

## BOARD HUSTLES THE OFFICIALS

**Civic Commission Decides That More Business-like Methods Must be Applied to City Affairs**

Last night's meeting of the Civic Commission was interesting, a large volume of business was disposed of, and adjournment was not taken until 10.40.

Coms. Gosling, Withers, Anderson, Morris, McGrath, Bradshaw, McNamara, Ayre and Harris were present. Com. Harris reporting on the rebuilding of Prescott St. said it not being done as quickly as it should. The men have not enough to do and are only marking time for only half the day. He attributed it to the scarcity of broken stone.

### Slow Supply.

Com. Withers said Mr. Kent was not supplying stone to the crusher as fast as he should. Com. Bradshaw reported that the stone was dumped about 25 feet from the crusher and another ruse had to be employed, and thought the system, should the engineer agree with him, that the stone should be dumped nearer the crusher.

These points were raised following Com. Harris remarks on Prescott St. We agree with all he said. The work on Prescott St. has been an eye-sore, and if a hustle is not soon put on the Commission will lose the sympathy of many East End citizens. Com. Withers stated that he had heard many compliments re Prescott St. That may be of the lower part. We fail to see how anyone could congratulate the Board on the upper part.

### Need to Hustle.

In justice to the Board we may say that it is not to blame. Officials get into certain ruts and it is difficult to get them out. Surely the Road Inspector must have known how much stone he needed, and it certainly should not be necessary for the Commissioners to have to point out the employing of the extra cart at the stone crusher.

St. John's is not getting value for the money spent on its roads, and Inspectors should be made sit up. Another matter which does not reflect creditably on the Inspector was the reference in the Engineer's report to the work done at Mr. Rice's property, Southside. At many meetings, of late, Mr. Rice has made complaints and though the Board agree to have the damage rectified the orders were not carried out until lately and then after the man in charge had passed it the Engineer had to go over and order it to be done over again.

### Mustn't Expect Too Much.

Chairman Gosling said we should not expect too much done this fall because when they assumed office, the crusher was broken, the steam roller needed extensive repairs, and there was no crushed stone.

There being only one reply to the tender for oats and hay, the tender was extended a week.

Rev. Henry Uphill and others, of South Side asked for lights to west of Bridge. Referred to Lighting Committee. The lighting of the City requires thorough investigation and the Board will devote a special meeting to it shortly.

### Thought Them Too High.

The Royal Stores wrote re taxes on L. S. P. U. Hall. They contended they are taxed too much. They should have objected at the Court of Revision.

F. J. Doyle wrote re his bill for procuring statistics. It was decided to pay bill.

F. Nangle asked for permission to repair house; granted.

J. Deer wrote re his houses, Portugal Cove. He will put in septic tanks. Plans passed subject to approval of Engineer.

W. & G. Rendell can repair roof of shed.

### Poles in the Way.

I. G. Sullivan wrote re poles on Southside Road. While attending fire at Downing's premises recently, one of the vehicles collided with pole and horse was injured, necessitating seven stitches in its chest. The Engineer visited the place with Inspector-General and the poles have been removed. The Engineer's report was an exhaustive one. It was debated at length and its suggestions will be acted on.

The Health Officer reported having visited Capt. Nielsen's stable, Hayward Avenue. There is no objection to the stable if properly floored, ventilated and drained.

### Should be Renovated.

Health Officer also reported on stable, Caren St. It should be renovated. Owners will be acquainted accordingly.

The payment of amount due Cochrane St. Church trustees caused considerable discussion, as to whether it

## ANXIOUS FOR CALAIS

**Kaiser Tells Troops to Take This Seaport, Regardless of Cost**

London, Oct. 27.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Times writes that reports received there, from German sources say that the Kaiser has issued the direct order that no matter what the cost, Calais is to be taken.

It is reported the Kaiser was in Belgium on Sunday and listened personally to the reports of his officers. He is then reported to have stated that the occupancy of Calais and Dunkirk was necessarily a vital point in the German strategical plan, but that this was especially so in the case of Calais.

## "ROHILLA" LOST 200 DROWNED

**Was Being Used as Hospital Ship When She Ran Ashore Near Whitby**

London, Oct. 31.—It is believed that a hundred persons perished yesterday morning through the running on the rocks near Whitby of the steamer Rohilla, being used as a hospital ship.

Including one hospital unit and her crew there were about 200 persons aboard the vessel.

A despatch from Whitby said the ship had broken in two and the stern gone down.

The life-savers shot a line across the floating forward part of the Rohilla, but communication between it and the shore could not be established.

## MARITZ REVOLT IS SUPPRESSED

**One Hundred Rebellious Boers Surrender Without Doing Anything**

London, Oct. 30.—Colonel Conrad Brits, who has been engaged in suppressing the rebellion started by Maritz in the Northwest of the Cape Province, states that the invasion of the Cape has finally been broken, according to a despatch from Reuter's.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The surrender of one hundred rebellious Boers, without fighting, was reported today in official London despatches to the British Embassy.

was best to borrow the money from the Bank or sell debentures.

At 10.30 Com. Harris wanted to know if they were going to stop there all night.

The Committee reported on the water system at Harvey & Co's, satisfactory arrangements being made, and at 10.40 the meeting adjourned.

## VOLUNTEER'S CHEERY LETTER

**Had a Good Run Across and the Men Received Excellent Treatment on the Florizel**

Writing a friend in town, one of our Volunteers heads his letter "On Board H. M. Troopship Florizel, Bound for Merrie England." The date of writing is October 11th.

The letter is one of the breeziest and most cheerful we have yet seen, and runs as follows:

Dear Old Fella,—What do you think of the heading, isn't it classy? This is Sunday,—the second we have been on board the Florizel, and as I have had the privilege of occupying a saloon berth the past few days I am taking this opportunity of writing both mother and you.

### Glad to be Off.

You can imagine how glad we felt that Sunday night when we heard the siren blow and saw the anchor being weighed. The day we spent on board in St. John's harbour was the hardest part of the whole voyage, and it was very difficult trying not to be homesick.

The run across was very pleasant, and as I was not a little bit seasick you can judge (from our past traveling experiences) how smooth the water must have been. Nevertheless some of the boys suffered terribly from mal-de-mer, and "Mothersills" was very much in evidence. It was funny to see some of the local "pre-ventatives" which were in use.

### Had Easy Times.

We have pretty easy times on board, and only have to turn out for inspection twice a day. The officers are exceedingly kind and try to do everything to make us comfortable.

The Florizel is the smallest of the transports, and I'm sure we must look like a tug when near some of the largest liners. We are bringing up the rear of the convoy and the cruisers just keep practically circling around us all the time.

All lights are put out at night, so there's nothing to do after supper but turn into bunk.

"Sparks" (the Marconi man) is very very reticent indeed, and we can get no war news from him whatever.

### Hard Times.

When we get in barracks any letters we send from now on will have to be read by the officers. This is pretty hard lines when writing "to those we love best," but of course the regulations must be obeyed.

Doc. Paterson has very kindly offered to post this for me on arrival, as I understand we are going to be kept on board for some time though I don't know for what. . . . It's too bad, old man, that the genial "doc" of the Calypso "chay-tyed" you out of coming with us. It would be so nice if we were together. However "Man proposes but God disposes."

### Fit as a Fiddle.

I am feeling as fit as a fiddle and am only longing to get a smack at the

## TURKEY'S STRENGTH

**Has Army of 700,000 Men of All Classes—Navy is Rather Ineffective**

Washington, Oct. 31.—The full war strength of the Turkish Army is 300,000 trained men, according to statistics given here, but in addition it is believed there are about 400,000 irregulars, some of whom actually have joined the army, while the rest are ready to do so.

The Turkish Naval strength consists of 3 battleships, 4 cruisers, 3 torpedo gunboats, 10 destroyers, a coast-defense ship and some auxiliary craft.

The battleships are old and none has guns larger than 11-inch. Two of the four cruisers are the Goeben and Breslau, recently secured from Germany.

## RUSSIANS ON ENEMY'S HEELS

**Chasing the Germans Beyond the Vistula—More Defeats for Austrians**

Paris, Oct. 31.—The Havas Agency has received the following official communication concerning the fighting in the East as issued by the War Office at Petrograd.

Severe fighting is taking place along the East Prussian frontier. Our troops have repulsed repeated attacks in the region of Balkalbeve. Beyond the Vistula, our troops are on the heels of the rear guard of the enemy.

On the Letz-Yawagivsk front, a number of artillery parks and aeroplanes have been captured.

In the region of Tarneve, the retreating Austrians were attacked, on Oct. 29th, by our troops, who crossed the Vistula south of Luzzeoff.

Caught under a cross fire, the enemy sustained considerable loss in killed or wounded and left a thousand prisoners in our hands.

The Austrians in the Carpathians are showing great activity.

## A Hard Nut

James Kennedy of St. John Place was arrested last evening charged with the following:

(1) Drunk and disorderly, (2) violently resisting arrest, (3) assaulting and beating Michael Murphy, (4) the larceny of a flask of rum.

The following sentences were imposed (1) \$5 or 14 days, (2) 2 months in jail, (3) \$20 or 3 months, (4) four months, a total months, a total of nine and a half months.

Kaiserlicks. The boys are all well, though 'twas no joke sleeping in the hold for three nights, but "Were we downhearted—NO!"

The Canadians gave us a great ovation when we came up to them on the broad Atlantic on the Monday after leaving, and I tell you it made us feel pretty proud of old Newfoundland.

Give my regard to all friends and the boys in the office.

When we get in barracks I will write you a big long letter, so in the meantime no more. So long, fella!

## Disorderly Girl

A 21-year-old domestic, well-known in police circles, was arrested last evening for disorderly conduct.

She was fined \$10 or 30 days.

S. S. Tabasco arrived from Halifax this morning bringing a large cargo but no passengers. She sails for Liverpool on Tuesday.

## NOTICE

To parties interested in acquiring timber, pit props, etc.

Proposals are invited for the cutting and shipment of timber, pit props, etc. from the property of The International Timber Company, situated inland Hall's Bay.

This property is considered one of the finest timber tracts in the Colony. Intending operators may have the use of the mill and dock of the Company, if required, on terms to be arranged.

All offers to be addressed to the undersigned Solicitor for said International Timber Company, who will be prepared to furnish any particulars as to the property.

Applications from irresponsible parties will not be considered.

### WILLIAM R. HOWLEY.

Solicitor for The International Timber Company.

Address: Board of Trade Building, Water Street, St. John's, N.F. oct21,w.sat.3w



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A \$15.00 Coat or Suit for \$12.00.  
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## FISHERY GEAR!

WE ARE MANUFACTURERS, of the GILL NETS, used by Messrs. Job Brothers & Co. in the Straits this year. They have been successful at a time when traps had partially failed. We make them in all sizes to order.

WE ARE MANUFACTURERS, of COTTON DRIFT NETS, such as are used in the North Sea Herring fishery. As the catch of Herring will be interfered with during the war, a good opportunity occurs for use of these Nets in Newfoundland.

WE ARE MANUFACTURERS, of the celebrated STANDARD brand of Herring Nets, which is universally acknowledged to be the very best Net on the market. We are now making the CRESCENT brand Herring Net, which is the best and strongest low priced Net made. It is mounted just the same as the Standard Net, and it is barked for preservation, not merely dyed like other cheap Nets.

WE ARE MANUFACTURERS, of SQUID TRAPS, which are now legal, we make them in any size required, to order.

We manufacture TARRED COTTON LINES, all sizes, for Bankers use, strong, durable, and easily handled.

We make Cod Traps, Cod Seines, Caplin Seines, etc., to order, in all sizes.

All the above fishery gear we can strongly recommend, and we would urge our fishermen to patronize articles of home manufacture, in order to give employment, which is so much needed this year.

Colonial Cordage Co., Ltd.

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## YOUNG NFLD. GIRL WAS DEPORTED

**Sydney Papers Says She Had Got a Bad Character—Was Arrested for Vagrancy**

Revolting confessions were made to the police by two sixteen year old girls who were gathered in by the police one night last week, according to the "North Sydney Herald." Both were arrested for vagrancy, the principal complaint being that they were hanging around the soldier's barracks and keeping bad hours.

Both girls were locked up in the pen, and after spending the night in the gloomy surroundings, they told the police a shocking tale of immorality, the participants being wearers of the King's uniform, and substantiates the fears entertained and previously published.

One of the unfortunate girls belongs to St. George's Nfld., and arrived here in August last. Both her parents are dead; but despite the care of those to whom she was engaged as a domestic, her waywardness proved her undoing. She lost her position and of late slept in various places, on four occasions making her bed in the woods near Pottle's Lake. She was deported, taking the Friday night steamer for Port aux Basques.

The other girl was soundly lectured by the Court, and was given a suspended sentence pending future behaviour.

The regrettable incident should stir the military authorities here to keep a stricter watch on the cause of such depravity.

His Lordship Bishop Jones, who returned from England this week, will preach at the C. of E. Cathedral at Matins tomorrow morning.

## OBITUARY

Rev. T. W. Clift.

Mr. J. A. Clift had a cablegram yesterday acquainting him of the death of his brother Rev. Theodore W. Clift, at South Carolina, yesterday.

The Rev. gentleman was at one time stationed at Carbonear and later Rector of Windsor, N.S., before going South.

He had many friends in St. John's and visited here in the latter part of the summer having left only a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Clift died a few years ago. A daughter remains to mourn the loss of a beloved father. Mrs. Rendell of Montreal, and Mrs. H. E. Knight of Circular Road, are sisters; one brother, Mr. Arthur Clift, is in Montreal, and two brothers in the States. To the sorrowing relatives we extend sympathy.

## Last Evening's Fire

At tea hour last evening the Central and West End firemen were called to the photo studio of Anthony Tooton, over J. T. Phillip's and next Miss McKee's fruit store, Water St.

The fire was discovered by Mr. D. McRae, who while at tea saw smoke entering the room and on investigating found the fire at Mr. Tooton's. He at once raised an alarm, which brought the firemen quickly.

A couple of streams of water were applied and after twenty minutes the blaze was extinguished.

How the fire originated is not known, but it is believed to be due to a defective stove pipe.

The place was insured.

Portio left Hr. Breton early this morning.

Prospero arrived at Herring Neck at 3.30 a.m. and left at 4.10.

S. S. Beothic left Naples yesterday for Sydney where she will load coal for this port.

## U.T.C. Notes

The Minnie J. Hickman is loading supplies at the Union wharf for Twillingate and Herring Neck Union stores.

The Lizzie Guy is loaded and awaiting a favorable wind for Catalina, taking supplies for the Union store there.

The Western Queen is loading supplies for Seidom and Dotting Cove Union stores.

The S.S. Sable Island will take a load of cod oil at the Union wharf next week for Boston. This oil was purchased from the Trading Co. by Boston firms and will prove an eye opener to the cod oil combine in this city.

The Union Trading Co. is storing shore fish at the Union premises, anticipating the big demand that must take place at the end of the year.

## Breach of Health Regulations

Health Inspector summoned G. B. Simmonds before Judge Knight today charged with a breach of section 4 of the Health Regulations, renting a house where there had been consumptive patients without the place being disinfected.

Def. was fined \$2 and costs.

S. S. Stephano leaves Halifax today for St. John's.

The sailing of the S. S. Queen Wilhelmina to St. John's has been cancelled. She leaves here Nov. 25th.

S. S. Bellaventure arrived at Halifax last night from Hudson Bay; she leaves for Sydney this evening.

David Hooper, of Cambelton, who was in the General Hospital, was sent home by yesterday's express. In June last, while working a mill, a flywheel fell across his stomach, and he has since suffered from paralysis.