## THE EVENING TELEGRAM, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MAY 31, 1918-4

## **Empire Press Party.** An Explanation.

We congratulate our fellow journal-ist, Mr. John S. Currie, Editor of the Daily News, upon his' selection as the Newfoundland representative of the "Empire Press Party" which is being arranged by the British Govern-ment in order that the, Journalists of the Overseas Dominions, might enjoy the unique experience of a trip through the British Islands, and along the battle line of the Western Front so that by direct observation the nav realise all that is being done in the way of war work in the home-land and in the fighting theatres. The week, and the nomination being ten-dered Mr. Currie by our Government, the wacks and we are confident that in such capable hands, the interests of this Dominion will be well cared for. It is a signal honor which has

in such capable hands, the interests of this Dominion will be well cared for. It is a signal honor which has been conferred on both the Daily News and its Editor, and one which **Evening Telegram** is fully appreciated by all the mem-bers of the "fourth estate" in New-W. J. HERDER, - - Proprietor



A suggestion has been made in the daily papers by Newfoundland correspondents at present living in different parts of Canada that some agreement of both Dominions, whereby Newfoundlanders in Canada called up by the Military Service Act, whether they are working on shore or sailing in vessels of Canadian register and ownership, may be, after dratting, transferred to Newfoundland for service with the Regiment. There are numerous young men belonging to this country working in all the sources, and these would naturally prefer to server server with the colours in their own register would naturally prefer to server with the colours in their own register the colours in their own register the colours in their own regis suggestion has been made in the

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with the colours in their own regi-ment. In the early days of the war hundreds of our boys in Canada volun-teered for the Canadian forces. From

Vancouver to Halifax there was scarcely a regiment that did not contain on its roster the names of Newfoundlanders, and up to the time when

they would run into thousands. Of course such an arrangement as has sidered which resulted in 15 being

**Exemption** Tribunal. fairs. Only prominent outsiders, such as Lord Northcliffe, realise and appreciate the valuable aid that Norwegians At yesterday's sitting of the Military

are giving the Allies to-day through Fribunal, the following applications, Tribunal, the following applications, their numerous shipyards, working medical board or to be inquired into states and the Pacific coast of Canada. foundlanders, and up to the time when the M. S. A. of Canada was put into operation, Terra Novians were re-sponding to the call. Not a casualty list was published in the Canadian press but the name of a Newfound-lander appeared in it, and if we were to reckon up the numbers of the young men of this country which have joined the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. They would run into thousands of Almost daily the cry comes from

en suggested could not be effected granted exemption, 3 disallowed, 3 adin an off hand manner; still we think that a mutual understanding could be

Shipbuilding Co. was the only notable home where there are boys and girls exception. As as a matter of fact the They inspire the young with thoughts notable exceptions in Harbor Grace and ideas that they will never get were the business houses and Govern- from the use of the ordinary text text

inent buildings flying flags. Incident-books now in use in the schools. Ally, it might be added that the Ship-building Company were too busy on Empire Day helping Britain and the tion, when writing regarding the Allies in a more practicable way than merely shouting "Hosannah." On the other hand, it might be quite possiother hand, it might be quite possi-ble that the critics cannot say as much day reading these pages—he would

STEAMER RUNS DOWN SCHR. A Newfoundland seaman named Pat-rick Powers was one of the six who were drowned when the Gloucester schr Beni A Smith was ran down by

greater extent, where his sympathies lie, that the Company itself, and the officers connected with it, have not been backward in local patriotic af-tember, the books are constantly in use by the children and are read with use by the children and are read with the greatest interest, they are a won-derful help in writing school composi-tions. Several members of the staff in the Western Union Cable Co. also procured sets; all are highly pleased with their investment. At Bay Roberts and Carbonear many

residents have these books in their At Bell Island, the Dominion Fire Brigade have installed a set in their new Library. The new Convent Shools also got a set for the School

Library; several of the staff in the Nova Scotia Co. and the Dominion Iron Co. have procured sets for use in their own homes.

the Allies: "Ships, ships, and still more ships" and it is because of this demand for tonnage the Newfoundland In St. John's there are hundreds of been suggested could not it to the maner; still we think in an off hand manner; still we think that a mutual understanding could be reached and men taken by the Cana-dian draft Act, could be returned to Newfoundland via North Sydney, from any part of Canada. But it should be understood that the desire to enter for military service at home should be voluntary. That is, upon draft, they should be asked if it was their wish to serve in the Newfound-land Regiment and train with the Shipbuilding Co. is in being. In the sets now in use, and in other parts of United States the shippard worker of every description is looked upon as second only to the man in the field. Here, the only shippard of any size is looked upon with mistrust. A small ville, Port au Port, St. George's, Bur-Shipbuilding Co. is in being. In the sets now in use, and in other parts of





was in the affirmative the Canadian military authorities could supervise the transfer, and squads could be sent home under the direction of transport officers of the Newfoundland Regi-ment, who could travel to and fro on

the Cabot Strait steamers. Very lit-tle machinery need be utilised for carrying out this. Half a dozen non coms under the command of a Captain or Lieutenant would suffice. We be-lieve that if this matter were taken

or Lieutenant would suffice. We be-lieve that if this matter were taken up, it would be welcomed by every Newfoundlander employed in Canada. If it is not feasible, and the methods to be adopted were necessarily cum-bersome not much good might ensue bersome, not much good might ensue and matters would be further compli-cated. But as it appears to be the expressed sentiment and wish of the many of our young men in Canada to return home for service with their many of our young men in Canada to return home for service with their own Regiment, every effort should be made to accede to their desires. By doing so, the strength of the Regiment

would be more than kept up, and there lumbering and trading business very successfully. In recent years he had associated with him two sons, Lor-

enzo and William. An older son, Le Freedom of the Press. ander, is engaged in lumbering on his own account. In the death of Mr

Drover, Cochrane Street Church loses "The liberty of the Press has al-ways been regarded by modern po-litical writers as a matter of supreme guaintances, whose number is legion quaintances, whose number is legion, to mourn the loss of one who was a importance.

The censorship of the Press which, in one form or another, had been ex-sterling friend. The funeral will take ercised from the time of Henry VIII. place on Sunday from the late resi-dence of the deceased, Circular Road down to the reign of William III., ceased to exist in 1695. But it was not till 1764, when the "North Briton", symapthy which is extended the adited by John Wilkes, was prosecu- mourning family and relatives.

ted by the Grenville Administration that the right of the Press to discuss public affairs was established. Tix

years later (1770) the failure of the prosecution against "Junius" for his Letter to the King, established the right of the Press to criticise the con-duct, not only of Ministers of Parlia-ment, but of the Sovereign himself. But even the first John Walter of "The Times" was prosecuted (1770) at the instance of the Government: was fined, sent to prison and sentenced to the pillory, for paragraphs on the princes of the blood. At a later period the foreign dispatches of. "The Times" were, at the instigation of the Gov-ernment, delayed in transmission, and the proprietor was warned that his paper would only have fair treatment on the terms of unconditional sub-serviency. But John Walter showed that he was neither to be bought nor bullied and the Government cantur. years later (1770) the failure of the After a long and tedious illness there passed away at his residence, serviency. But John Walter showed that he was neither to be bought nor bullied and the Government capitu-lated. The final triumph of the Press in its struggle for complete freedom came in 1835 when Parliament frank-ly opened its doors to reporters, though the prohibition against pub-lishing the proceedings of Parliament still exists in form.—Harmsworth Encyclopaedia.

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The wedding of Miss Elsie Patridge, of Sparkhall, Birmingham, England, to Sergt. Ernest Tersier, Machine Gun Instructor, at the Ontario Reserve Batalion Depot, England, takes place of the largest schools in England and s a very popular young lady. Sergt. Fessier is a brother of Mr. Cyril Tessier is a brother of Mr. Cyril Tessier & Co., this is a very popular young lady. Sergt. Fessier is a brother of Mr. Cyril Tessier i

When this narrow spirit of suspici- ear, Northern Bay, Heart's Content which is assuredly not British, is etc.

eliminated, and some of the people in Newfoundland realise that shipbuild-Publishers, is at present staying at Balsam Place, Barnes Road, but will ing is as important and vital to the ess activity, there passed away at Empire as flag flying, then will the

Cape From Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day.

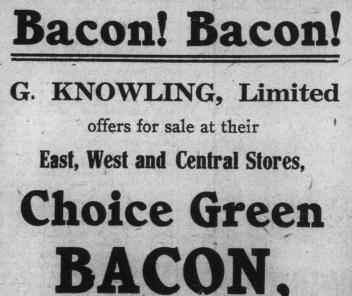
CONGRATULATIONS. Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,-A message has just been

eceived from the Record Office, London, advising us that the Military Cross has been awarded to Lieut. James Mifflin, and Distinguished Conduct Medal awarded to No. 1733 Pte. Thomas Pittman. No particulars are given.

Yours faithfully. W. F. RENDELL, Lieut-Col., C. S. O. for Minister of Militia

Wind west, strong, weather fine. Nothing passed in to-day. Three ice-When you want Steaks, Chops, bergs are in sight east of the Cape, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS'. one very large and flat and dangerous to shipping. Bar. 29.60; Ther. 47

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