

Should Re-name Island 'Reids Land'

Importer Says Reid Co. Have Notified the Trade They Are Raising Their Freight Rates After April 1st—Asks Where is the Government?

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir,—It may not be generally known that the Reid Nfld. Co. have notified some shippers of freight that after April 1st the rates from North Sydney to St. John's will be increased on some classes of freight over two hundred per cent. and on others one hundred per cent.

It is said that the Company is doing this with the connivance and consent of the Government; for the reason that they would not dare do so otherwise. Some Government heeler uses the argument justifying the increase, that as ocean freight rates have increased enormously and will continue to do so while the war lasts, therefore, there is no valid reason why the Reid Company should not charge higher rates upon goods carried over the Colony's railway.

Those persons who argue thus, forget the fact that steamers are not subsidized to carry freight and are privately owned, whereas the railroad was built with the people's taxes, and the Colony has to shoulder the burden of the cost, that the Company is heavily subsidized in annual subsidies as well as millions of acres of timber and mineral lands and water powers to operate the railroad for passenger and freight traffic according to a defined schedule of charges.

If the Reid Company can increase its freight rates one and two hundred per cent. there is no reason why we should not look forward to a similar increase in passenger rates. If the public are going to permit the Reids, their subsidized press and the Morris Government who are known to be friendly disposed to the man with the big purse, to commit such an outrage, then it would be far better to let the Colony and the people be controlled and governed in name by the Reids, let it be known as "Reid's Land," not Newfoundland, and then the curtain will be rung down on the farce, which has been staged for years past.

As your paper is practically the only independent one left to voice public sentiment, I shall thank you to insert this letter.—I am, etc.

IMPORTER.

St. John's, Mar. 24, 1916.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

CURLIANA.

OWING to unforeseen circumstances, "TROPHY NIGHT" has been postponed from Tuesday until next Thursday evening, Mar. 30th, commencing with the presentation of prizes at 8 o'clock by the President. About 9.15 the "Comrades Glee Club" will appear, and all attending are sure of a regular musical treat. Between the presentation Currier F. V. Chesman has arranged a short, but excellent programme.

On Tuesday evening, the 28th inst., commencing about 8.30 p.m., the first of those popular Card Tournaments (45) will come off. Three handsome prizes have been handed the Secretary by the Curriers, and no doubt another happy evening is in store for those participating.

"DON'T MISS IT."



A PUBLIC Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the work of the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, will be held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., on MONDAY, the 27th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m., in the Grenfell Hall, King George V Institute. There will be a distribution of Certificates, and all who have passed the Association's Examination are particularly requested to be present. The General Public are cordially invited. mar24,31

NOTICE

THE Annual Meeting of Franklin's Agencies, Ltd., will be held at their head office, St. John's, March 27th, at 4 p.m., immediately after the Annual Meeting of a Directors meeting will be held.

J. B. URQUHART, Manager and Director.

CHURCH SERVICES

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 12.15. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey Street—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's—Holy Communion on the third Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m.; Holy Communion on Saints' days at 7.30 p.m.; Children's Service, 3.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.

ST. THOMAS'S—The Rector, Rev. Dr. Jones, will take "Judas Iscariot" as the illustration for his sermon on "Great Penitents in History," at tomorrow morning's service. The preacher at night will be Rev. C. A. Monton.

Christ Church, Quidd Vidl.—1st. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; 2nd. Sunday in month, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; 3rd. Sunday in month, Evensong at 6.30 p.m.; 4th. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; Evensong at 3.30 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.

Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

PARISH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ST. JOHN'S WEST.

Sundays—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday in each month at noon.

Fridays—Evensong and Sermon at 7.45 p.m.

Holy Baptism—Every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Public Catechizing—The Third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m.

Sunday School—At 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Young Women's Bible Class—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Parish Room.

The Holy Communion with special intercessions on behalf of the War is celebrated on the first Wednesday in each month at 10.30 a.m.

Brookfield School Chapel

Evening—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, The Gouls, Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Asylum for the Poor Holy Communion—The first Sunday Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

METHODIST.

Gower St.—11, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy.

Cochrane St.—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh.

Wesley—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

Presbyterian—11 and 6.30, Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

Congregational—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

S. A. CITADEL.

7 a.m. Prayer Meeting, 11 Holiness Meeting, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Young People's annual.

Weekly Services—Monday, Cadets; Tuesday, Revival Session; Wednesday, Soldiers' Meeting; Thursday, Y. P. Annual; Friday, Public Holiness Meeting.

ADJUT. and MRS. BRACE, Commanding Officers.

WESLEY—On Sunday evening an evangelistic service will be held. Subject: Innocence lost—Righteousness gained. A subject worthy of the best thought. Everybody will be made welcome. "Get right with God."

GEORGE STREET A.B.C.—Service as usual to-morrow afternoon at 2.30. A debate will be conducted on the subject: "Will the great war in which the world is now engaged, promote the spread of the Kingdom of God?" Leaders: Messrs T. Gillingham and C. J. Loughlin. Everybody welcome.

ADVENTIST—The S. D. A. Sabbath School will hold its anniversary at the Church on Sunday night. Programme beginning at 6.30. A collection will be taken for missions. All are welcome.

WON'T RAISE DESOLA

For the past two weeks or more rumours have been about that an attempt would be made to raise the Desola. We learn that it has been found utterly impossible to do so and that no attempt will be made. Capt. Saunders made a complete survey of the ship months ago and closely calculated the possibilities of raising her but concluded that the venture would be neither successful nor profitable.

The C.L.B. annual indoor sports will be held on the 13th of next month. All have been practicing for some time past and the various events should be keenly contested.

1917 WILL FINISH MORRIS' PARTY

Keels Will Fall in Line With Toilers of Terra Nova and Support Coaker and a Union Government—Abbott and Winsor People's Choice

To the Editor of 'Mail and Advocate'.

Dear Sir,—Our popular member, John Abbott paid us a visit on the 2nd inst. and addressed a Union meeting here. His audience was a large one, and Mr. Abbott gave us an interesting address on Unionism and its aims and objects. His speech was very interesting and was loudly applauded by all the Union Friends present. It is, indeed, quite an improvement to see our M.H.S. taking such a lively interest in affairs relating to the fishermen and enquiring after their welfare. What a contrast in them and our representatives of the past, who would come around every four years and get our votes, and if elected on the side of the Government, make laws to squeeze the last drop of blood from the poor downtrodden toilers. Away with such men as these, but come on Winsor and Abbott, we are determined to stand by you through thick and thin. Nothing whatever from any outsider will alter the views of the Union as regards the benefit every toiler has received from it. We intend to watch closely the country's standing and the manner in which our public affairs are conducted. Our enemies will find the Union fully equipped for the campaign of 1917, which to our mind will bring success to the Union and sweep all Grabbalism forever from dear old Terra Nova. We are more determined than ever to go on and help our President, who is doing so much to uplift the poor toilers of Newfoundland. No words can express how much we should thank our President for the noble work he has started and we all feel sure that the day is coming when the voice of the toilers will be respected.—I am, etc.

H. MESH, Secretary.

Keels, March 16, 1916.

WESTERN FISHERY REPORT

Yesterday the Board of Trade received from Mr. T. Soper the report of the Western fishery, dated the 11th inst. It gives the total catch as 3,288 qtls., with 200 for the week just ended. Prospects were then very good and there was a very fair supply of bait, but operations were hampered by ice and stormy weather. Twelve schooners had returned from the grounds with 700 qtls. among them, though only two days were spent fishing owing to the conditions.

ODERIN COPPER COMING

We learn that Mr. R. T. McGrath is arranging to have a cargo of copper ore taken from the mine at Oderin brought here to be reduced in Mr. McKay's smelter. If the venture proves a success, there will be likely a boom in copper mining for Oderin.

WORKING AT SYDNEY

Fully 150 men left the country the past week, proceeding to Sydney, where they will work in the coal mines. Owing to so many enlisting there was a great scarcity of laborers and miners, and the managers are glad to get this material from Newfoundland. Evidently the despised "Billy Gales" can be of service to the "Canucks."

GIVEN A PURSE

Wednesday past his fellow employees of the Royal Stores presented Pte. H. V. Holloway with a purse of gold on the occasion of his enlisting in the volunteers. The young volunteer who is a son of the Commander of the Frontiersmen, thanked the donors heartily. He is a plucky young chap who persevered in the good cause and succeeded in passing the medical examiners, after being several times rejected owing to slight physical disabilities.

BIG FREIGHTS WAITING

The 'Trade Review' says:—It is estimated that there are no less than six steamer loads of freight for Newfoundland now waiting shipment at New York. The business people are very anxious to have it forwarded, and hope to see the Florizel despatched to help the Stephanos as soon as she returns from the ice.

NEW FISH CONCERN

We hear that a new firm to engage in our fisheries, supported by American capital, will start soon at North Arm, Bay of Islands. Piers stages &c will be built the coming summer and the manager will be Mr. J. A. Barrett. The new concern will handle a large amount of our staple.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers drilled in the Armoury yesterday and last night were at rifle practice at the Highlanders Armoury. There are now 3,091 name on the roster with the following enlistments.

Patk. Halleran, St. Vincent's St. Mary's. Wm. Sullivan, Trinity. Thos. E. Gardener, British Hr., T.B. Jos. Crane, Tilton, C.B. Red Crane, Tilton, C.B. Thomas Greeley, Tilton, C. B. Harvey H. Vasey, St. John's. Edward Johnson, St. John's. Patrick J. Nash, St. John's. Thomas Clark, Dunville, T.B. Eliot Cooper, Ireland's Eye, T.B. Leopold M. Hawker, Carbonear. Edward L. Oke, Harbour Grace. Amos Benson, Hillview, T. B.

OUTERBRIDGE SHIELD

Thursday night the inter-sectional competition for the Outerbridge Shield took place in the C. L. B. Armoury. Adj. Winter and Capt. N. Outerbridge conducting proceedings. The last competition was won by No. 4 Section of A Company, under Sgt. Crane, and the result of this will be known a few weeks hence.

THE NICKEL

This week end performance at the Nickel theatre yesterday, attracted large audiences. The pictures were particularly good, especially the "Hazards of Helen" which was extremely thrilling. This afternoon there is the regular bumper matinee for the little ones when extra pictures will be shown. The programme is specially arranged for the children and they are assured one of the finest matinees ever given at this popular theatre. The patrons should go early; the doors will be open at 2 o'clock. The pictures will be repeated this evening.

NEWFOUNDLANDER A COMMANDER IN BRITISH NAVY.

Mrs. Finney, who resides in this city, and lives on Buchanan Street, has a son in the British Navy, who commands a torpedo-boat destroyer in the North Sea. He left here many years ago, studied engineering in England, and joining the Navy, by good conduct and sheer merit, received promotion until he attained his present position. It should be a source of pride to our people to have one of Terra Nova's sons occupying such a position in this, the greatest crisis of the British Empire, and commanding on an element which appeals so strongly to a maritime people.

THE "TURRET COURT."

Capt. McDonald, of the "Turret Court," is an old and constant visitor to St. John's, having been years running here in the "Bonavista," "Morwenna" and other ships, and was also in port in February on the "Corrua." The ship will be here four days getting repairs at the Reid Co.'s premises.

She was taken over by the D.I.S. Co. in November last for the trans-Atlantic trade. The damage to the ship was sustained Thursday morning in a very heavy gale of N.E. wind, north of Sable Island. Sea after sea boarded her, and it was one of the most ugly periods in Captain Mac's experience as master. Seas constantly swept the ship, played havoc around the decks and one of the crew, a coloured man, was considerably injured. Two of the crew, Messrs. Sheppard and Clarke, are Newfoundlanders.

WHY HE GOT IT.

"Don't you mind, Tommy!" said the visitor to a little fellow who had just been chastised. "I didn't," replied Tommy. "That's why I got a lickin'."

BITS OF FUN.

London Nursemaid—"I'm goin' to leave this place mum." Mistress—"Why? Don't you like the child?" Nursemaid—"O, yes mum. But e's that afraid of a soldier I can't get 'im near one."

A FALSE NOTE

Miss Park Street—"I hear you ca'talling me," warbled from the parlor. "Yes said Ma from the kitchen. 'I want you to come and help me with the dis'shes.'"

HAD EXPERIENCE

"We want some one to play Samson," explained the movie manager. "Do you think you could wreck the temple." "Can I? Well, I've been a baggage man for 11 years."

V. C. and British Colonel Dark, Mixed IS GREAT. TRY IT At the Royal Cigar Store, Bank Square, Water Street.

Northern Fleet Still Meet Success

All Ships at Front Have Big Trips in Sight—Neptune, Eagle and Florizel Leading—News From Gulf Not Encouraging

The reports from the Northern flocks are still of a very encouraging nature and yesterday all the ships were engaged picking up their pans of seals, but this is evidently attended with much trouble as a result of heavy ice and the stormy state of the weather. The Florizel is reported up to yesterday with 31,000 on board and 125 pans out to pick up, while the Neptune closely follows her with 26,000 on board, and is also engaged picking up her pans.

The good ship Eagle is reported for 24,000 stowed, and her reports of loose ice would seem to indicate that either the Eagle or Neptune will be here among the first of the fleet as they have all they want panned.

As regards the Gulf the report as to the accident to the Diana, was had a conversation yesterday forenoon with Mr. Hugh Baird, who thinks that the matter is of no serious consequence and believes the ship is all right. Last night reports from the Viking and Ranger were to the effect that the ships were in the whelping ice but seals were not plentiful, the Viking hauling for 1,000 and Ranger 300, with the Seal near. The Diana was not reported last night but old Gulf sealers think that with her and the other Gulf ships' conditions are distinctly favorable.

Messages received yesterday are as follows:

FROM THE FRONT

FLORIZEL—All crew engaged picking up to-day; 25,500 stowed; 2,500 on deck; 125 pans out.

TERRA NOVA—E. S. E. 50 miles Grouse Island; on board and stowed down 14,600; 3,000 on deck; heavy swell; killed and panned 1,000 to-day; all well.

EAGLE—Total stowed 24,000; loose ice as far as can be seen; heavy swell; fine and clear; everything working well.

NEPTUNE—26,000 aboard; open loose ice, making progress easy; all other ships in sight.

FROM THE GULF

RANGER—In the whelping ice; seals scarce; snowing hard; too thick to see far; ice tight, ship jammed; total on board to-day 300; Seal here.

VIKING—Snowing hard; too thick to see far; jammed; ice rafting, but not dangerously; in the whelping ice; seals scarce; total on board to-day 1,000.

CATCH REPORTED

Florizel 44,500

Terra Nova 26,000

Neptune (Reported) 40,000

Eagle 35,000

Bloodhound 16,000

Sam Blandford 10,000

Erik 14,000

Sable I. 26,000

Viking 1,000

Ranger 300

Total 212,500

LATEST

Copy of Message Received From S. S. "Sable I.", Dated March 25th. "Have 18,000 on board." Signed KEAN.

OFFICIAL SEALING NEWS

Wireless to the Postmaster General Via Fogo—Bloodhound, Neptune, Terra Nova, Sam Blandford, Erik, Florizel, Eagle and Sable I., report crews aboard and well.

Cape Ray—Viking, Ranger, Diana, and Seal, all well; no men on ice.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Kyle's express is making fair progress and is due here at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The Grand Jury will attend in the Supreme Court on Monday, when some criminal business will be put before them for consideration.

The S.S. Dundee, which brought coal to the Reid Nfld. Co., proceeds to Placentia to-day to unload part of her cargo.

Head Const. Peet, who had been ill for a few days, has resumed duty again. Sgt. Noseworthy is still confined to his home.

Mr. F. Rioux of the Reid Nfld. Co., who had been in Montreal for the past couple of months, returns by the express to-morrow.

In the Police Court to-day a man drunk and disorderly in his home gave bonds to keep the peace in future.

Last week the Municipal collections were \$3359.44 as against \$2721.98 for the corresponding week of last year. Expended for the same periods were this year \$990.47, last year \$4325.15.

It looks as if diphtheria, which prevailed in the city all the winter, is on the decline, as only one case was reported during the week. There are now 22 patients being treated in hospital.

Mr. E. J. Sheldon, an old gentleman associated with insurances and who was well known in St. John's having often done business here, died a few days ago in Boston after a short illness.

At 8 a.m. to-day the Kyle was 10 miles N.E. by E. of Low Point and then entered the ice. There prevailed E. winds and snow and the Reid Nfld. Co. look for her arrival at Port aux Basques at 4 p.m.

TUG COLLIDES WITH VESSEL.

Yesterday, at noon, while the tug John Green was going up to Monroes premises, South Side to take the schr. "Lila D. Young," loaded with fish for Spain into the stream, she collided with the vessel, broke several of the stanchions, tore away the rail, and did other damage to the hull. As a result, the vessel is leaking, the pumps are kept going on her, and some at least of the cargo must be taken out to admit of necessary repairs.

ILL IN CHURCH.

After the missionary service in the Cathedral last night, a young woman, named Murphy, became suddenly and seriously ill, and was taken to the Sacristy, where she was attended by Dr. Campbell. She suffered from an epileptic fit, and it was the first time she was so attacked. Up to this morning she had not recovered consciousness. After being removed to her home, she was again attended by Dr. Campbell.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Civic Commission Weekly Meeting

Very Little Business Done—Sanitary Men Make Demands For Overalls—A Few Complaints Are Dealt With

The regular weekly meeting of the Civic Commission was held last night the Chairman, Mr. Gosling, presiding. The Gas Co. wrote as to leaks in the Water Street main. Referred to Engineer.

The Engineer will report as to Mr. E. D. Spurrel's complaint re drains on Penneywell Road.

Hon. S. D. Blandford asked for refund for amounts of taxes paid for Insurance Companies which have since decided to go out of business.

In one case Mr. Blandford, as agent, will be given a refund in accordance with the Act covering the matter.

The members of the Sanitary Department asked for a supply of overalls, so that they could "dress up" when about to leave for their homes. Referred to the Sanitary Committee.

Complaint was made that Mr. Tessler had rented a house in John St., that was not habitable. The law will be applied.

Mr. Holden, the assistant engineer, reported that R. Parsons of Leslie Street was building in contravention of the City laws. The matter was referred to the Solicitor.

With the reading of reports of various departments the meeting closed at 9.30.

FOGOTA RENDERS ASSISTANCE.

At the request of the Norwegian Consul here, Mr. Tasker Cook, the S.S. "Fogota" has been ordered from Louisburg and left to-day to go to the aid of the dismasted Norwegian steamer Svaland, reported in distress in yesterday's public despatch, 240 miles off Halifax. The last report received from her gave her position as 58.30 N. lat., 42 W. long. When this message was received the S.S. Majok was standing by her.

The women's mission in the R. C. Cathedral will finish to-morrow afternoon when the Papal Blessing will be given. The 6 and 8.30 a.m. masses were crowded each day as were the evening services. The men's mission will commence to-morrow.

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