

RECRUITS WORK HARD AT DRILLS

Are Busy Every Day at Their Military Training—Platoon Competition—New Recruits Make Total 754

Tuesday morning the volunteers were engaged at skirmishing; the platoons under their different commanders were brought to Buckmaster's field off LeMarchant Road, and spent the morning in open order drill. The lads are paw well up in skirmishing and were seen in some quick movements.

In the afternoon the different sections under their active section commanders spent the time in marching physical drill, firing exercises and the manual.

The Contingent received their second amount of pay, the officers handed the pay sheet in an excellent manner and were no time before they had sixteen sections checked off.

Non-Com's Exam.

An examination of non-commissioned officers takes place shortly; the class is a large one as over fifty men are qualifying themselves for stripes. Sergt. Instructor Moore has charge of the class and has given every member an excellent training and when examination comes off each will give a good account of himself.

A squad were at the Highlanders' Armoury Tuesday night and received instructions in miniature shooting at 25 yards.

More Recruits.

A number of volunteers have come forward the last few days. Volunteers can enlist at the armoury any day. A number of men are still needed to complete No. 2 Company.

Nearly all the volunteers of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons have received their uniforms; the rest will be ready in a few days.

Yesterday being Old Twelfth Day about one hundred and sixty of the volunteers, under command of Lieut. Donnelly, attended ten o'clock mass.

During the morning the Platoon Commanders were preparing their men for a competition which took place in the afternoon.

A Competition.

The competition consisted of Turnings, Saluting, Manual Exercises and Platoon and Section Marching.

The competition was close, each platoon giving a good account of itself. Some of the sections in the platoons did exceptionally well, but others were backward, owing to some of the members not being up to the mark.

Adjutant Ayre was the Examiner, assisted by Capt. Montgomerie, Capt. McKay and Dr. Paterson.

The winning platoon was made known when orders were read and the luck fell to No. 3, in charge of Acting Lieut. H. S. Windeler. The winners were heartily cheered by the other five platoons, and No. 3 returned the same. Another competition will be held shortly and the losers hope to do better work.

Shooting Instruction.

A squad from No. 3 Platoon received instructions in miniature shooting at the Highlanders' Hall last night and this morning No. 1 Platoon had their first try at the 500 yards range at the South Side and Nos. 3 and 4 of the same platoon in the afternoon.

On Saturday the non-commissioned officers were preparing for stripes will sit for their first examination.

The total of Volunteers is 754, of which about 320 have been selected. The following names have been added since the previous report:

- Ferryland—Thomas J. O'Keefe,
 - Port Rexton—Robt. Ploughman, Vivian Handell.
 - St. John's—Vere P. Holloway, Thos. Hy. Martin, Albert Thistle, Wm. A. Anckinloch, Augustus Martret, M.L. Lemee.
 - Stephenville Crossing—H. Bennett, Shallop Cove, St. George's—Fred. Columbus.
 - Cupids—Harold Smith,
 - Margate, Eng.—Bernard Gardner,
 - Grand Falls—H. Baird, Colin Mews.
- More young men are needed and it is hoped that the required number will be forthcoming before the end of the present month. The work would be greatly facilitated if the Volunteers would come forward without delay.

Warning Is Issued To Fish Shippers

The Furness Withy Co. has received the following message from their head office:

"You must accept fish for Piraeus only. All other Greek fish must be transhipped at the consignee's risk and expense."

Two Steamers Arrive In Port Short of Coal

Abisko and Skogstad Put in to Replenish Bunker Supply—Met Heavy Weather

The Swedish steamer Abisko, 22 days from Copenhagen to Baltimore, with cargo of pulp, arrived yesterday short of coal.

She met weather similar to the Perugia which reached port short of coal earlier in the day.

The Abisko is 3088 tons gross, 1640 net and is only a year old.

The Furness-Withy Co. are agents and she berthed at A. Harvey & Co.'s, when the Perugia hauled out to replenish her bunkers.

At 10 last night another steamer was forced to make St. John's as her bunkers were running short of coal—the S.S. Skogstad, of Norway.

The Skogstad is 28 days from Copenhagen via Shields to Philadelphia, with a general cargo.

She, too, was buffeted by the storms which swept the Atlantic last month.

The Furness-Withy Co. are agents and she will coal as soon as possible.

The Skogstad is 3655 tons gross, 357 net.

Jap Opinion Favors Sending Men To Europe

Men are Available and the Means of Transporting Them—Need Only To Be Asked For.

Tokio, Jan. 5.—In its denial of reports that Japanese troops had been landed at Vladivostok or any other place en route to Europe, the foreign office included this statement:

"Japan has not been approached by Great Britain, or any other country, to send an army to Europe."

It is learned from other sources here, that France, and possibly Russia are favorable to the project, but that England hesitates to ask for Japan's help. The financial phase of the matter, it is stated, could be arranged, but the economic and political questions involved are difficult.

Meantime, frequent meetings are called in Tokio by partisans of the project to awaken public enthusiasm in this direction, and there is an active discussion in the newspapers, supporting the plan to despatch volunteers.

It is stated that the assistance of Count Okuma, the Premier, has been solicited by supporters of the project.

Portia was due at Bay of Islands this morning.

S.S. Queen Wilhelmina left Liverpool at 6 last evening with 500 tons general cargo.

1st Newfoundland Regiment. RESERVE FORCE

Sealed Tenders Wanted For The Following Articles, or Any Part Thereof:

- 300 Hair Brushes.
 - 300 Tooth Brushes.
 - 300 Clothes Brushes.
 - 300 Knives, Forks, and Spoons.
 - 300 Tins Dubbin for Brown Boots.
- Knives, Forks and Spoons must be as nearly as possible like the samples which may be seen at the Regimental Office, Colonial Buildings.
- Tenders should state the quantity of each article they can supply, and earliest date of delivery.
- Lowest or any Tenders not necessarily accepted.
- Envelopes should be marked "Tenders for Sundries" and should be sent together with samples, on Saturday Morning, January 9th, to the Highlanders' Armoury, King's Road,

H. OUTERBRIDGE,
Capt. & Quartermaster,
Chairman Equip. Com.

dec7,21

Jellicoe's Tribute To British Tars

ADMIRAL SIR JOHN JELlicoe sent a letter full of glowing praise of the men of the Fleet to be read by Lady Jellicoe to a meeting for women at Guildhall.

"I know," said Sir John, "you will be meeting the wives and families of the men, and I hope you will tell them of the magnificent spirit which prevails. Our troops have covered themselves with glory during this war. The Navy has not yet, as a whole, had an opportunity of showing that the old spirit which carried us to victory in the past is with us now. But where our men have had an opportunity of fighting the foe above water they have shown that they possess the same pluck and endurance as our comrades on shore.

"Nothing could have been finer than the coolness and courage shown in every case where ships have been sunk by mines or torpedoes. The discipline has been perfect, and men have gone to their death not only most gallantly, but most unselfishly.

"One hears on all sides of numerous instances of men giving up on these occasions the plank which had supported them to some more feeble comrade. I feel prouder every day that passes that I command such men.

"During the period of waiting and watching they are cheerful and contented, in spite of the great dulness of their lives. I am sure you will tell the wives and the children, and sisters and mothers of our men of the spirit that prevails. I am sure that will make them, too, desirous to show in their own lives that they are animated by the same spirit to do the best they can for their country, so that they will be worthy of their manhood, of whom it is difficult to say too much."

Boys Sentenced

The two 15-year-old boys who were before Judge Knight, yesterday, charged with stealing and were sentenced to thirty days each.

Belgian Relief Social Yesterday At St. Bon's Hall

Refreshments and an Excellent Musical Programme Much Enjoyed By Big Audience.

The social at the Aula Maxima, yesterday afternoon by St. Bon's Ladies' Association was a distinct success.

There was a large attendance, a delightful programme and dainty teas, and all knew that by their presence they were assisting in a very laudable object—the Belgian Relief Fund.

The programme consisted of vocal numbers by Misses Strang (2), Herder, Ryan, Anderson, Messrs. J. L. Slattery, C. Fox, C. Benning, who sang the Marseillaise in French, Master Stan O'Leary, violin and French horn selections by Miss S. Johnson and A. Bulley, and a recitation by Miss O'Dea.

Master Jimmy Bradshaw, only 5 years old, recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade."

The choruses of Messrs Fox and O'Leary were rendered by the male choir, which took part in the Irish concert New Year's night.

The accompanists were Mrs. Bradshaw, Miss Anderson and M. J. J. Slattery.

The receipts amounted to over \$60.

"Robert J. Dale" Gets A Drubbing On Way To Port

New Three-Master Had a Tempestuous Trip Here From Sydney With Coal Cargo.

Schr. Robert J. Dale, Capt. Lohnes, five days from Louisburg, arrived yesterday with a cargo of coal to Colin Campbell.

She experienced hard weather especially on Sunday when the storm broke over her with terrific violence. A squall carried away her jib-boom and two jibs.

From Cape Race to port she met slob ice which impeded her progress somewhat.

The Dale is a new three sticker, 198 tons, of a pretty model. The captain is delighted with her sailing qualities. After discharging coal she loads fish for Brazil.

Rhodes Scholar's Brilliant Exam.

Edward Crawford Succeeds in Passing Preliminary Law Test

Edward Crawford, son of Mr. Crawford, Purchasing Agent with the Reid R.N. Co., who is one of our Rhodes' scholars at Oxford University, continues to win honors and distinctions at famous school of learning.

Yesterday's mail brought word that he had passed his Law Preliminary Examination brilliantly.

This exam. is usually not taken until the end of the first year, but Mr. Crawford had only been studying two months and four days.

The result proves that he has been studying hard, and also demonstrates the young man's wonderful ability.

Mr. Crawford has also been elected an Honorary Member or Fellow of the Royal Canadian Institute, London.

We congratulate him on the success he has achieved and the honor conferred on him.

S.S. Durango did not leave for Halifax until this afternoon, having been delayed by outward freight.

Fell Ten Feet And Received Much Injury

James Sinnott, Laborer, Meets With An Accident At Harvey & Co's. Premises

James Sinnott of the Lower Battery met with an accident at A. Harvey & Co's. coal shed, this morning, and was taken to the hospital in the ambulance.

He had been working loading the S.S. Perugia and was laid off by Delegate McGrath of the L.S.P.U. because he was in arrears in the Union.

He then went in the coal shed and fell through the floor, a distance of about ten feet, and sustained painful injuries.

Const. O'Flaherty was called and summoned Dr. Mitchell who found that no bones were broken. He ordered the man to the hospital and he was taken there in the ambulance.

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HERRING FISHERY IS ABOUT OVER

The following vessels have left Woods Island:

- For Gloucester—Agnes, 250 bbls., for Davis Bros.; Aloha, 540 bbls., for Cunningham & Thompson.
- For Lunenburg—Mary D. Young, 669 bbls.
- For Halifax—Alexander, 900 bbls.
- For Bucksport, M.E.—T. M. Nicholson, 400 bbls.
- Schrs. W. C. Smith, Regina, Elizabeth M. and Artizan have left Woods Island for Port aux Basques with part cargoes.

The weather is mild at Wood's Island.

Herrings are plentiful in Northern Arm, but many of the fishermen are abandoning the voyage.


The express is due to arrive this afternoon at 5.

Schr. Nellie M. has loaded 3920 qtls. fish at Monroe & Co's. for Brazil.

The R.N. Co. had a message from Capt. Harbin last evening that the prospects of his ship, the Home, getting clear were bright.

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Tan Vamp, Fancy Fawn Top.
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Dongola, Patent Tip.
Dongola, Self Tip.
Gun Metal.



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Was Fined \$40 For Committing Indecent Assault

Seventeen-Year-Old Scamp is Severely Lectured in Court By The Judge

A serious assault was committed on an eighteen year old girl near the Mill Bridge at 11 o'clock last night.

The assault was committed by a young scamp seventeen years old who was with the girl's brother and a couple of their chums at the time.

He threw the girl down and attempted to maltreat her, and but for the other lads the girl would have fared badly.

The police were acquainted and arrested the scamp.

He was before Judge Knight this morning who lectured him severely and imposed a fine of \$40.00 or two months in jail.

BRITISH TRADE CONTINUES GOOD IN SPITE OF WAR

A gentleman received a letter from a friend in London, yesterday's mail, in which the writer says that business is good in spite of the terrible conflict.

The British authorities are determined not to cease operations until the peace of Europe is assured, and the German mailed fist is put out of business.

It is marvellous to visit the recruiting stations. There you will see the man of wealth, refinement and education in the line with the man out of work, all anxious to enlist to fight for the Flag.

Seventy-five per cent. of the London taxis have been shipped to France for service there.

Marine Disaster Fund

Marine Disasters Fund—Already acknowledged... \$310,673.34

Scotia, per F. J. Glabois, Treasurer, Daniel L.O.L., per J. C. Puddister, 100.75

\$310,774.09

R. WATSON, Hon. Treas.

"HOT STUFF" HANDS OUT BY REPORTER

American Newspaperman Dissatisfied With Statements of British M.P., Manufactured a Few Himself

MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P., who has yet not returned home from his tour, describes in the "Christian Commonwealth" a very unpleasant experience he had with an American newspaper.

The incident occurred at Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., where a newspaper reporter asked Mr. Snowden for his views on the war. The reporter, who had caused him a great deal of trouble, was a "youth who has not got beyond the stage of thinking that good reporting must necessarily be the stuff which will make shivers run down one's back."

Not "Hot" Enough

"My prosaic discourse on European diplomacy," says Mr. Snowden, "was evidently not the thing he wanted. My wife quite accidentally bought a copy of the evening paper in the street on the afternoon of the day on which the interview had taken place, and something of the awful shock she experienced may be imagined when I mention that in large type on the front page appeared these words:

"'Briton M.P. advises British soldiers to shoot their officers.'"

"Below this heading, in what purported to be a statement by me, were words to the effect that I would like to see the soldiers turn round and shoot their officers and bring the war to an end. I was simply flabbergasted when I saw the report. There was not, of course, a shadow of foundation for the statement. I had never said one word of the kind. The sentiments were utterly abhorrent to me.

Serious Blunder

"We at once got into communication with the editor of the paper, and, after seeing the reporter, he admitted that a serious blunder had been made. The heading and statement were taken out of the report in the subsequent

editions, and on an assurance from the editor that the false report would not be circulated further, nor telegraphed to any press agency, I let the matter rest, as I was leaving Portland that evening, and I know something of the difficulty of getting any legal redress in an American court."

Mr. Snowden describes how that report was revived a fortnight later in a New York newspaper, in the form of a special telegram from Portland. He at once returned to Portland, 1200 miles distant, saw the British Consul, and then went to see the editor.

Sworn Repudiation

After a good deal of trouble Mr. Snowden got the reporter to go with him to the British Consul, and there, adds Mr. Snowden, "the signed a sworn declaration that the statements attributed to me had never been made by me, and that that part of the interview was incorrect."

"When I appeared at the Consulate with the reporter in custody," Mr. Snowden concludes, "the Consul had a mild fit of surprise, and he afterwards assured me that I was the first man who had ever succeeded in getting any satisfaction from an American newspaper. And I am inclined to agree with him, after my experience."

Prospero was due at Greenspond today.

PERSONAL

London "Truth" says that Lord Faversham has presented the Rev. H. G. Pegg, who has been working in Newfoundland, to the living of Bransdale-cum-Farndale, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, which is worth £240 a year, with house. This parish is in a very picturesque district near Helmsley. Rev. Mr. Pegg was incumbent of Curling, Bay of Islands, then curate at the Cathedral, Heart's Content and latterly Bonavista.

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