

"IN AN' ABOUT AULD REEKIE"

Those who attended at St. Andrew's Club Rooms on Thursday evening to hear Mr. John R. Nicol relate his rambles "In an' about Auld Reekie," had served up to them a literary treat at the hands of the most youthful and latest acquisitions to the lecture platforms of this city.

Mr. Nicol, who, by the way, is a native of Scotland's Classic Capital, in a most interesting paper, that bore evidence of much thought and research, graphically described the "Heart of Midlothian" and its surroundings, with all its classic, historical, and educational attachments, up to the present date, when, we here, in this most ancient and loyal colony, have become intimately attached, and peculiarly attracted to the modern Moderns, particularly its ancient castle—where the First Newfoundland Regiment are now doing garrison duty.

The subject of Mr. Nicol's treatise was illustrated by photo-lantern views, on a lantern kindly lent by Mr. Sam Thorp, and manipulated by Messrs Curtis and Stick of the Methodist College, the views shown including the "Castle," St. Giles Cathedral, "Princes St.," "Scot Monument," "Waverley Bridge," "Rosslyn Castle," "Holyrood Palace," and "Edinburgh" from the Calton Hill. Views of "Portobello," the "Forth Bridge" (exterior and interior) and "Melrose Abbey" were also shown, during which the Lecturer related the various historic and traditional incidents thereto, in a racy, and sometimes pawky humorous style—peculiarly his own—that delighted his hearers.

Want of space prevents us from detailing this very able paper of Mr. Nicol, which, to our mind would be well worth publishing in full, and we can best close our present essay or criticism, by quoting Mr. Nicol's own closing sentences as follows:—"In conclusion, I must congratulate the people of Newfoundland for the honour—unique and unprecedented in the annals of the British Empire—in the steps the War Office has taken to garrison the hardy sons of Terra Nova in Britain's oldest castle. It is a fitting honor, indeed, that the Imperial War authorities should thus tell off for duty, the troops of her ancient and loyal colony—an honor not to be lightly looked upon—for it brings home to us all, how, in this great Empire of ours, the bond of Unity is being fast cemented.

Newfoundland has been, and still is, to very many people in the Old Land across the sea, merely a byword; but, in the days to come, I firmly believe that this is the coming country, and before long, Newfoundland will be recognized not only as Britain's most ancient and loyal colony, but as one of her wealthiest daughters, whose wonders have been untold. I therefore commend those brave Newfoundland soldiers to my native townspeople, who are also true and loyal to the old flag which has flown in the battle and breeze for a thousand years, and trust that the days of anguish and sacrifice will soon be over, when peace has been proclaimed, when a safe return to the dear homeland shall be made, crowned with honor and victory, and when shall be manifested as our immortal Rabbinic Barms has said, that "Man the man, the war! o'er shall Britners be, for a' that."

Mr. Nicol concluded his excellent paper by reciting, in the vernacular, the following original stanza referring to the Newfoundland troops now in Edinburgh:—"The down seed o' Spences heid, Afar an' wide may blaw, Like bonnie lads who cross the sea An, hattle far awa'."

A likeness true, gie baith their due For whereso'er they are, They're frendly gin yet let them be, But touch them 'gin ye daur."

A hearty vote of thanks was awarded Mr. Nicol by acclamation at the close, on the motion of Principal an derson, of the Presbyterian College, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Secretary C. H. E. Both these gentlemen making "excellent speeches."

Stephano Arrives
The S. S. Stephano which arrived Thursday afternoon from Halifax, brought the following passengers:—Miss H. Anderson, W. H. Parsons, Miss M. Winter, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. J. R. and Miss Bennett, F. LeRoy, G. Blatch, L. M. Trask, Mrs. W. J. Herder, Miss E. Mott, Miss Stick, C. R. B. Brown, Miss M. E. Locke, H. Barlow, Capt. A. Goodridge, J. L. McGregor, W. A. Munn, Capt. Montgomerie, E. Dickie, Hon. S. Milley, Miss Goodridge, A. Moulton, J. W. Bonthler, J. R. Saunders, A. J. Galtshaw, Mrs. T. Cook and 10 in steerage.

LOCAL ITEMS

Yesterday being Good Friday, the volunteers were given leave for the day.

A case of diphtheria was reported from Church Hill this morning, the patient being sent to hospital.

Next week new pipes will be laid along a part of Duckworth St. and a number of the unemployed will be given labor.

A local train, via rigus, arrived at 12.30, and a local express from Port aux Basques, is due at 3.30 this afternoon.

There are now about sixty men employed on the new water works, and as a big shipment of pipes is expected about Wednesday next, some fifty more men will be engaged.

The staff at the R.N. Coy's general stores dept., will soon be busy regulating the supplying of the bay boats which take up their different services this month.

A number of volunteers went out by this morning's train to visit their homes in the nearby settlements, whilst another crowd are expected to get away by the evening's express. The men have been given leave till Thursday next.

Yesterday afternoon hundreds of people visited Signal Hill, and the weather was so beautiful that the tramp was enjoyed by all. The roads countrywards were also largely traversed.

Lloyds, it is said are giving three to one (a kind of sports phrase) that the war will be over about June next. This may or may not be true, but there is a company in Halifax, N.S., who are really offering those odds, and which is certainly a risk.

Messages from Belleoram yesterday to Marine and Fisheries Department state that schrs. Acme, Valoria, Winnifred and E. M. prior, had arrived from the Western Bank Fishery with fares of 1,100, 1,300, 800 and 1,400 quintals respectively.

During the next few weeks there will be several weddings in evidence, according to report, and the "geriatric" is having his best "swallow-tail" coat pressed up, and is practicing a very cheerful cast of countenance, in expectation of receiving some kindly invitations.

In reply to a message sent by W. B. Grieve to Capt. Alpheus Barbour, asking him to bring in a round seal for scientific purposes, Mr. Grieve has received the following:—"Bloodhound still jammed; present indications science will manage the whole catch."

It is rumored that a young man of the city, and of some genius, has brought forth an idea in connection with the aeroplane power, and as some of our military authorities have interested themselves in the project, it is not unlikely that the idea may be patented.

The illustrated Scriptural lecture at the Grenfell Hall to-morrow night will be typical of the "Resurrection." Easter hymns, solos and anthems, will be rendered at to-morrow's services in Congregational Church by the Choir, under the leadership of Mr. S. R. Steele.

Re importing bait from the United States, "The Gloucester Times" says:—"The schr. Olga, Capt. Isaac Evans, sailed for Newfoundland with the second load of squid shipped from this port for the fishermen of the province. The first cargo was shipped in the British schooner Meteor, the last of January."

On Sunday in George St. church, the usual Easter services will be conducted, Rev. H. Royle will preach in the morning, and the pastor in the evening. Special anthems will be rendered by the choir. At the close of the regular evening service an Evangelistic Service will be held. During the week the Evangelistic Services have been very inspiring and helpful. Solos will be rendered by Miss Colton and Mr. Ruggles. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Civic Commission

The Civic Commission met on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Chairman Gosling presiding, and the following matters were disposed of:

A letter was read from Colonial Secretary, in which it was stated that arrangements had been made for the Board to draw on the Royal Bank for the money for water extension. Government Engineer wrote again as to the line on Cornwall Avenue, for erection of poles for Postal Telegraphs. It was decided that the Board could not grant a permit for a permanent line.

James P. Blackwood writes re the property of J. P. McLauglin, LeMarchant Road—and the matter was deferred till records are looked up.

H. R. Cook submitted prices for a fence to complete work on Parade St. and the matter was deferred.

R. Holland's communication as to stables at junction of Pennywell and Freshwater Roads, was referred to the Health Officer for report.

John Beer asked for the promised extension of water on Cooktown Rd., and then matter will be attended to next week.

British Society asked permission to install machinery for a moving picture show in the British Hall. This will be granted and the Inspector General informed of same.

Permission to repair house was W. Clancey, Prescott St.

Tenders are to be asked for materials for water works.

Engineer reported progress of work for the week and several other reports were also read.

A lengthy statement relative to the recent "pipe" blundering incident was submitted by Chairman Gosling stating finally that the "pipe" wanted has bought at a price equivalent to a saving of between \$25,000.00 and \$30,000.00 under the prices received from Scotland.

Commission adjourned till next week at usual time.

THE NICKEL

A special Easter programme is announced for the Nickel next week, and patrons will be more than pleased at its production, as the bill is spoken to be one of the best of the many best seen at "the people's own show."

During the close-down week, the theatre has been repainted and decorated under the skilled management of Messrs O'Grady Bros., and the hall will be in tip-top condition for visitors on Monday next.

Manager Kielly who returned from abroad on Thursday last, has secured an engagement at the supplying of some of the best films to be had, and also some celebrated vocalists are to visit us soon. In short, the Nickel true to its record of giving the best is going to keep alive to the times, and those who have always sought to visit a good, clean, and up-to-date show, will find all three, as of yore, at the Nickel.

St. Thomas's Glee Singers
By referring to our advertising columns it will be noticed that a grand concert entertainment will be held in the Grenfell Hall on Monday night, in which St. Thomas's Glee Singers, Mr. H. W. Stirling, L.L.C.M., conductor, and several other talented ladies and gentlemen of the city, will take part.

The net proceeds are for the maintenance of the Grenfell Hall, and we bespeak a full house for such a laudable purpose.

PERSONAL

Mr. W. R. Howley, K.C., returned by the Stephano, he had been to New York on business.

Capt. A. Montgomerie, who was in charge of the Second Contingent, returned on Thursday.

Hon. J. R. and Mrs. Bennet came from New York by the Stephano on Thursday.

The Fogota is to receive a general overhauling before resuming her Fogota route, service.

SEALING NEWS

Messages to Marine and Fisheries to-day:—

Change Islands—Strong S.W. wind and show drizzles; ice moving on.

Upper's Narrows—Calm; day still jammed; 40 men from here walked to Cape John and landed over one thousand young harps.

Seal Cove—Wind N.W.; weather fair and cold; bay still jammed with ice; no seals.

La Sclie—Moderate W. wind; weather dull; ice and seals wheeled outside Gull Island and drifting S.E.; ice open; lakes of water extending to Horse Island; three steamers panned E.S.E. off Cape.

The latest messages from the fleet are as follows:—

To Bowring Bros. (Last Night) From Terra Nova—"Twenty miles south of Cape North; in the whelping ice; seals scarce; took 300 to-day; Viking alongside."

From S. S. Florizel—"Drifted five miles out the Bay since last night; Nascope gone three miles N.N.E.; fine and clear; jammed position of other ships same as previously reported."

From S. S. Eagle—"Ice tight; ship jammed; nothing new to report."

To Job Bros & Co. (Last Night) From S. S. Neptune—"Off little Fog Islands; ice tight as far as can be seen."

From S. S. Nascope—"Steamed 2 miles in a crack; ice very tight now; Florizel and Berdic 2 miles astern; wind S. E., light."

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE

The South Side of Quidi Vidi Road was the scene of a big fire last night, the alarm being sent in from box 113 at 9.30. The Central and East End men responding, the fire was found to be at the house jointly occupied by F. Pike and J. Kelly. As it took some considerable time to reach the nearest alarm box after the blaze had been discovered, the fire had gained great headway, and when the companies reached the scene and regulated their working order, the house was in flames, and in about three quarters of an hour later, the building was totally destroyed.

All the furniture and belongings of the two families were burned, Mr. Pike losing \$170.00 in cash, which he had in his bed-room, and as no insurance was carried the loss to the owner, Mr. Geoffrey Kelly, who was formerly warden at the Penitentiary, is a big one.

The house, which was a new one, was standing near the famous treasure-trove gully running from Benne's Grove, and many of the superstitious gave utterance to the fact last night, particularly when it was learned that the house had been only taken possession of last Monday. It is said that there are nine kegs of gold buried a few yards north of the ruins, but the mystic coin is protected by kindly ghostly employees of the famous Kidd.

ENLISTED

Six men enlisted on Thursday evening last, their names are:—St. John's—Thos. Lynch, John Ryan, Jas. J. Francis.

Bay Bulls—Wm. F. Quirk, Griguet—Augustus Alcock, Trepassy—Wm. Bulger. The number is now 1488.

GLAZED FROST

Speaking of "glazed frost," by which is meant the smooth coating of ice formed when super-cooled raindrops strike objects, Dr. T. Okada, in the Journal of the Meteorological Society of Japan, says:—"The conduction and evaporation of raindrops falling through ice-cold layers of the atmosphere will be sufficient to cool them many degrees below the freezing point." The difficulty appears to be to explain why small drops do not solidify in falling through the air.—Scientific American.

Capt. Isaac Young, of Twillingate, went out on board the Eagle when the ship was so dangerously rafted near that coast, and he reports that the vessel was but little damaged, one of her iron straps being broken and a bulkhead out of place.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon) Fair to-day. Sunday E. and N.E. gales with rain or sleet.

Cape Race (noon) Wind South West, light, dense fog; heard nothing pass to-day.

Roper's (noon) Ber. 29.80; ther. 54.

PINSENT MEMORIAL

On Thursday night, Mr. Archibald Macpherson was installed as Worshipful Master of Whiteway Lodge, the ceremony being performed by District Grand Master CHT, assisted by D. G. M. Duder, and Deputy D.G.M. Bro. Wm. Campbell—S.W. Bro. Cyril Duley—J.W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Thomas—Chaplain. Bro. T. J. Duley—Treasurer. Bro. W. H. Rennie—S.D. Bro. H. R. Brooks—J.D. Bro. Lloyd Chapman—D. of C. Bro. F. J. King—Organist. Bro. J. W. McKelley—I.G. Bro. H. W. Dickinson, Bro. E. L. Lawrence—Stewards. Bro. George Morris—Tyler.

Then followed the presentation of a handsome Past Master's Jewel to the retiring master, W. Bro. R. F. Goodridge, whose uniform courtesy and wise guidance has endeared him to every member of the Craft. Brief addresses were given by the Installing Officers and the Masters of the local lodges, congratulating the Lodge on its choice, W.M. Macpherson on the honour conferred, and Past W. M. Goodridge on the good work done by him during his year of office. The collection was devoted to the Masonic Benevolent Fund. It is interesting, and a matter of pride to the Lodge, to know that a quarter of its membership is with the Regiment at Edinburgh, and that its junior Warden, Brother Cyril Duley, is amongst the number.

Kyle's Passengers

The Gulf steamer Kyle, which arrived at Port aux Basques at 11.30 p.m. yesterday, had the following first-class passengers on board:—P. D. Park, J. G. Crawford and J. P. Chetwynd. The express is due tomorrow forenoon.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE OUTPORT PEOPLE WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO FOLLOW THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, WHICH OPENS ON APRIL 7TH, WE WILL SEND THE DAILY ISSUE OF "THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE" TO ANY PERSON FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS YEAR FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR, AND THE WEEKLY ISSUE FOR THE SUM OF THIRTY CENTS.

SHIPPING
S.S. Sagona, left Port aux Basques at 1.20 a.m., today for Louisburg.
Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 11.30 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 6.30 o'clock this morning for Louisburg.
The S.S. Ethie arrived at Placentia at 7 a.m. yesterday, and sailed again today on the Merashoen route.
Meigle left Pushthrough at 2.30 p.m. yesterday going west.
S.S. Prospero left Grand Bank at 8 a.m. going west.
S.S. Stephano will not get away before Tuesday next.
S.S. Roanoke is 7 days out on the passage from Liverpool.
FOR SALE—Ship's Chronometer in first class condition. Price \$40.00. Apply "C" care this office.—ap3,6i

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New Caps
We have just received a special lot American Golf Caps, in the newest shapes and patterns. Price 50c. to \$1.50.
Tunic Shirts
Gents' English and American Soft Front Shirts, some coat styles, with soft or stiff cuffs. Many with soft collars to match. Price 60c to \$1.40
Soft Felt Hats
Special line of Jobs, in assorted Greens, Browns, and Fawns. Price 85c.
Very smart line superior quality in shades of Brown, Green, Fawn, Grey, Navy and Black. Price \$1.50
New Neckties
Just to hand, a lot of wide end Scarves. Newest designs, 30c and 40c
Narrow String Ties from 10c up
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