

Doctor Burden States His Case.

St. John's Nfld.,
May 19, 1917.

Editor: The Herald.

Dear Sir,—Because I do not regard your article in your paper of yesterday (Friday) as making a fair presentation of my connection as medical examiner for the Newfoundland Regiment, and because some of your remarks appear to have created misapprehensions in the mind of the public, I ask the favor of the publication of this letter in your paper.

In the first place my contract with the Standing Committee for the performance of medical work for the Regiment was simply that of a civil practitioner under agreement to examine recruits, to attend sick patients and to visit any of the men who might be ill in their billets in the city.

The Commission I held was given me at the volition of the authorities and without any request from me. That Commission was granted to facilitate and to give due military authority to work other than that for which the Standing Committee engaged me. This extra work consisted of the filling out of papers for the Medical Board. Such papers dealt with the physical condition of returned volunteers, applications for pensions or allowances. It entailed thorough examination of the men concerned and was performed gratuitously by me.

Besides this preliminary work in connection with the Medical Board, I also performed vaccinations, inoculations and visited the Military Hospital, without charge, although such services were not covered by the terms of my agreement with the Standing Committee.

When His Excellency demanded the resignation of my Commission, he simply made it impossible for me to perform further gratuitous services for the Medical Board. His action in no way affected my connection with the Standing Committee, who have yet to decide on their action in this connection. As far as I am concerned, I regard myself as under obligation to that Committee for the services outlined, until I am duly and formally released therefrom.

You were in error, Mr. Editor, when you stated that I had "intimated to the Governor that I intended to volunteer." I have never made any such promise to His Excellency or anybody else. Such a condition was not made part of my agreement with the Standing Committee. My services were, as I have stated, purely of a civil nature. The other services referred to were a later development of my connection with the Regiment, were not paid for and were undertaken by me simply to smooth over certain friction that had arisen between certain of the Regimental officials.

On the two occasions on which His Excellency asked me to proceed overseas, I gave him no promise to fall in line. On the first occasion I told the Governor I could give him no promise; on the second occasion I told him definitely that circumstances prevented me from doing as he asked.

I hold, Mr. Editor, that I am the keeper of my own conscience in this matter and that under present circumstances it is my privilege to make my own decisions in regard to volunteering, even as that is the undoubted

right of thousands of my fellow-countrymen.

In common with scores of fellow-practitioners, I have, as far as in me lay, endeavored to do my duty by the Regiment. I was one of the first to volunteer services in connection with the military forces. In less than a year, the doctors of this city performed work which, the Finance Committee estimated, saved the country at least seven thousand dollars, all of it being done without charge. You practically make the implication that I and other fellow-practitioners "bleed" the patriotic funds in this connection and that implication is by no means just. It certainly is not just to me to make statements calculated to persuade the public that I have been in receipt of a salary of three thousand dollars per year for services rendered the Regiment.

At the end of December, 1916, I had been performing medical examinations and other services in my professional line for twenty-one months. Up to that time I had received in payment of these services a sum total of \$1,920.

In addition to this amount I received from the authorities in the same period a kit allowance of \$92 (in connection with a trip north with a draft of the Regiment) and about \$70 for travelling expenses in connection with a trip to England with one of the contingents.

In all, then, I received from the authorities the sum of \$2,082 in all connections as regards the Regiment, during a period of twenty-one months, \$162 of this amount being for expenses incidental to my services and not for the services themselves.

To state, then, that I have been paid at the rate of three thousand dollars per year, is by no means a true representation of the facts of the case. In a year and three quarters my total receipts were \$2,082.

In a year and three quarters my receipts for services rendered were \$1,920.

That is at the rate of less than \$1,100 per year.

My total receipts from Regimental sources in twenty-five months (up to the end of April, 1917) are a little over \$3,000.

That is at the rate of \$1,440 per year.

It is true that my receipts in one month did total \$241. That was a record month in recruiting. My charges were made according to the scale of fees provided by the Finance Committee. But, as will be seen by reference to the sum-totals I have given, my receipts from this source each month were by no means on this average. As recruiting has fluctuated, so have receipts, which have fallen as low as \$72 per month.

It strikes me, Mr. Editor, that to obtain a full and fair understanding of the whole cost of medical services to the Regiment, it would be well to publish all such accounts. Then the public will learn for themselves the amounts expended in this connection, the persons and payments concerned, and the proportion of work performed by the various doctors, including myself.

Sincerely yours,
F. W. BURDEN.

A Tale of Tailoring

Our newest arrival is a smart selection of Men's American Tailored Suits in Serge and Mixed Tweeds. These Suits are quite apart from last season's styles, there is a distinct difference in the cut and the materials are of the newest weaves.

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Our Volunteers.

The following recruits signed the roll at the Water Street Recruiting Station on Saturday:

FOR THE NAVY.
Albert Esler, St. John's.
Wm. Christopher, Port de Grave.
Leonard Raley, Port Saunders.
Edwin Perry, Port Saunders.
John R. Atkins, Port aux Choix.
By yesterday morning's early train Messrs. Monahan and Ellis for Army, and Gould, Ryan, Caines, Patey and Hollett for the Forestry Companies, reached the city and were taken to boarding houses by Corp. Hackett.

Supreme Court.

Present: Chief Justice Horwood. The Feltham vs. Hessler & Co. pit prop case was again before the Supreme Court this morning when the evidence of Messrs. S. E. Ericson and M. E. Martin, witnesses for the defence, was given. The court adjourned at 1 p.m. till 3 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Justice Johnson. The further hearing of the case of Mr. Charles Emerson, Administrator of the Estate of the late Margaret Kieley vs. Michael O'Toole was continued this morning.

Howley, K.C. moves for the evidence of Mrs. Goodland to be taken "de bene esse," and reads the certificate of Doctor Mitchell. Howley further moves that Frederick R. Emerson be appointed as examiner. Mr. Poole, counsel for the plaintiff, gives his consent.

The further hearing of evidence was postponed till Wednesday, May 23rd, 1917.

JUST ARRIVED — A large assortment of Ferry's Vegetable and Flower Seed at BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD., Grocery Department. 'Phone 679.—m7,1f

Young Woman Alleged Victim of Foul Play.

The Department of Justice has information in its possession relative to a sensational incident alleged to have occurred on the West Coast. It appears that a young woman named Grace Rose, of Bay des Vieux, in the district of Burgeo and LaPole, died and after the corpse was buried there were apparent grounds for suspecting that her death was due to foul play. The authorities there heard of the matter and had the body taken out of the cemetery and examined by Dr. McDonald, whose finding had reference to injuries on the throat of the body and led to the arrest on suspicion of a man named Warner, who is being held in custody at Burgeo while an investigation is going on before Magistrate Small at that place.

W. P. A.

The Governor and Lady Davidson desire to hold a W. P. A. Anniversary Garden Party early in September.

To make sure of not omitting any of our workers, it is requested that ALL workers should register their names and addresses before the end of June.

Those working at Government House are requested to register there only on the Tuesdays in May and June.

Those working at any of the other Associations are requested to register only at their Associations. may19,2i

Rev. W. Cracknell Recovering.

A message was received in the city on Saturday from the Rev. W. E. R. Cracknell, formerly Curate of St. Thomas's Church, but recently Chaplain with the B. E. F. in France, stating that he was leaving Ripon Hospital, England. He was feeling well but his arm was still in a sling. The gallant Chaplain contracted a slight form of trench disease at the front, which was followed by blood poisoning in the legs and arms, and early in March he was removed to the institution mentioned above. He wishes to be remembered to the members of St. Thomas's Parish and others with whom he was personally acquainted.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'S.

A GOOD CATCH.—Mr. Wm. King, Portugal Cove, secured thirty fine salmon this morning and on bringing the same to this city disposed of them in quick time at a reasonable price.

OFF DOCK.—The Argyle and another of Reid's ships, which were on dock for repairs, came off the chocks to-day and will leave to-night to resume their regular service.

Wounded Men Reach Town.

Despite the early arrival of the express which reached the city at 2 a.m. yesterday, there was a goodly number of citizens at the railway station to welcome the following returning heroes: Lieut. W. Pippy, Sergt. J. Peet, Sergt. Good-year, Corp. Hennesbury, Corp. Renout, Ptes. Rendell, Walsh, George, Freed, King, Held, Shelly, Harvey, Goodland, Kelly, Cook, Madcock, Atwood, Stares, Pelly. Messrs. Browning and Pasterson representing the Ladies' Reception Committee, were as usual at their posts and provided cabs in which the heroes and their relatives were driven to their homes. Before leaving the station the men were addressed by Sir Edward Morris, who was also a passenger.

McMurdo's Store News

MONDAY, May 21, 1917.

Ideal After Shave is a mixture specially put up for use on the face after shaving and completely takes away all signs of smarting and burning from which some people suffer every time they perform that necessary operation. Ideal After Shave entirely takes the place of Bay Rum and other marsh applications, which for the time being at least, seem to make the irritation worse. Ideal After Shave rubs right into the skin and does not show on the face while its nice perfume makes it a grateful toilet article. Price 25c. a bottle.

Though many of our smaller seeds are entirely sold out, we have still a good stock and considerable variety of Cabbage and Turnip Seed; we are fairly well off for Parsnip; while among Flower Seeds we have still a good many Sweet Peas. We would solicit orders for all of these as soon as possible.

Best Spring Wheat Patents.

May 14 New York ... \$16.50—\$16.75
May 17 Winnipeg ... 15.80
May 15 Montreal ... 16.00

St. John's price to-day \$16.00 at an import cost of from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per barrel.

Here and There.

BOWRING'S SHIPS.—The Prospero left Tilt Cove at 7.30 a.m. to-day, going north. The Portia left Bay of Islands yesterday, coming east.

GEO. KNOWLING is selling CHOICE FRESH HALIBUT for 13c. per lb.—may19,2i

EMPIRE DAY SPORTS.—The Nfld. Highlanders will have teams contest in the football fives, relay races, 100 yards dash, quarter mile race and tug of war in the Sports to be held on Thursday next, Empire Day.

PERSONAL.—Mrs. Cleary of "The Inverness" had a letter from her son Corp. J. S. Cleary, a few days ago, saying he had returned to France, was fully recovered, and wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

CHILD BADLY BURNED.—The child Squires, the victim of the burning accident at Alexander Bay, previously referred to, reached town in charge of her parents yesterday morning and was conveyed in the ambulance to the General Hospital for treatment.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN, LISTEN!—T. A. Band Dance at T. A. Hall, Wednesday night, May 23rd, the eve of the holiday. Tickets can be purchased from the members of the Band. Ladies', 50c. Gent's double or single, \$1. Tea included. Programme of music will be given later. Don't miss this dance. may21,1i

DIED.

On the 20th inst., after a short illness, Eliza, widow of the late James Kieley; funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 196 Le Marchant Road; friends and acquaintances will please accept this, the only intimation. Rest in peace.

Died on the 21st inst., Martha, beloved wife of Stanley Noel, aged 57 years, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, No. 77 McFarlane Street; friends will please attend without further notice.

Passed peacefully away on Saturday morning, 19th inst., at one o'clock, Mr. Wm. Peddle, aged 56 years, leaving a wife, six daughters, three brothers and a son-in-law at the front and a large circle of friends to mourn the sad loss of a kind and loving husband, father and brother; funeral to-day, Monday, at 2 p.m., from his late residence, 32 John Street.—R. L. P. Boston and Alberta papers please copy.

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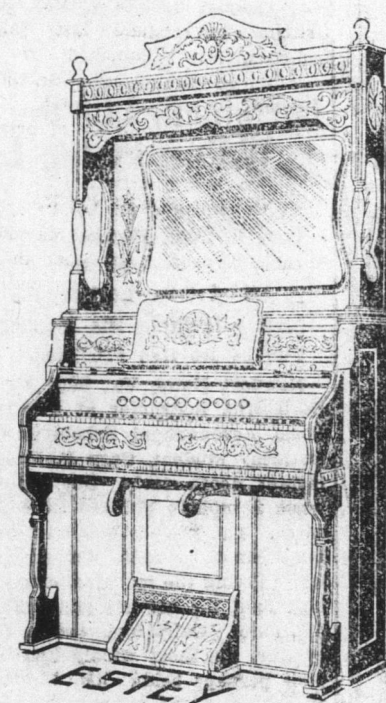
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Messages Received
Previous to 9 A.M.

EVEN UP BRITISH

From Staff Correspondent of the Press, British Army Headquarters, France, May 20.—The of Bullecourt, the capture of chemical works and the capture of Roer, the general events of British line in the West have new British offensive. The over. For four days now practically has marked the activity, too, has been ably reduced on various fronts which a few days ago were spouting fire like volcanoes. They are only intermittently the Germans who to-day are a fest wonderment as to what Haig can have in mind to set spasm of shells first here then as if at a loss exactly what to fearing not to do something unseasoned is also manifested attempted raid from the Quentin and by officers of the appearing at vantage points behind enemy lines eagerly to spy British position. The Post parently are reconciled to the Bullecourt, for since the Guard fell back during the night of May 16, the ruins of the village been fairly quiet after a storm of some of the most bitter fighting. Thus during a week of space the British situation in factory, the Germans came along the line where the pursuing kept up against the de pause in infantry operations. Among the German troops have been feeble and easily by British artillery.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, May 20.—The received representatives of the Moscow newspapers and announced he was about to the Russian fighting front. he was convinced that he would be in a position to dissipate the pessimism prevailing even now in circles regarding the common Russian army. "I am whatever," he said, "the of Free Russia will know how

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GEE-I DON'T LIKE TO ASK YOU TO GO IN THERE AND DIG BUT THE RUSSIAN LUMPS HAS A LOT OF HOUSES TO BURN

