

MR. COAKER DESCRIBES HIS TRIP TO CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(Continued from page 5.) with them. They can easily and spend freely. They are exceedingly sympathetic and humane; they care for their poor and unfortunate generously; they build and support churches and other institutions very liberally.

New York life is unreal. It is artificial and one who is visiting for the first time asks himself often, how long is it possible for such conditions to exist. A great disaster of a colossal magnitude must eventually overtake American city people, they won't stop to think, nor look far ahead.

Public Officials Are Most Obliging. The hotel where I stayed contained 1,600 rooms, and two nights of the four I was there, travellers were refused for want of rooms.

I have enjoyed my visit to Boston and New York, thanks to the numerous kind friends I met, who did all in their favor to make my visit enjoyable. I was fortunate at New York in meeting several very kind friends, as Mr. and Mrs. Collishaw, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Jenkinson of New Glasgow and Hon. W. G. Job.

Small Passenger Traffic. Owing, it is thought, to the very stormy and frosty weather of the past couple of weeks but few passengers have been going over the railway line, to fact the smallest number for several years past.

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OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. The beautiful mid-week programme at the Nickel theatre was largely attended yesterday, and all were delighted with the show. To-day there is a new programme. Ruth Roland and Henry King will star in "For the Commonwealth," the 9th thrilling episode of the wonderful series, "Who Pays?"

THE CRESCENT. Five feature pictures constitute the big programme that the Crescent Picture Palace is showing to-day. "To the Death" is a Vitagraph feature, a story of a feud, a dramatic and impressive lesson that we should be slow to anger, to live and let live.

LEAGUE HOCKEY—To-night, Victorias vs. St. Bon's. Game starts at 7.30 sharp.

TO-NIGHT'S PLAYERS. The line-up in this evening's hockey game will be: Victorias: Hunt, goal; St. Bon's: Ford, point; Vincombe, Brian, cover; Higgins, Long, rover; Callahan, Coultas, right; Crawford, Reid, centre; Godden, King, left; Shortall.

SHIPPING

The Novelty is loading fish for Brazil at Geo. M. Barr's and the schr. L.H.B. for Alicante.

The S.S. Argyle will come here in a few days' time to receive her annual overhaul, when one of the other bay steamers will do the service until she is ready to resume it.

The banker Metamora, Capt. John Lewis, put into Cape Broyle Tuesday evening to avoid the slob ice on the coast. She sailed for the S.W. coast Wednesday.

To-night's hockey match will be one of the most interesting for the season. Should the Vics. win they will have caught the Terra Novas and Feildians. Should St. Bon's win the next two matches they will be in line with the Feildians and Terra Novas and this would cause an interesting situation.

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Patriotic Night at Prince's Rink

Carnival Proves a Big Success—Hockey Match and Races Well Contested—Splendid Music by the C.C.C. The Grand Carnival in aid of the W.P.A. Fund held last night in the Prince's Rink was a splendid success. The interior was very handsomely decorated and the frigid and varied costumes of the masqueraders, almost too numerous to particularize, formed a very pretty scene for the beholder to gaze upon.

Only a few original costumes were noticeable, as well as comic creations, which caused no little amusement. The Grand march was executed with cleverness and precision, after which the hockey match, City vs. Yarmouth Coons, occurred. Manager Bully and his aides had the ice in splendid conditions and the line-up of the players was:

COONS: Hunt, goal; Hearn, Godden, point; N. Vincombe, Higgins, cover; Pearce, Winter, rover; Callahan, White, left; Shortall, Mews, centre; Bennett, Trapnell, right; Brien.

NEWS OF 'ADVENTURE'. Mrs. Wilson had a letter a few days ago from her husband, Capt. Wilson, of the S.S. Adventure, dated at Alexandrovsk, January 17th. Capt. Wilson says that the ship arrived there on the 1st January and would be detained there for a while to come as there were 400 miles of heavy ice intervening between that port and Archangel, his destination.

The police are still busy enquiring into the series of larcenies committed here within the past six months or more. The woman in custody had a lot of keys of various sizes and shapes capable of fitting almost any lock and it is said that a deal of money in silver and notes was found in her house when she was apprehended by the police.

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ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Would Not Happen if Coaker Was Here.

(Editor of the Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir.—I do not think in the interest of the poor that this coal outrage should pass unnoticed. \$10.00 per ton for government coal, that was supposed to be imported in the interest of the poor, is a crime and an outrage. The same attempt was made in the early part of the winter to put coal up to \$10.80, until Coaker through his paper aroused the people and the Government to their sense of duty, that fixed the price at \$8.00.

The people of St. John's can only give credit to Coaker for the part he played and it is only now they are recognizing his value to the working man. And if he was here to-day they would not have the brass cheek to charge \$10.00 a ton on that cargo of coal, that will not cost landed to the people's door \$9.00, and because Coaker is not here they are taking the dirty advantage of him. Is there no man to take his place? Is the Government in the hands of a few coal sharks? This is an outrage on the suffering people that should be tolerated, and the sooner Coaker gets back in the interest of fair-play, the better, to lead the fight for right, because the whole city is up in arms against this outrage of a few coal sharks.

Now I will give the public cost per ton of that cargo of coal. The coal cost at South Sydney \$3.25. Freight \$3.10, that is \$6.35 to Harvey's wharf. Cost to land in Harvey's shed 40c. Cartage, 70c. That is \$7.45. Now we will give Harvey 50c per ton for the use of his shed, etc., which will be a nice profit on 7000 tons of coal, that will bring it up to \$7.95 in the interest of the poor. That is the figure that cargo of coal should be sold for, because the Government should not pay duty when they imported it for the benefit of the poor. And supposing they did pay duty of 75c per ton, that would be \$8.70, the very highest figure it should be sold for. Now the public ought to open their eyes to those figures, and I will challenge contradiction. At that price Harvey would have 60c per ton for the use of his shed, that is \$3,500 on that cargo of coal. The cost of weighing and filling the cars would not be more than \$500, so he would have \$3000 clear profit. Now he comes in and charges \$10.00 per ton, that is \$1.30 more, which will give him an extra profit of over \$9000 over and above the figures I have already mentioned. If no one can shut their eyes to those figures.

If Coaker was here he would never tolerate such an outrage and there do not seem to be anyone here with brains enough to take his place. Every half ton of coal that go to a poor man's door he is bled and swindled out of 75c, that go into the pockets of the coal sharks; that is the only name they are entitled to. When the Government imported that coal for the poor, because the rich are well supplied, they should have hired the sheds at a reasonable price and appointed a committee to look after the delivery of it, as they did before, instead of putting it into the hands of a few hawks and sharks to make the poor poorer and the rich richer, and the poor should get the benefit of every cent. The duty should not be paid on that cargo of coal when it was imported by the Government to tie the poor over the winter.

This letter is not written without careful consideration. I might be out a few cents one way or the other and that would be in the landing, but I think I have given the benefit of the doubt when I say 40c, and that can be easily traced up. Now 7000 tons of coal at 40c. would be \$2,800. Did Harvey pay out that much money in the labor to land that cargo of coal? I doubt it. If I am wrong it can be easily made right, but as I said I might be a few cents out one way or the other, but the other charges cannot be disputed.

I think this coal transaction demands immediate investigation, but every one seems to be dummies because Coaker is not here, the man of the hour, in the interest of right and fair-play.

What have the other papers done in arousing the public to this outrageous coal transaction? Nothing. Now let the public and the authorities in the Government put those figures together in any form they like, when they can only come to one conclusion that the profits on that cargo of coal is a crime and an outrage on a suffering people.—I am, etc., POINTER.

St. John's, Feb. 25th, 1916.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Misdirection Mail Matter for 'Ours'

Sir,—I beg to forward herewith letter, addressed to His Excellency the Governor by Captain Timewell, under date 25th January, in relation to the mis-direction of postal matter for members of the Newfoundland Regiment. The publication of this letter in the columns of your paper will, no doubt, obviate such mistakes as are referred to in the future.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, ARTHUR MEWS, Deputy Colonial Secretary. January 25, 1916.

WM. DRYER WAS THERE. In referring to the survivors of the old-time volunteers now with us, our morning contemporary in its interesting note, this morning, overlooks one important member of the old force. This is Mr. Will Dryer, the popular Customs clerk. Mr. Dryer was a member of the Volunteer Band and performed on the slide trombone with the skill of a virtuoso, so that the small boys was in his element when the dulcet notes of Dryer's trombone were heard. The years are dealing gently with Friend Will, whose martial form is as correct and precise as in the good old days to which we refer.

HUNGRY PEOPLE ABOUT. The past few nights old women have been noticed going from door to door on the Higher Levels asking for bread. These poor creatures in their appearance show that they sadly need that they solicit, and few, if any, no matter how poor themselves, refuse them. They select this part of the city, as there is less danger there of their being identified than there should be in the lower thoroughfares.

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LOCAL ITEMS

It was fine and mild across the country last night, the temperature averaging 20 above. Mr. Walter Beck, of Sound Island, who has been here on business the past week, leaves for home by tomorrow's train. A young man named Pennell, of Trepassay, a splendid type of the young Newfoundland fisherman, arrived here to-day by train to enlist in the Volunteer force. Capt. Walter Kennedy, of Holyrood, will leave by the Meigle next week for Fortune, where he will take command of his new schooner Alice and go to the Gulf Bank fishery. The volunteers yesterday had Swedish drill and other exercises in the armoury. In the afternoon some of the volunteers had rifle practice on the South Side. Mr. M. E. Condon Condon who was at Cape Broyle arrived here by the Trepassay train yesterday. He will leave here for the Northward in a few days and will go to Bonavista in connection with the Bait Freezer. Messrs E. St. John, Howley and W. J. Ellis who were at Bay Bulls for some days past, returned yesterday. The site for the cold storage bait freezers &c. has been selected and Mr. Ellis will begin work on them in due course.

Curliana To-night. Proceeds For W.P.A. To-night promises to be a good one at the Curling Rink. Two teams of Ladies will play two teams of Gentlemen Curlers, from 7 to 9 o'clock and the game will prove no doubt a good one. The Ladies, mind you, can put up a fight equal to any team, now go down and see for yourself and you won't be disappointed. Four other teams as arranged will also play from 7 to 9. From 9 to 11 p.m. the Great Blood Game will come off, between the Old Parade Rink Curlers, Terra Nova vs. Mic Mac, four teams from each club competing. All the points in the game will be well thought out on either side so as to win a big game. During the evening the members of The Ladies Curling Club will provide coffee, cake and sandwiches for the small amount of 20 cents (or more if you like to pay it). The public are especially invited to pay the Curlers a visit to-night, see the games and enjoy a good hot cup of coffee. The proceeds will be handed over to the Women's Patriotic Association; now they want all the money possible and we, the Curlers, want your patronage. Come and do your bit for OUR BOYS. They are playing the game for us. We can do more for them. All are welcome.

WOOD FOR FUEL. During the past week or so the old-time practice of men going to the country for wood for fuel has been indulged in to a considerable extent. With dogs and slides good loads of wood have been taken a few miles inland, and the people find this a good substitute for coal, which is now beyond the means of many.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

NOTICE. The Society for Protection of Animals. THE Annual Meeting of the Society for Protection of Animals will be held on SATURDAY, the 26th inst., at 4 p.m., in the King George Institute (through the courtesy of A. Sheard, Esq.) All members and those desiring to join the Society are requested to be present. CYRIL JAMES FOX, Hon. Secretary. Feb 19, 22, 25

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St. Thomas' Men's Bible Class Meet

Rev. Mr. Clayton Who Leaves For England Shortly to Enlist Addresses the Members—Dr. Jones Regular Weekly Discourse Deferred Till Later Date. There was a large gathering of men at St. Thomas' Men's Bible Class meeting in Canon Wood Hall last night, when after the opening exercises, H. J. Eadie, Esq. gave an excellent solo, after the Rector requested Rev. Mr. Clayton to address the Class. Mr. Clayton to address the Class, the Rev. gentleman, who shortly goes to England to offer his services to the Empire as chaplain, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to address the men of St. Thomas' parish before he left. On arrival in England he will try to become attached to the Newfoundland Regiment, as chaplain, a privilege which he would highly esteem. When he arrives in England, he will visit Wandsworth Hospital to see the boys there. His address breathed in its every sentence the highest ideals of patriotism and Christianity and were justly applauded, all wishing the Rev. gentleman bon voyage, and a safe return. When Mr. Clayton had retired the Rector, in a very fluent and forceful address, praised his patriotism and loyalty, after which the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The subject for the meeting "The teaching of Jesus concerning the State" was deferred to a later occasion.

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The Anglo-American Telegraph Co. Limited. THE Anglo-American Telegraph Company announces that improvements in its trans-Atlantic cable facilities enables it to reinstate its cable letter service which has been suspended since January third. The Anglo-American Telegraph Company some time ago re-established its deferred half-rate and week-end letter cable services, and resumption of its cable letter service restores its full line of supplementary services in addition to its regular fast cable service. This restoration of the cable situation to its normal basis is of the greatest importance to Newfoundland foreign trade. H. A. SAUNDERS, Superintendent. Feb 24, 31

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