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## Large Gathering Oddfellows Honor P.G.M.'s Craig and McDonald

**OUR THEATRES**  
**THE NICKEL.**  
There were crowded audiences at both sessions of the Nickel theatre yesterday, and patrons were all charmed with the pictures. "The Romance of Elaine" was a thrilling reel and had the attention of all from start to finish. "Hearts and Roses" is a beautiful social drama with Beverly Dayne in the leading role. It is a dainty story and all should make an effort to see it. The comedy, "Landing the Hose Reel," was very funny and kept the audience in the best of humor. Bert Stanley's singing was warmly applauded. To-day the show will be repeated and, no doubt, it will be largely attended. Saturday there will be a grand holiday bill showing King George among the troops in France.

**THE CRESCENT**  
The Crescent Picture Palace presents to-day "Man's Show," a powerful two reel feature by the Selig Company. "The Butler" produced by the Edison Company, featuring William Wadsworth. "Ice Fields and Ice Mountains," a beautiful scenic picture. "Dreamy Dud in Love," a film of cartoon laughs, and "The Fire Escape," a Vitaphone comedy. Mr. Frank DeGroot sings the latest patriotic march ballad, "You'll be There." On to-morrow a great three-reel Diamond special feature: "The Jungle Lovers."

**GOOD SIGN OF CODEFISH**  
Late arrivals from Trinity Bay say that there is a good sign of cod in that Bay for hook and line but traps are only making "water hauls" as Mr. Eli Whitehead would say. The schooner "M. B. F." reports fair fishing for hook and line about St. Brendan's and other parts of Bonavista Bay, where from 1 to 1 1/2 qts have been taken the past few days.

**READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE**  
The Governor will hold a levee on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday at noon on 3rd June. Uniform or morning dress. Government House, 31st May, 1916.

**V. C. and British Colonel**  
Dark, Mixed IS GREAT.  
TRY IT!  
At the Royal Cigar Store, Bank Square, Water Street.  
CHRISTIAN'S BORAX SOAP Best to be Had.  
SAVE THE WRAPPERS. \$10.00 in Gold will be given the person saving the most for 1916.  
M. A. DUFFY, AGENT.

## LOCAL ITEMS

The Prospero left King's Cove at 10.45 this a.m.  
The Portia left St. Joseph's at 9.45 a.m. and is due here to-night.  
Mr. W. J. Frost of Hillview, T. B., arrived here yesterday on business.

The S.S. Kyle will arrive here to-night from Port aux Basques and will dry dock for her annual overhaul.  
The schr. Winnifred left Cadiz yesterday with a load of salt for St. John's.  
The Express with the Kyle's mails and passengers is due here at 4.50 p.m.  
The schr. General Laurie, Capt. R. Benson, cleared to-day for Brazil with 3600 drums fish, shipped by the Monroe Export Co.

The S.S. Sable Island arrived here this forenoon with a load of cattle and produce after a good run from P.E.I.  
Mr. F. C. Cornick of Harvey & Co.'s office returned by the Stephano, having had an enjoyable round trip to New York.  
At Sugar Loaf to-day a man named Bragg took 10 qms. cod from his trap and others also had some fish.

The Cranley sailed at noon today from Heart's Content for London with 4577 tons of paper and pulp.  
The Olinda, Capt. Courtney, left Barbados this morning for her port laden with molasses for Monroe & Co.  
The "Mary DuR" is ready for sea and should sail for Bahia this afternoon when Capt. Winsor returns from Hr. Grace. She was loaded by Jas. Baird Ltd.

Several Northern schooners which had been in port waiting for a change of wind left yesterday for home but had to return when the wind veered in to the Eastward.  
To-day, the feast of the Ascension, is a holy day of obligation with our Catholic fellow citizens and masses in the various churches were celebrated at the same hours as on Sundays.  
The schr. Success, Capt. C. Churchill, arrived here this morning loaded with molasses from Barbados to James Baird Ltd., after a run of 27 days. She was practically becalmed the past 9 days off this coast.  
The Alembic, Capt. Coward, arrived in port yesterday to Job Bros & Co. after a run of 10 days from New York, during which she had a deal of fog. The vessel went to New York with a cargo of seal oil.  
Mr. Hy. Wall, who was 25 years residing in Brooklyn, N.Y., and is an old West Ender, who has been 3 weeks in the city on a visit, leaves here by the express to-morrow to Brooklyn.

## Empire Day Red Cross Fund

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Following is a copy of cable received yesterday from Red Cross:  
"Grateful thanks for two thousand pounds received through Overseas Club."  
Yours truly,  
F. H. STEER,  
Secretary.

May 31st, 1916.  
Amount acknowledged \$13,553.54  
Employees Colonial Cordage Co.:  
Jas. H. Monroe \$20.00  
Fred W. Pike 5.00  
Gordon P. Pike 5.00  
Jas. J. Baird 1.00  
H. Cranford 1.00  
Ben Taylor 1.00  
Amounts under \$1.00 46.20  
Balance Trafalgar Day Collection, 1915 157.50  
R. Harper 10.00  
A. P. McIven 10.00  
P. C. O'Driscoll 10.00  
Amount collected by children C. of E. High School, Robinson's, per J. James Collected by L. S. P. U. at Croble's 4.00  
Employees Gas Works 8.00  
Employees St. John's Na'l Factory 7.40  
Proceeds entertainment Methodist School Hall, Catalina, per A. E. Reid 23.85  
Per Ernest Laing: Proceeds Concert, Winterton 11.00  
Proceeds subscription, Winterton 6.24  
Per Joseph Small: Subscription, Burgeo \$165.00  
Subscription, Our Harbor 4.20  
Subscription, Hunts 9.20  
Subscription, Coppert 4.15  
Ladies Tea, Rencontre 15.52 199.02  
\$14,068.54  
F. H. STEER,  
Treasurer.

**ANOTHER FINE SCHOONER**  
The fine little schr. Verdun, now a historic name, arrived here a few days ago. She was built at St. Brendan's by Mr. John Mesh for the Messrs. Hogan, is a fine vessel of 25 tons, is well found and will be used at the Labrador fishery. She received the bounty.

The Alembic will load seal oil shortly at Job Bros. & Coy. for New York.  
The many friends of Dr. Fraser, and they are legion, will be glad to know his daughter, Miss Helen Fraser, has won high honors at McGill and is now a B.A. We congratulate the talented recipient who has shed lustre on her noble father. Congratulations also to her father and mother.

**WANTED--A General**  
Servant to go to Montreal. Good wages given, passage paid. Apply to MRS. CHAS. MYERS, 23 Field Street.—jnl,2i  
**LOST--On Wednesday**  
Pair Eye Glasses and Case. Finder will please return same to this office and get reward.—m28tf  
**LOST--The 22nd inst.,**  
about 8.30 p.m., between Barter's Hill and LeMarchant Road, 1 Pocket Book containing a sum of Money, the property of a Volunteer. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.—tf  
**WANTED--An Experienced Dry Goods Salesman.** Apply by letter, stating age, length of experience, where employed, and salary expected, to "CONFIDENTIAL," The Mail and Advocate office.—may13,tf  
**WANTED--By a competent and Steady Man,** a position as Manager of a Codliver Oil Factory. Can give good references as to ability, &c. Apply at this office.—may20,tf

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers were put through Section, Platoon and Company drills yesterday and were paid in the afternoon. There was also rifle practice at the South Side Range. There are now 2,817 on the roster with the addition of the following:  
Jas. Darcie, Ramea.  
Jas. Cairnes, Burgeo.  
Nathan Foote, Burgeo.  
Albert Vatcher, Burgeo.  
Clarence Fillet, Burgeo.  
Benjamin Dicks, Burgeo.  
N. E. Lind, LaSalle.  
Chas. Hennessey, St. John's.  
Herb Cairnes, St. John's.

**Laid to Rest**  
Yesterday afternoon all that was mortal of the late Mrs. Jones, wife of Rev. Dr. Jones, the esteemed Rector of St. Thomas's Parish, was consigned to mother earth in the beautiful cemetery of the Church of England off Forest Road. The obsequies were attended by a large gathering of citizens of all classes and creeds, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased lady was held. Upon leaving the late home of the deceased lady the funeral procession proceeded to the Church where the preliminary portion of the service was taken by Revs. Canon White, Cracknell and Moulton, Organist Sterling of St. Thomas's rendering the Dead March in Saul at the grave side in the cemetery, the concluding portion of the service according to the impressive ritual of the Church was conducted by Rev. Canon White.

**TRAIN SERVICE ALTERED**  
Effective Monday, June 5th, the passey Branch train will leave Trepassey Branch train will leave a.m., arriving St. John's at 9.30 a.m. instead of 11.30 a.m., and will leave St. John's at 5.00 p.m. instead of 5.30 p.m. This schedule will be kept on for Summer months, and will afford St. John's people an opportunity, while living on Trepassey Branch during Summer, to arrive in town in time for business.

**WANTED!**  
Two Large SCHOENERS to freight SALT North. Apply to P. H. COWAN, may18 276 Water St.

## The Ontario Bi-Lingual School Question

**WHAT THE FRENCH-CANADIANS DO NOT WANT.**  
1st.—The French Canadians of Ontario do not want schools exclusively French.  
2nd.—They do not wish to force English-speaking children or others to study the French language.  
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4th.—They do not wish on the one hand to expel anybody from the Province; but on the other hand they will not allow themselves to be treated as intruders. They have paid for every inch of territory they possess.  
5th.—They do not want to put up with the confiscation of their school grants which they have been subjected to for the past four years, because they have insisted on having their children taught efficiently the official languages of Canada.  
6th.—They do not want the uncalled for intention of the salaries of the bi-lingual teachers.

**THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT TO THE DAILY NEWS FOR PUBLICATION—ON BEING REFUSED BY EDITOR ROBINSON THE WRITER HAS ASKED FOR SPACE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE—[WE ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ARTICLE—ED.]**  
(Editor of the Daily News)  
Dear Sir,—Whilst admitting the almost impossibility of discussing at full length the very vexed question of bi-lingualism in a short newspaper article, and conscious also of the many doubts which an effort of this kind is sure to leave in the minds of your readers, I am impelled to ask you to insert the following few remarks on the subject.  
Involved as the question is there are some points which stand out above the rest and these, I am surprised to see, you have a very poor understanding of. I wish to set you right on these points, for your remarks of this morning are calculated to do a great deal of injustice to a brave and generous people.  
Is it just an oversight on your part where you speak of prominent Liberals repudiating the action of Sir Wilfred Laurier in giving his support to the matter in the Federal House. It strikes me as being a bit strange, that being acquainted with that much of what took place, you should be ignorant of the equally obvious fact that just as many prominent conservatives from the government ranks voted in support of the La Pointe motion.  
You are also quite in error when you assume that an effort is being made by the French to force their language upon the English speaking population. There is nothing of the kind being attempted. The French people are fighting against the attempt to root out their language which even in Ontario has official sanction. This notwithstanding the fact that you seem not to be aware of it. In the British statute which united Upper and Lower Canada in 1841, it was provided that English should be the only official language, but this act was repealed in 1845, and both languages have since been used by common consent as official. In the Federal Act there is no declaration in favor of one language or the other, but it provides that neither French or English may be used in the official debates and proceedings of parliament of Canada, and in court proceedings of the Dominion. No other reference is made to the use of languages.  
The French-Canadians are fighting to resist an enactment by the Minister of Education and known as Regulation 17. This brutal enactment attempts to force the will of the majority upon a weak minority, and aims at the gradual abandonment of French in Ontario. This act repudiates and violates treaties which guaranteed to the French the use of their language in equality with English.  
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BLACK and TAN BUTTONED BOOTS.  
WHITE and TAN STRAP SLIPPERS.  
**CHILD'S' AND MISSES'**  
WHITE BUTTONED SHOES.  
WHITE LACED SHOES.  
TAN and BLACK LACED SHOES.  
**LADIES'**  
WHITE TEAN LACED SHOES.  
WHITE KID LACED SHOES.  
WHITE TEAN BUTTONED BOOTS.  
WHITE TEAN LACED BOOTS.  
BLACK and TAN LACED and BUTTONED BOOTS.  
**MEN'S**  
LACED BOOTS.  
LONG RED RUBBERS.  
All the above was bought cheap and we intend to give our customers the benefit.

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