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### "Dog in the Lake" Only a Myth.

The sensational report given wide-spread circulation a few days ago and referred to by certain sections of the press is mythical. The story is to the effect that the carcass of a dead dog lay in Windsor Lake, which supplies this city with water for drinking, domestic and other purposes, and was flatly denied at last night's meeting of the City Council Board. Engineer Ryan reported that he investigated the matter and learned from the caretaker of the Lake that the report was baseless. The latter had scoured the shores of the Lake but found no trace of the animal. What gave rise to the story was that a dog was supposed to have been seen going out on the ice and was not seen returning. Criticism, flavoured with humor, was made by Mayor Gilling and members of the Board concerning the dog, the Mayor pointing out that even if the report was true the matter should have been promptly and privately reported to the Council, as there was a lack of the principles of citizenship in acting the alarmist. The conclusion arrived at by the Board is that the "dog in the pond" is only a fabrication.

### What a Gas Range Means for You, Mrs. Housekeeper.

The gas range is a muscle saver and a stop saver. Think of the many tons of coal you used in that coal range, and how you have had to handle it all twice; first, carrying it up out of the cellar; then, from the kitchen to the ash barrel. No more soot to wipe away; no more ashes to cart away; no more wood to fetch; no more coal dust; no more smoke and no more reason why the kitchen cannot be kept as clean and as orderly as the parlor. The gas range means just this.

#### Saves 50 Per Cent. of Kitchen Care.

Half of the labor in the house is caused by dust from the coal range. Every time it smokes, no matter how good the draught, ashes and clouds of soot rise and settle on the furniture.

#### It Eliminates Hard Work.

Use a gas range and you will live better, you will play better, and you will work better because the use of the gas range eliminates the dreary of carrying coal, ashes and the chopping of kindling, as well as the drudgery of cleaning up a lot of dirt, and, best of all, for the cook it makes it unnecessary for her to stand over a hot stove from two to three hours a day.

#### PHONE THE GAS CO.

### The Record Committee.

At a meeting at the Board of Trade Rooms yesterday afternoon of a number of citizens who are interested in collecting and compiling data in connection with the Newfoundland Regiment, Sir E. P. Morris was appointed Chairman, Mr. Geo. J. Adams, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. L. E. Emerson, Secretary. The object of the Association is to produce a record that will be of historical value in after years. Every citizen should feel it his duty to assist them as far as possible in their work.

**NEGRO SEAMAN AT REST.**—The funeral of the late Adolphus Phillips, negro seaman, who died in a boarding house on Tuesday night, took place yesterday afternoon and interment was at the C. E. Cemetery. Quite a large number of sailors now in port including several colored seamen, accompanied the remains to the graveside. Rev. H. L. Pike, of St. Mary's Church, read the prayers for the dead.

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### Improved Telephone System

Considered by City Council—Medical Health and Sanitation Officer for Exclusive use of City Recommended.—Mr. Collishaw's Proposition. Last night's weekly session of the Municipal Council was an exceptionally busy one, the full Board attending.

On behalf of W. Parsons, J. A. W. McNelly wrote that his client was willing to comply with the law re building on Leslie Street, but will not entertain extra obligations. Under Section 31 of the Act, Parsons will have to pay a proportionate cost of the laying of water and sewer. Permission was asked by Sanitary staff to attend the funeral of late Inspector Ewing. Subject to approval of Sanitary Supervisor.

Mr. E. Collishaw offered to build workmen's houses on the land given by the Harvey estate. Appended is Mr. Collishaw's letter:—

Bank of Montreal Building, St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 18, 1917. Messrs. The St. John's Municipal Council, City: Gentlemen,—I notice by the daily papers a gift to the city by Messrs. Harvey & Co., of a piece of land containing about fifty building lots. Should you desire to make an experiment with twenty-five or fifty houses I am prepared to build same for you on the following terms: 1st. To supply all lumber at mill price, as per attached schedule. 2nd. All labor and material outside of lumber, to be supplied at actual cost. 3rd. No profit to be made by me on supplies or labor. 4th. You to appoint an auditor on cost. 5th. If fifty houses are contracted for, all to be finished within two years. 6th. In payment, I will accept city twenty year 6% bonds for entire amount.

If this proposition interests you I shall be pleased to meet you and discuss the matter.

#### Quotations on Lumber. Prices Are F. O. B. MILLS.

Framing under 6 inches, \$19.00 per M.; Joisting, 6 inches and up, \$22.00 per M.; Rough Boards, \$17.00 per M.; P. and T. Boards, \$21.00 per M.; Clapboard, planed, \$16.00 per M.; Clapboard, rough, \$14.00 per M.

Council cannot accept Mr. Collishaw's offer at present, as they have no authority to build houses until the new Charter is passed.

Cheque for \$200 was received by Ayre & Sons, Ltd., for Insurance Company's tax. They asked for a further share of Council's business. Referred to office committee.

J. Cole asked for job at sanitary stables; no vacancy there.

J. Mahar, T. Delahunt, T. Murphy and A. Moore asked for more wages for working at rock crusher; nothing doing.

A complaint was received from Captain Couch, Gower Street, that a defective water pipe was flooding his yard. Referred to Engineer.

Contract for 500 tons of quarry spawls was given to M. Tavernor. The Engineer reported that there are yet 23 old style hydrants in the city. These will be replaced by anti-freezing hydrants.

The Engineer also reported there was a wastage of from 3 to 4 inches of water in George's Pond nightly, due to taps being left running in the city.

#### TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

The question of improving the telephone service of the city then came up for discussion.

Councillor Brownrigg asked what the Government had done and what their future plans were.

The Mayor considered that the imposition of \$600 on the city for the present telephone service was altogether excessive, chiefly by reason of the fact that the Telephone Company has been paying the Government for the past 11 years a tax of \$4 per phone. As an illustration of what this meant he showed that the amount paid the Government last year on 874 telephones was \$3,496. The Mayor was strongly of the opinion that this money rightly belonged to the city and an appeal will be made to the Government for the recovery of same. He had interviewed the Supt. of the Telephone Company on the matter, but got no definite reply. As to future operations re proposed extension the Supt. could say nothing. A quarter of a million dollars has been already voted by the Government for an improved service, but the matter has since stood in abeyance. He (the Mayor) knew of more than 200 persons in the city looking for telephones.

Councillor Brownrigg moved that the Government be asked right away what they intend doing to enable the Board to take the matter up with the Government before the Legislature meets. The motion was carried.

Councillor Tait then made a motion to the effect that a Medical Health Officer be appointed to be employed exclusively by the city, to devote all his time solely to the City and be under direct control of the city. The

present Health Officer was appointed by the Government. His salary is paid equally by the Council and Government, but he is under control of the latter. Under these circumstances Councillor Tait said that it was impossible to expect good results, especially with the epidemic of all sorts of diseases and sickness in the city. He then made the statement that the lives of 500 children were being sacrificed yearly through ignorance and mothers were wholly to blame. Therefore, the appointment of an active, live and intelligent doctor, working independently in the city's interests, would be a useful and justifiable one.

Councillor Mullaly seconded the motion and all the other members of the Board, including the Mayor, gave it their unqualified support. The motion was passed and the appointment will be made after the new Charter is passed. The Joint Select Committee, now considering the Charter, will be communicated with accordingly.

The comparative revenue and expenditure for last week are:—

1917.	
Arrears	\$ 785.84
Current	350.91
	\$1,136.75
Sundry Revenue	3,314.61
Customs Water Rates	42.05
	\$4,493.41
Expenditure.	
Pay Rolls	\$1,020.63
Bills, 1916-17	\$3,693.64
	\$4,714.27
1916.	
Arrears	\$ 963.68
Sundry Revenue	3,805.75
Customs Water Rates	1,029.20
	\$5,798.63
Expenditure.	
Pay Rolls	\$ 977.15
Bills, 1915-16	\$3,766.84
	\$37,743.99

### Our Volunteers.

Seven young men from St. John's and outports volunteered for enlistment at the Regimental Headquarters yesterday, and are as follows:—  
 Patk. Whalen, Champney's Cove.  
 Norman Luffman, Bell Island.  
 Thos. Dobbin, Bell Island.  
 Walter Bove, Cupids, C.B.  
 Jas. Martin, St. John's.  
 Arthur W. Coen, St. John's.  
 Herbert Whitten, St. John's.

#### THE SWANKY SOLDIER BY REQUEST.

At Rossley's British Theatre to-night The Swanky Soldier will be repeated by special request. Several people have asked for it again. It certainly is the best show yet. The pictures are all new and changed again. Coming, Mr. Edmund Fox and Miss Caroline Carr, the only team this side of the Atlantic to be booked solid for twelve weeks at Halifax, fourteen weeks at the Academy of Music, New Glasgow, twenty weeks at the Bowden Square Theatre, Boston. They have a wonderful collection of short plays and will produce several dramatic two-people plays, short comedies that will be a very welcome change. Those who have not seen The Swanky Soldier should do so. Big day on Saturday. Send the children to the special matinee.

#### Here and There.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS'.

**PRELIMINARY!**—Young Ladies' Guild of St. Andrew's Church Valentine Social, Feb. 14th. Full particulars later.—li

Members of Gower St. Choir are requested to meet for practice to-night at 9 o'clock. A full attendance essential.—Jan19,li

**PERSONAL.**—Mr. W. J. Milley, manager hardware department Bishop Sons & Co. Ltd., left by the express yesterday for New York to purchase goods for his department.

**Stafford's Drug Store (Theatre Hill) is open every night till 9.30.—Jan2,ff**

**ON FURLOUGH.**—The following Newfoundlanders who served with the Canadian troops, arrived at St. John, N.B., a few days ago on sick furlough after doing their bit in France: S. Burrows, Heart's Content, 39th Battalion; H. Cuff, Bonavista, 17th Battalion; H. Sexton, Bonavista, 17th Battalion.

**Tickets for the Highlanders' Concert to be held in the Presbyterian Hall on Wednesday evening next, Jan. 24th, are on sale at James Baird's Grocery Store, W. J. Clouston's, T. McMurdo & Co., and Henderson's. Reserved seats, of which only a limited number will be issued, 50 cents. General admission, 30 cents.—Jan19,li**

# Stock-Taking Sale

Stock-taking over, we find owing to late arrival of some goods far too much on hand, so we have decided to have a Clean-up Sale and give our Customers and the Public the benefit of same. Considering that it is the goods for everyday use, we predict a ready response as prices will be reduced in some cases to half and everything reduced some. We list a few of the many bargains offered:

#### LADIES' & GENTLEMEN'S MACKINTOSHES, from \$5.50 to \$10.00. Now offered at \$4.95 each.

**MEN'S OVERCOATS, \$6.50, 11.95, 14.95. Now \$5.95, \$9.95, \$12.95.**

**MEN'S SUITS, \$6.95, \$8.50, \$9.50, \$12.50. Now \$5.95, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.95.**

**MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, with cuffs attached, 1.55. Now \$1.10.**

**MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, 75 and 85c. Now 68c.**

**MEN'S HALF HOSE, now 10c.**

**MEN'S TIES, asstd. Your choice 10c. ea. MEN'S CAPS from 25c. each up.**

**MEN'S UNDERWEAR at Special Prices. SPECIAL—3 only one-piece Dresses, suitable for parties. Reg. \$8.50. Now \$6.50.**

**Just a few one-piece Dresses, Fancy Muslin, \$2.95. Now offered \$1.75.**

**MISSSES' BLACK SKIRTS, \$1.00 value. Now 50c.**

**A lot LADIES' SKIRTS, including Black and Navy Poplins, Serge, Cashmere and both latest American styles; limited**

**number. Values from \$5.50 to \$10.00. Now offered at \$4.95.**

**3 only LADIES' CARACUL COATS. Values \$9.00. Now offered \$6.95. Special prices on other Coats.**

**LADIES' WHITE SILK BLOUSES up to \$3.00. Now \$1.75.**

**LADIES' WHITE LAWN BLOUSES, trimmed with insertion and embroidery, \$2.50 value. Now \$1.50.**

**Lot of Assorted BLOUSES. Values up to \$3.00. Your choice for \$1.00.**

**LADIES' KID BUTTONED BOOTS, \$3.50 value. Now \$2.95.**

**Lot of BOYS' FLANNELLETTES SHIRTS, 45c. Now 25c.**

**BOYS' SUITS, \$4.50, \$3.85, \$5.00, \$5.75. Now \$3.95, \$3.25, \$4.25, \$5.25.**

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### Reflections of a Peacemonger.

Bethmann-Hollweg Talks Very Privately to Himself.

[The author of the following lines assumes that the German peace proposals did not emanate from the Chancellor, but from another and more august brain less gifted with psychological intelligence and a dawning sense of humor.]

Well, I have done the bidding of my Master.

And it has proved a frost; I knew it would.

I told him, if we posed as saints in plaster.

That sort of silly game would do no good;

I said his patent bluff would be regarded as a bit too tough.

I knew the hemispheres would rock with laughter

At unctious which recalls the crocodile.

Who takes a human meal and, shortly after,

Turns on the tap and slobbers down the Nile;

We spread it on so thick that even neutrals saw right through the trick.

With blood upon our hands of little nations

Butchered to make our German jollies peal,

How could we hope by pious protestations

To get humanity to do a deal?

I said the damned spot would need some washing first; but he thought not.

I am not squeamish, no, nor yet pale-blooded,

Nor trained upon humanitarian tracts;

I trust that I'm a true Hun; yet I've studied

Sufficient history to know some facts;

And England, I should say, Won't take her toll in words; that's not her way.

And, then, our conquering air—that crowning error;

Our noisy talk of being topmost dog;

The Kaiser painted as a holy terror;

I (Hollweg) masking as a Gollwog;

Was this a likely touch To move a proud and gallant foe?

Not much.

Nobody brags except to hide his weakness;

And, when we boast about our fat,

Our booty (corn and oil) that makes

for sleekness,

Is any fool imposed upon by that? Men judge, from talk so thin,

A corresponding void beneath the skin.

And, even though our words were not mere vapour,

How should the enemy, knowing all about

Our penchant in regard to scraps of paper,

Be taking any? Till we're down and out,

Our chance to strike a treaty Seems, like our commissariat, far from meaty.

As for the faith our people to the State owes

And to the Kaiser, Lord of earth and air—

Much shaken by the shortage of potatoes,

I fear it may be shattered past repair;

If Peace ignores his nod, They're almost sure to think it very odd.

—OWEN SEAMAN (in Punch).

A barrel of apples is a wise investment for the housekeeper. There are so many good and wholesome desserts to be made with apples, and they are so wholesome to eat raw.

Just good old-fashion'd  
**Common Sense**  
 tells many folks  
 To use  
**INSTANT POSTUM**  
 instead of tea and coffee

