously handicapped. To intensify the inconvenience of the situation some of the harbours which lie within the area are unsafe for anchorage during eight months of the year, and because of this drawback the railway was all the more necessary, and therefore would have been all the more welcome. It is, indeed, a great mistake that the line was not continued right along the shore and right on to connect with the Bay de Verde line at Old Perlican.

This portion of Trinity Bay between Heart's Content and Old Perlican has very much in its favour, and the wonder is that the population is not really larger than it is. There is abundance of wood, and a rich and bountiful supply of pure water. Perhaps the visitor from the city sees these benefits more so than the residents of the locality, but they are of great value in the economy of life, and they mean more than we sometimes think. But it was the agricultural prospects that appealed to us mostly; and it is indeed a loss to the country in general, that greater attention is not paid to this phase of our industrial life. At New Melbourne we were pleased to notice these same conditions; but of all the places, the latter seemed to present the most favourable prospect. The nice level landscape and the well cleared fields, all told their story and all proved their own utility. We did not learn to what extent live stock is being raised, but as far as we could judge there is room for further advance in this branch of pastoral life. While crossing some of the ponds we passed several teams of wood-haulers, and several of them were being worked by oxen, and the stock looked of a fairly good breed. With so much pasturage, and so much wood, and such an abundance of water, and every man the owner of his house, there is much in favour of the people, and as a rule they are all comfortable and independent.

These hills and dales with which Newfoundland abounds were meant for cultivation and their greenery and beauty seem to call to us, and the splashing of the rivers seems to echo meaning of life. I am nature and you and daughters of men why do you crowd into the alleys and slums of the cities and why do you shut your eyes to what we offer? Why not come closer to our embrace, and gather from us that return which nature gives to all who co-operate with her? In thousands you crowd into attics and sleep in basements; and in thousands you overcrowd the labour markets of the world and thus increase your burdens. In thousands you become non-producers and thus increase that vast army of men, women and children, who are put parasites upon society. Turn to my bosom and draw from me the reward of industry and learn from me the true meaning of life. I a nature and you are my children, but you have wandered too far from me, and in your wanderings you have missed the best of life and have dimmed your vision of God who made us both.

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## Curios For St. Dunstan's

Newfoundland Savings Bank, St. John's, April 20, 1917. Editor Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Not long ago you published a cablegram I had received from Sir Edward Morris, Sir Edgar Bowring and Sir Joseph Outerbridge, asking for curios typical of Newfoundland and Labrador to be sent to London for a Bazaar to be held there next month in aid of St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers and Sailors. It may interest the public to know that the curios have been shipped and will, I have no doubt, reach England in time for the Bazaar.

I desire to acknowledge with many thanks, the receipt of the following donations: Indian Curios, from Capt. Couch, Mr. Tasker Cook, Mr. Eric Bowring, Messrs. Ayre & Sons, Ltd., Mr. D. A. Ryan, Mr. James P. Croty, Hon. J. Anderson, Miss E. T. M. Smith and Mrs. James Munn; White-coats, from Mrs. R. H. O'Dwyer, Mrs. D. H. Jones and Mr. R. A. Templeton, and a Caribou Head, beautifully mounted, from Messrs. W. H. Ewing & Son.

In addition to the foregoing I was authorized by the Prime Minister, Sir Edgar Bowring and Sir Joseph Outerbridge to expend the sum of \$250 on their behalf in the purchase of suitable curios, and these have also gone forward.

Mr. W. H. Jones, of the Seamen's Institute, very kindly took charge of the various parcels and saw to the packing; Mr. Eric Bowring arranged for the shipping of the boxes, and the Furness Withy Company, with their accustomed liberality in Patriotic matters, made no charge for freight.

Yours faithfully,  
R. WATSON.

## Demands of Engineers and Firemen.

Our marine engineers, who are seeking an increase of wages, were offered by ship-owners, we hear, a bonus at the end of the year on these terms: \$10 a month extra for chiefs; \$7.50 for seconds and \$5 for thirds. The engineers are anxious to get paid the increase monthly. A satisfactory settlement is expected to be reached by the parties to-day.

The firemen have not yet received an offer of \$45 a month, as requested. The stokers of the S. S. Viking, who signed on at the compromising terms of \$42 have signed off again and will remain ashore until they get their demands met. The Viking is now ready to sail north, but is hung up for want of men to fill the stokehold.

## Abdication of the Tsar

MANIFESTO TO THE PEOPLE.

Petrograd, March 16.—The following is the text of an Imperial Manifesto by the Tsar to the Russian people:—

By the Grace of God, we, Nicholas II, Emperor of all the Russias, Tsar of Poland, Grand Duke of Finland, etc., to all our faithful subjects be it known.

In the days of the great struggle against a foreign enemy, who has been endeavoring for three years to enslave our country, it pleased God to send Russia a further painful trial.

Internal troubles threatened to have a fatal effect on the further progress of this obstinate war. The destinies of Russia, the honour of her heroic army, the happiness of the people, and the whole future of our beloved Fatherland, demand that the war should be conducted at all costs to a victorious end.

The cruel enemy is making his last efforts and the moment is near when our valiant army, in concert with our glorious Allies, will finally overthrow the enemy.

In these decisive days in the life of Russia we have thought that we owed to our people the close union and organization of all its forces for the realization of rapid victory, for which reason, in agreement with the Imperial Duma, we have recognized that it is for the good of the country that we should abdicate the Crown of the Russian State and lay down the supreme power.

Not wishing to separate myself from our beloved son, we bequeath our heritage to our brother the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, with our blessing for the future of the Throne of the Russian State.

We bequeath it to our brother to govern in full union with the national representatives sitting in the legislative institutions and to take his irrevocable oath to them in the name of our well-beloved Fatherland.

We call upon all faithful sons of the Fatherland to fulfil their sacred and patriotic duty in obeying the Tsar at the painful moment of national trials and to aid him, together with the representatives of the nation, to conduct the Russian State in the way of prosperity and glory. May God help Russia.—Reuter.

The ironing table should be strong and steady, or the landress' nerves will be jarred unnecessarily.

## Our Volunteers.

There was a falling off in recruiting circles yesterday, only twenty recruits showing up at the Headquarters, Water Street and C. C. C. Artillery recruiting stations.

The names of those who offered are: RECRUITING STATION WATER ST. For the Navy.

Edward Laurie, St. John's. William F. Taylor, St. John's. Sylvester Stacey, St. Lawrence. Malcolm Pike, St. Lawrence. Kenneth Crewe, Point Crewe, Burin District.

For the Army.

William Power, St. John's. HEADQUARTERS. Martin Murphy, Holyrood, C. B. Joseph Osmond, Lewisporte. Lester Barnes, Bell Island. Charles Grace, St. John's. Geo. Ayre, Lamaline. John Ayre, Lamaline. Wm. Crocker, Grand Falls.

C. C. C. ARMOURY. For the Forestry Companies. Stephen Furlong, Grand Falls; Wm. F. Taylor, St. John's; Frank Meaney, St. John's; Edmund Howell, Catalina; Edward Ash, St. John's; James Waugh, St. John's; Frank Phillips, St. John's.

At the Temporary Headquarters of The Newfoundland Forestry Companies the Qualifications Committee have a number of fairly large logs placed in position to test men who are not known to the committee as practical lumbermen or have not credentials from a reliable source. From the manner in which some of the pupils made the chips fly there is no doubt about their efficiency.

## Obituary.

MR. E. J. BLACKLER.

The many friends of Mr. Edward J. Blackler, lumber surveyor, will regret to learn of his passing, which occurred yesterday morning at his residence Brazil's Square. Deceased, who had attained his 79th year, was the oldest surveyor of lumber in the city, in which he was engaged for almost 50 years. He leaves three daughters, two sons, one in America, and one Conductor on the R. N. Co.'s railway, to mourn. Interment takes place tomorrow afternoon.

## Girls! Girls! Try It! Stop Dandruff and Beautify Your Hair

Hair stops falling out and gets thick, wavy, strong and beautiful.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This cleanses the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff, cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it surely get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any druggist or toilet counter, and just try it.

## Gulf Landsmen do Well

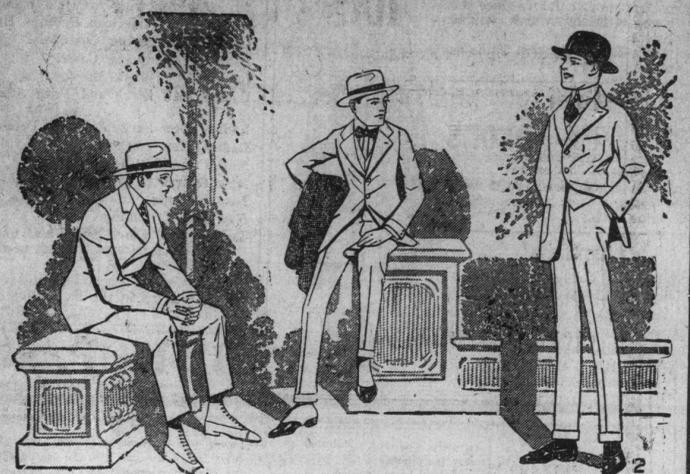
From the crew of the Gulf sealer Viking, we hear that the landsmen at Magdalen and Byron Islands got about twenty-five thousand seals between them this spring. A local steamer will likely go after these pelts and bring them here for manufacture. Hundreds of seals were killed in the Gulf by the continuous rafting of the ice.

## St. Vincent de Paul Factory.

Yesterday the St. Vincent-de-Paul factory, Harvey Road, closed for the season after giving employment to fifteen poor women who were engaged knitting twine for cod traps, salmon nets, etc. It is not the intention of the Society to make a profit from the labours of those employed, as it is purely an institution to help those in need to earn by honest labour sufficient to tide them over the cold winter months. In fact the expenditure is always greater than the income.

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## Household Notes.

Put a tablespoonful of vinegar into the chicken fricassee or beef casserole if you doubt their tenderness.

A berry pie will not run over when baking if you add a pinch of soda before the upper crust is put on.

The sugar for jelly should always be

heated in the oven before using. Stir frequently and do not allow it to brown.

If hot vinegar is used instead of cold when making meat sauce, it will greatly improve the flavor and give the sauce a better color.

A very good plan to clean knives without putting the handles in water

is as follows: Have handy a jug or vessel with soda water, and as soon as possible after the knives have been used stick the blades in the soda water, leaving the handles on the outside. This will cleanse and quickly remove stain and rust.

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