GIRL GUIDE NOTES

1st Bay Roberts Company, Girl Guides, reports favourable progress in all ranks. On Friday night last 51 Guides were on parade, all in uniform.

The Guides are also making great advance in physical drill. The Officers extend a hearty welcome to visitors who are interested in the movement. Their night of meeting is every Friday.

The dock strike in England has been settled.

The British Govt. will not appoint an Imperial Economic Standing Committee. This Committee was recommended by the Imperial Conference to promote trade within the Empire. The Dominions were not unanimous in its favor.

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ALBERT J. BAYLY,
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Bay Roberts, Friday, Feb. 29, 1924

Board of Trade Report

REDUCTION OF TAXATION IS POSSIBLE.

"The matter of Taxation weighs heavily on the chief industry of the country, the fisheries. Nearly all our taxes, no matter upon whom they are intended to fall, are ultimately passed on to the consumer and have to be paid by him. The great majority of consumers in this country are fishermen; and whether they know that they are the greatest sufferers from taxation or not, is beside the point. Eventually all these taxes are added to the price of general commodities, which the fisherman, just like anyone else, has to buy in order to live and carry on his daily task. The result is that at the present day, owing to the high cost of provisions and materials, it does not pay to catch fish; and it is probably true to state that it costs more to catch fish in Newfoundland than in any other country in the world, despite the fact that we have some of the most prolific fishing grounds at our very front doors and the majority of the population are used to the sea and ships.

"It is also true that we are further handicapped by exchange conditions which are in favour of many of our competitors, by the Fordney Tariff which assists our American competitors, by the Customs privileges which are enjoyed by our Lunenburg competitors, and by the bounty which is enjoyed by our French competitors; but these are matters beyond our control. The reduction of taxation, however, is within our control. It is, however, useless to talk about a reduction unless it is preceded by a reduction in expenditure. So far, there have been no signs of a really serious attempt to curtail the overhead expenses of the country. Until this is done there can be no solid basis to the statement that the country has turned the corner and is already well on the road to recovery. We ought at least to be able to catch as cheaply as Canada, the United States, Norway, England, France and Iceland can; and until we do, the future of the country is not assured. The burden of taxation is the main hindrance which prevents us making it profitable to catch fish. It should have been the duty of the Government to give the lead to the people in effecting economy, but in this it has failed. Most business houses and most individuals have cut down their overhead expenses very considerably in the attempt at reorganisation after the war; and it s to be hoped that the present Government will at long last follow the example of its citizens before it is too late."

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"The majority of business houses in the Island have, during the past two or three years, devoted most of their time to the reduction of their standing charges. Government management is, like other business management, saddled with heavy standing charges which have grown out of all reason during and since the war, and which during times such as those through which we are passing, bear too heavily on the country. It is difficult to get any Government to face the facts and use the pruning knift sufficiently. Your Council believes that acommittee of business men could sit down with a pencil and cut off between one and two million dollars in the annual expenditure, without any result other than good to the country."

Construction Operations at the Lumber

Newfoundlanders at home and abroad are delighted with the immense construction operations in connection with the development of power and operation of a huge paper mill on the West Coast. It has brought Newfoundland very prominently before the world as a country of great possibilities in the development of its resources. At present negotiations are taking place with a view to developments on the Gander River, which we hope will terminate successfully and for the good of Newfoundland.

A suggestion has been made that too much time is being taken with the present Enquiry and not enough attention is being paid to the further development of the country and the encouragement of the fisheries.

The Guardian does not concur in this view. We are of the opinion that the Enquiry was a real necessity and will, we hope, do much good toward a cleansing of public life. We unhesitatingly state that, while certain revelations are no surprise to some, it comes as a wonderful revelation to the majority of taxpayers who have heretofore had the details connected with public matters hid from them. But the things being exposed to the public gaze by the Enquiry is only, as it were, a "pin's prick" compared with the whole.

We would say that the members of the Government not directly concerned with the Enquiry like the Prime Minister is, could very easily attend to matters of general interest to the country, the fisheries and the wage-earners.

Reform! Reform! Reform! has been the cry for years. But it is only now we have made a genuine start in that direction. Let those responsible for the partial cleansing receive from the public a just measure of support and praise. It does not matter what ulterior or selfish motives they may have so long as extravagance and wrong-doing is uncovered to the gaze of the taxpayers who primarily furnish the millions of dollars that should he handled with care and economy. A truth, no matter by whom uttered, is still a truth. Excuses that subordinates failed in their duties is not sufficient. The public can only hold their duly elected representatives responsible for the economical management of the country's business. Dr. Campbell was not even elected by the people.

The matter of pay for Newfoundland workmen is another matter that should engage the attention of the members of the Government. Millions of dollars are being spent on the Humber works. It is no doubt going to be a profitable venture when completed and in operation. Millions of dollars in profits may be reasonably expected. Newfoundland workmen and taxpayers may be called upon to bear a substantial part of the cost. What, we ask in all seriousness, is the workingmen of Newfoundland getting for his labor in connection therewith compared with his fellow-workingmen in Canada or the United States engaged on similar construction work? If these Companies are induced to come here on the understanding that native workmen can be secured to do all kinds ofconstruction work at a third or half less than in Canada or the U. S. A., it is high time it was stopped.

What will the average Newfoundland workman get out of it? Only enough to keep himself and family for the time he is employed.

At 25c for laborers and 40c for carpenters a man will not be able to save very much. We are not saying this in any carping spirit of criticism, for we appreciate the great good this big enterprise is to the country, but at the same time we strongly protest against our people being exploited and taken advantage of at this particular time. If a Newfoundlander engaged on similar work is worth from 50c to $1.00 an hour in Canada or the U.S.A., he should be entitled to the same rate of pay or nearly so on the Humber. The contractors will no doubt make their big profits at the expense of the Newfoundland workmen, whose genius for construction work is the equal of any. This has been substantiated by such men as Sir W. D. Reid, Mr. H. J. Crowe, Mr. J. Q. Gulnac, the late Wm. Scott of Grand Falls, Mr. H. F. Lincoln, of Portland, Maine, Mr. Dorrity, Mr. A. E. Harris, Mr. T. E. Remsen, civil engineer, and Mr. Robertson, who superintended the erection of Lord Northcliffe's residence at Grand Falls. We hope to give some of their testimonials in future issues.

INTER-CLUB DEBATE

The Inter-Club Debate between the Meth. College Literary Institute (M.C.L.I.) and Llewellyn Club took place in the Meth. College Hall on Thursday night, Feb. 21st. The subject announced by the chairman was: "Resolved, That the Modern Labor Movement is injurious to the social order." Of the speakers, Rev. R. E. Fairbairn was leader for the M.C.L.I., and Rev. G. O. Lightbourn was leader for the Llewellyn Club.

Rev. Mr. Fairbairn opened the debate by defining terms. By Labor he meant the wage-earning workers generally without distinction of kind of work; by movement, the organized endeavor of this class to secure and advance its own interests; by modern, the actual fact and present effect of this organized movement in distinction from historical conditions and clauses and from merely ideal tendencies and potentialities; by the social order, society as a whole in which every part belongs to every other part so that the welfare of the whole depends upon the due and proportionate functioning of each part; by injurious was meant detrimental or hindering to the health, wealth, prosperity and progress of this social organism.

The resolution did not imply that the labor movement works more injury to the social order than the capitalistic or competitive system, and pointed out that the rise of Labor was inevitable, as it had been called into being by the callous and conscienceless selfishness of those who wished to exploit the workers to their own enrichment. Selfishness is not merely an individual fault; it is often a group evil, and as such it brings forth opposing evils quite as evil or worse. Unless some new spirit can be introduced it must go on from one state of organized evil to another and become injurious to the social order in an attempt to secure the advantage of a class without consideration of the effect on the social whole. The danger is that in its blindness it will lose sight of the country as a whole in the interest of what it takes to be a class.

Rev. Mr. Lightbourn opened for the negative by defining Modern Labor as consisting of all those who labor with hand and head. The failure of Labor is attributable to the condition under which it is tried. The previous speaker had produced no proofs for the arguments brought forward. We live in a nage of unrest, and Labor must be blamed for it to some extent, but not wholly. Lawlessness existed in Russia before the Labor movement. Mr. Lightbourn emphasized Labor's ideals and its contribution to world improvement. The extremist did not represent the Labor movement, and held up the present British Labor Party as the truest example of what Labor represents.

Several speakers followed the Leaders for and against the Resolution, and advanced a great variety of argument in favor of their different contentions.

Mr. T. Hollis Walker was the Judge for the debate. He hesitated to comment on the speeches, but thought the subject was an almost impossible one to adequately define. He, however, awarded the verdict to the M. C. L. I.

PRIME MINISTER RETURNS FROM GRAND FALLS.

Hon. Dr. Warren, Prime Minister and Mr. S. J. Foote, M. H. A., who were to Grand Falls consulting with a representative of the Armstrong Whitworth Co., returned to St. John's early in the week. He stated that the Company are making big preparations for extensive operations early this spring, and altogether about 5,000 men will be employed next summer.

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GROUND POLLUTION OF WELLS

In its investigation of rural privies the U. S. Public Health Service has found that uranin-stained fecal bacteria may penetrate fine sand soil to a distance of 115 feet in 27 weeks. It seems however that the travel is only in the direction of the flow of the ground water, and that the pollution is confined to a thin sheet at the surface of the zone of saturation. There was no evidence of the contamniation of near-by deep wells.—Gazette.

Enough has been shown of the activities in this country of a certain gentleman named Collishaw for Mr. Warren to take our suggestion of a few weeks ago and endeavor to get him here to give evidence. We understand he is not now in the country. We are quite sure Mr. Walker would like to make his acquaintance, and there are others. It will pay the public to become better acquainted with this man.

It is generally reported that a shortage of $80,000 has been discovered in the Agriculture and Mines Dept., and one of the clerks has been suspended. Another shortage of $5,000.00 has been reported in the Postal Telegraph Dept., and a clerk has been suspended there also.

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The cross-country express, which has been on the way from Port aux Basques over a week, arrived at Brigus Junction Thursday afternoon. Owing to the condition of the rails the train did not arrive here till after midnight, bringing a large foreign mail.

A Dutch pastor makes it a point to welcome any strangers cordially, and one evening after the completion of the service he hurried down the aisle to station himself at the door.

A Swedish girl was one of the strangers in the congregation. She is employed as a domestic in one of the fashionable homes, and the minister, noting that she was a stranger, stretched out his hand.

He welcomed her to the church and expresser the hope that she would be regular attendant. Finally he said that if she would be at home some evening during the week he would call.

"T'ank you," she murmured bashfully, "but Ay have a fella."

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Notice to Mariners

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G. F. GRIMES,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries

Dept. of Marine and Fisheries
St. John's, Nfld.
February 11th, 1924.

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