

**Second Reading of Bill****FOR THE CONTROL OF TRADING IN THE NECESSARIES OF LIFE.**

"The man who takes advantage of the war is really worse than a German," said Premier Morris in a scathing criticism of the food profiteers of the country on Saturday afternoon last when the House of Assembly met to facilitate the despatch of business. The Attorney General gave notice that he would introduce a Bill to amend the Shipbuilding Act.

The amendment of the Upper House to the Bill respecting the Exportation of Timber was read a first time. The second readings of Bills relating to Military Pensions and a Department of Militia were deferred. The Woollen and Knitting Mills Contract Bills received their second reading.

The Premier then moved the second reading of the Bill to control the necessities of life. The Bill is herewith appended. The Premier stated that the main principle of the Bill was to control, if possible, the prices that are being charged on the necessities of life, including coal, salt and other commodities, in addition to foodstuffs. He had no doubt but that this measure would meet with the general approval of the people of this country and said that there was a very widespread feeling to-day that prices had been obtained that were far in excess of what ought to be charged, having regard to a fair and legitimate profit. Continuing he made a severe indictment of our food profiteers and unscrupulous monopolists, pointing out that it was inconceivable how anyone, especially a British subject and a member of the British Empire should trade on the misfortunes of his fellowman. Such an individual was worse than a German because the latter, he said, came out openly to fight and could be dealt with, whereas the trader was under a cloak to carry on his extortion. Any fair-minded person, he said, reading these interim reports of the Board appointed by the Governor in Council recently cannot fail to see that exorbitant profits have been going on. He hoped the Board to be appointed to control and fix the prices on the necessities of life would be competent and sufficiently strong and not hesitate to do what is necessary in the interests of the country. He admitted that the Board will have many difficulties to encounter because of trade in this country.

The Minister of Public Works then made an attempt to congratulate the Premier. In one breath he said it was high time that such a Board of control was appointed and in the next said he was glad that the Government had taken the matter up at the earliest possible moment.

Following is the full text of the Act:

**A BILL****An Act Respecting The Control of Trading in Necessaries of Life.**

Enacted by the Governor, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:

1. The Governor in Council may appoint a Board, to be known as the Food Control Board consisting of three persons, two of whom shall be a quorum. Such Food Control Board is hereinafter called the Board.

2. It shall be the duty of the Board—

(a) to make such inquiry and investigation as it deems expedient for the purposes hereinafter set forth into the quantities, location, ownership and sources of supply of necessities of life as

hereinafter defined, used by the people of Newfoundland, and to the prices at which the same are sold or held for sale and the causes of such prices;

(b) to ascertain the requirements of the people of Newfoundland, with regard to such necessities of life, and to facilitate the export to Great Britain and her Allies of any surplus of such necessities produced or held in this Colony;

(c) to render such assistance as it may find possible and desirable in securing the production or importation in to the Colony of such necessities, and to assist in or assume control of the equitable distribution of necessities of life within the Colony and facilitate the transportation thereof, and to prevent, locally or generally, scarcity, monopolization, hoarding, injurious speculation, and other causes interfering with such supply, distribution, and transportation;

(d) to co-operate, if found necessary or desirable for any of the purposes aforesaid, with any Department or officer of the Dominion of Canada or of the Government of Great Britain or of any Allied country vested with similar powers.

3. It shall also be within the power and shall be the duty of the Board to make such regulations, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, as it may find necessary or desirable for effecting the aforesaid purposes, and in particular, subject to such approval—

(a) governing the prices of any necessary of life and the storage, distribution, sale and delivery thereof;

(b) providing for the conservation of such necessities and the prevention of waste thereof, and governing the consumption thereof in hotels, restaurants, factories, clubs, private houses and other places;

(c) respecting the production, manufacture, preparation, storage and transportation of necessities of life;

(d) authorizing the Board to purchase, requisition, store, sell and deliver necessities of life, and to take possession of any supplies of such necessities unreasonably withheld from market;

(e) requiring importers of such necessities to furnish to the Board certified copies of their invoices, and authorizing the Board to publish statements of the quantities of such necessities from time to time produced in, imported into, sold or held in the Colony, and of the prices thereof;

(f) providing penalties for the breach of such regulations.

4. The Board shall have all the powers of Commissioners appointed under Chapter thirty of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series).

5. In this Act "necessaries of life" shall mean articles used by man for food or drink, food for domestic animals, footwear, clothing, coal and other fuel, and kerosene oil.

6. This Act shall have effect until six months after the date when His Majesty shall cause to be issued a proclamation or proclamations declaring that a state of war no longer exists between His Majesty and the countries with which hostilities are at present pending.

7. This Act may be cited as the Food Control Act, 1917.

The Premier then moved the second reading of the Bill for extending the life of Parliament until such date in 1918 as shall hereafter be fixed by the Governor in Council.

Departmental Heads can hold their seats, without by-election, until the end of the present year, according to the Bill.

The House adjourned till this afternoon.

**Schooner Lost ; Crew Safe.**

The Deputy Minister of Customs, Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., received the following message from the Sub-Collector at St. Mary's yesterday: "Schr. R. J. Owens, Connolly, master, owned by Ryan Bros., bound from Sydney to Trinity, lost and broken up at Shag Rocks, two miles from Peter's River. Captain and crew landed here by Deloroy's schooner. Crew had narrow escape."

**Joint Sunday School Service.**

Yesterday afternoon at 3.15 the Sunday School teachers and pupils of the Church of England attended Divine Service at the Cathedral, over 800 being present. The Administrator, Rev. Canon Smith, officiated, assisted by Revs. Canon White, Canon Field, Rev. J. Brinton, Capt. (Rev.) Clayton and Rev. H. L. Pike. Captain Clayton, who was the preacher on the occasion, delivered an inspiring and very impressive address, the memory of which will be cherished by many of the little ones present during the years to come. A special form of prayer and hymns were chosen and the singing of the latter by the large gathering of little voices was beautiful to hear. At the close of the service the Administrator pronounced the Benediction.

**Highlanders in Camp.**

Quite a large number of relatives and friends of the lads of the Newfoundland Highlanders visited Mount Pearl yesterday afternoon and spent an enjoyable evening. Included in the number was the Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, who officiated at a special service and also delivered an impressive and eloquent address which was received by the lads with deep attention. A number of the St. Andrew's congregation who reside in the vicinity of Mount Pearl, attended the service. On Wednesday the congregation of the Kirk are being invited to spend the day with the lads. On Friday night a concert will be given, when several of our talented concert artists will assist on the programme. It is expected the Brigade will break camp on Tuesday, July 31st.

**To Camp at Topsail.**

The pioneer squad of the C. L. B. Camp under Sergt-Cook Roberts and Corp-Cook Butler left by to-day's express for Topsail to prepare the kitchen, mess and store rooms. All the lads are instructed to have their kit bags packed and at the Armory to-night (Monday) to go to Topsail by transport Tuesday and not on Tuesday night.

Major Goodridge will be in charge. Sergt-Major Reeves will take charge of the Red Cross tent and ambulance corps.

**Board of Trade Report**

The following fishery report was received at the Board of Trade on Saturday:

From T. Soper (Channel to Port aux Basques).—The catch for last week was 280 qtls. Thirty dorries and skiffs and 3 boats are fishing. The flats and dorries are doing very well, and on the whole fair work is being done by all. Prospects are very good and there is a fine supply of bait.

From W. Paul (Corbin to Fox Cove).—There is plenty of caplin and a few squid and prospects are very good. The total catch is 33,900 qtls. and for last week 6,500, sixty-seven traps having 3,000; forty boats, 2,000, and 70 dorries and skiffs, 1,500 qtls.

From J. E. Long (dean de Bay to Beau Bois).—The catch to date is 8,950 qtls, and for last week 3,650. Twenty-one traps, 10 dorries and skiffs and 43 boats are fishing. The traps in this vicinity average about 150 qtls, and all the boats are doing well. There is plenty squid and prospects are very good. Bankers arriving here report cod scarce on the Grand Banks.

**PATRIOTIC CRICKET.**—We understand that some of our old-time cricketers are now arranging a match to be played shortly on St. George's Field for patriotic purposes. The project will comprise many wickets of the willow who are up in the fifties. The project is one that is sure to meet with popular approval and we wish it abundant success.

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**A. & S. RODGER'S****Newfoundlanders Killed With Canadians.**

**PTE. GUN MEEHAN.**

Official notification was had yesterday from Ottawa by Mr. Charles E. Meehan, Monkstown Road, informing him that his son, Private Augustine J. Meehan, had been killed in action in France on April 9th. Deceased enlisted at Edmonton over two years and a half ago with the Canadian Expeditionary Force and was attached to the machine gun section of the 51st battalion. Judging from the date given of his death he took part in the battle of Arras and the capture of Vimy Ridge. Pte. Gun Meehan was an ex-pupil of St. Bonaventure's College and was well known and liked in the city, where he took a prominent part in athletics. His brother Hubert sacrificed his life for King and Country last year with the Canadians. To the bereaved parents and family general and sincere sympathy will be extended in which the Telegram joins.

**WALTER GUY.**  
Walter Guy was killed in action on the 11th instant, a cable having just been received to that effect by Mr. William Guy of Carbonear. Deceased was a probationer in the Methodist ministry here before leaving for the Canadian North West a few years ago,

where he took up a business career. He enlisted at Vancouver in the early part of last year with the Canadians and gave up his life in the just cause of liberty and righteousness. He has two brothers at present with H. M.'s forces. Deceased is also survived by a wife, father and mother. To the bereaved family widespread sympathy will be expressed.

**PTE. J. C. PILOT.**

Pte. J. C. Pilot, reported killed in action, was a stepson of Maurice Cullen, R.C.A., the well-known artist. He was the son of the late Mr. E. W. Pilot of the Colonial Secretary's Dept., St. John's, and grandson of the late Canon Pilot, for thirty years the Chairman of the Board of Education for Newfoundland. When war was declared three of the Pilot brothers enlisted for service at the front, and one was wounded some time ago. Miss Pilot sister of the dead soldier, is employed at Militia Headquarters.—Montreal Star.

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**Reservist Killed.**

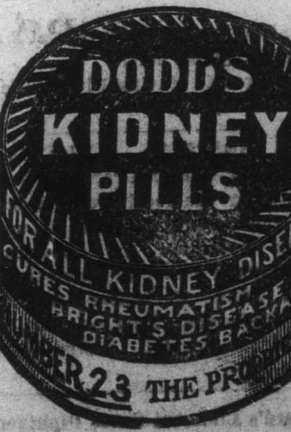
**H. M. S. "Briton".**

at St. John's, N.F.,  
22nd July, 1917.

Editor Evening Telegram.  
Sir,—I regret to inform you that the Admiralty has reported that William Freake, seaman of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve, 2210-X, lost his life on the 20th July, 1917, through the explosion of a mine.

The next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Freake, of Joe Batt's Arm, Pogo.

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