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## Rendering Service.

Yesterday the Rotarians once again gave practical effect to the motto of the Club, when they not only entertained some one hundred and fifty of the underprivileged boys of the city, but personally saw to their comfort and enjoyment, and replenished as occasion demanded the emptied platters.

The service rendered, it cannot be doubted, went further than in merely providing a bounteous feast and an afternoon's amusement. Even the youngest present must have caught something of the spirit which prompted the action, and the sentiment both expressed and implied, which was intended to let them see that they were important members of the community.

President Ayre's messages were not in the nature of a lecture, but simply suggested what Rotary expected in the way of service of their friends—acts which would indicate public spirit and would make for citizenship. If the attention with which President Jim's remarks were followed was any indication, it is certain that some at least of the seed fell on good ground and will bear fruit.

The boy life of St. John's, as represented by those who attended yesterday's function, offers a problem, full of difficulties it is true, and yet one of the greatest interest and of the greatest importance. These children are at the most receptive age, but unfortunately their environment is not conducive to their proper development, and educational facilities which would tend to overcome this influence are altogether too deficient. Rotary has accomplished much to emphasize these needs, but it is for the community as a whole to place within the reach of its growing citizens the means to fit them for their future responsibilities.

## Greetings to War Veterans

Copy of Letter from Lt-General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E., M.P., Hunterston, West Kilbride, Ayrshire.

Christmas, 1925.  
The President, The Great War Veterans' Ass'n., St. John's, Newfoundland.  
With the enclosed card I send Greetings and Best Wishes to each and all the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men, of the Newfoundland Regiment, who served with me in the 29th Division, and who are now members of the War Veterans' Association.  
May 1926 be a happy, healthy and prosperous year for the War Veterans' Association and all my old comrades.  
Yours sincerely,  
AYLMER HUNTER-WESTON.

## C. of E. Orphanage Christmas Tree

The following contributions are gratefully acknowledged:—  
Hon. W. J. Ellis, \$10.00  
H. J. Whitley Co., Ltd., 5.00  
Mr. H. Outerbridge, 5.00  
Hon. J. T. Murphy, 5.00  
Mr. C. A. C. Bruce, 5.00  
Nellie Mercer, Spaniards Bay, 1.00

Stafford's Ginger Wine for New Year.—dec30,1f

## The Mission of Minister of Marine and Fisheries

### QUEBEC TRIES TO SHUT OUT NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERMEN.

When our local schooners arrived in the Straits of Belle Isle (Canadian Side) about 1st June this year, the skippers were told to their astonishment by the Canadian Fishery Commissioner that by instructions from Quebec no Newfoundlanders would be allowed to set a trap in Canadian waters unless he was domiciled on the so-called Canadian-Labrador. When the news reached St. John's, messages were despatched by our Government to Quebec and Ottawa, and the Minister of Fisheries, Capt. Winsor, went immediately to the coast to enquire into the matter. Towards the end of June, as a result of Government protest, these regulations were withdrawn, but not before our vessels had lost the catch of several thousand quintals of fish. Even then their tax was doubled, because under the fees imposed against our people, where they had to pay ten dollars per trap in former years, they had to pay twenty.

The Prime Minister took this matter up very urgently with Ottawa and Quebec, asking for remission of the extra tax imposed without prior notice being given. He said he must insist on knowing more, particularly where we stood with respect to the future, and that the Nfld. Government looked upon the whole action as a very unfriendly one.

The outcome has been that Ottawa and Quebec are to hold a conference on the subject in Quebec on the 5th of January, and the Nfld. Government is to be represented by Capt. Winsor, who will leave here by tomorrow's express to attend it.

Capt. Winsor, having fished on this coast for years and being fully informed in all the circumstances, is probably better qualified than any member of the House to represent our cause.

## New Steamer Beothic 800 Miles Off

Messrs. Job Bros. Ltd., received a radiogram via Louisbourg, N.S., yesterday, from the new steamer Beothic, stating that she was then 800 miles off this coast in very bad weather. The Beothic is now nine days out from Glasgow. She was formerly the Comed and has been specially fitted and strengthened to engage in the seal fishery.

## Prospero Due To-Night

The Prospero which is due from the Cook's Harbor service to-night, will have completed the service for the season and will then lie up for the winter. While in port her boilers will be overhauled and repaired, and she will be also given a general cleaning up.

## Orphanage Prize List, 1925

The following is the list of prizes gained by the students in the Church of England Orphanage during the past school year:—

**GIRLS.**  
PRIMER—Barbara Hussey.  
INFANT READER—Isabelle Golds-worthy.  
No. I.—Nita Chafe.  
No. II.—Hilda Tulk.  
No. III.—Laura Tulk.  
No. IV.—Sarah Menchons.  
PRIMARY CLASS—Mildred Alder-out.  
PRELIMINARY CLASS—Julia Goodwin.

**BOYS.**  
PRIMER—W. French.  
No. I.—A. Hillier.  
No. II.—T. Hatch.  
No. III.—Jordan Hatch.  
No. IV.—Stanley Oke.  
PRIMARY CLASS—Arthur Skinner.  
PRELIMINARY CLASS—Ernest Crewe, Ralph Tulk.

## Construction of New Freight Shed

Preparations are now being made by the W. I. Bishop Co., for the construction of a new freight shed for the Nfld. Government Railway on the south side of the dock. The building will be two stories of reinforced concrete and will measure 400 feet in length, 40 feet in width, and 22 feet in height. The work of dismantling the old freight shed will commence early next week. It is the intention of the contractors to build the new shed several feet from the water-front, to make room for the laying of a track which will extend right along the whole pier. This will tend to reduce the cost of discharging, as in future the cars will go along side of the steamboats and discharging and loading will be direct. Special arrangements will also be made for the handling of the passenger traffic.

**BURTON'S POND RINK**—Ice in splendid condition for to-night.—dec30,1f

## Considerable Damage

### DUE TO STORM AT BATTLE HARBOR.

Messages have been received from Battle Harbor reporting considerable damage to fishing property at Battle Harbor as a result of a two day storm which began on Dec. 23rd. Details are not yet to hand but it is known that seventeen stages, an ice house, salmon house and fish making stage have been swept away at Battle Harbor. The fishing property owned by E. and D. Murphy at Battle Harbor was also considerably damaged. Destruction was also general at a place named Matthews Cove, where A. E. Hickman Co., Ltd., operate. Baine Johnston & Co. are owners of a considerable portion of the property at Battle Harbor which was swept by the storm. Neither ice nor slob has yet formed there and many who have nets out are getting plenty of seals.

## Good strong Carriage Whips in great variety—40c., 60c. and 80c. each. BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware Dept.—dec30,3f

## Caribou Delayed at Sydney, N.S.

The management of the Railway received word from Sydney last night, that the Caribou had trouble with her propeller and was not expected to leave there for Port aux Basques until some time to-day. The cause of the trouble is that some wire got entangled around her propeller yesterday afternoon, while berthing at the coal pier. A diver was expected to go down this morning to disentangle the obstruction.

## Artificial Silk Samples

A sample of artificial silk made in Canada from spruce wood was shown a Telegram representative to-day by the Prime Minister. The sample, pure white and indistinguishable from the silks used in fancy work, is mounted on a sheet of spruce pulp in the form of bleached sulphite. This sheet of pulp is the raw material from which the silk technically termed Industrial Rayon is produced. In the manufacture, the pulp is disintegrated and digested in batches of thousands of pounds, and then spun into the finished product. Spruce wood similar to that which grows here is the sole raw material. There is a possibility that the industry will be started here in the very near future as negotiations with this end in view have been in progress for some time.

## Magistrate's Court

Only one drunk appeared before Judge Morris this morning. He was discharged.  
Two other men taken in last night for being drunk were allowed out on deposit.

## Vessel Refloated

A message received from Fortune reports that the schooner Dorothy Darty, owned by Lake & Lake, which had gone ashore whilst entering port, was refloated last night and brought to safe anchorage. Very little damage was done to the vessel.

The members of Cochrane St. Choir are requested to meet in the Church on Thursday night, at 9 o'clock for special practice.  
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## Government Boats

Argyle left Petit Fort 2.25 p.m. yesterday, outward.  
Caribou due at Port aux Basques this evening.  
Clyde left Lewisporte 12.10 a.m. to-day.  
Glencoe left Miller's Passage 12.15 p.m. yesterday, going west.  
Home left Little Bay Islands 5.40 p.m. yesterday, outward.  
Kyle left Lewisporte 3.45 p.m. yesterday, coming south.  
Malakoff left Salvage 12.30 p.m. yesterday, outward.  
Meigle at St. John's.  
Portia left St. John's 10.25 a.m. yesterday.  
Prospero left Seldom 2.30 p.m. yesterday, coming south.  
Sagons left Flower's Cove early yesterday morning.

## SHIPPING LOCAL and FOREIGN

S.S. Silvia is leaving Halifax at noon to-day and is due here Friday.  
S.S. Bethpool leaves Boston to-day for here via Halifax. She sails for the Nova Scotia port on Saturday.  
S.S. Pontia left Twillingate last night for Port Union, and leaves there to-night for this port.  
S.S. Peril has cleared in ballast from Bay Roberts for Halifax.

**MINARD'S LINNET FOR BREVET.**

## PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES

Dec. 29th.—Abroad all this day collecting the balance of my accounts that I may know where I stand at the end of the year, albeit methinks I already too well apparent that I am not far from the Bankruptcy Court, for which I must thank my wife's extravagance. Talking with Porry this day, he complains of his wife refusing to do any cooking albeit she an excellent cook. But Lord, I did tell him that I was in sorrier case than he having a wife that can't cook but does. By news out of Bell Island, seems how the miners will have naught to do with the new contract which the Cabal makes with Becco, and their grievance is that there is no clause in it dealing with wages. On this point, I do learn the Company is determined, and naught to be done about it. Coming home this day to find our cat has had kittens and needs must I set about the business of getting them drowned. Which do remind me of how Mr. R. Land says in an essay, "If you keep a cat you must bear the consequences," and unfortunately the consequences usually arrive five or six in a batch.

## Schr. Harriet Wrecked

### ALL EXCEPT THE COOK RESCUED.

Yesterday Messrs. Crosbie & Co. received news of the loss of the schooner Harriet off the coast of Portugal and the drowning of the Capt. Thomas Filler. The message which was forwarded by Messrs. Holmwood & Holmwood, London, reads as follows:—"Harriet wrecked off Portuguese coast; ascertaining full details meantime. Greatly regret report Thomas Filler, cook, drowned; others saved." The unfortunate seaman who lost his life was a widower of about middle age with one son in the United States.

The Harriet left here on Nov. 26th, with 2,634 qts. codfish from Crosbie & Co., consigned to Lind & Co., Oporto. She was a Danish built vessel and was purchased about two years ago by Crosbie & Co., from Earl & Sons, Fogo. About four years ago the vessel went ashore in Fogo Tickle whilst proceeding to Europe with a cargo of fish for Earl & Sons. They purchased her at auction after she was abandoned, had her reconditioned and employed her as a fish carrier for two years when she was sold to Crosbie & Co.

## Paper Shipments From Heart's Content

Owing to the possibility of ice forming at Botwood preparations are now being made to have Grand Falls paper shipments made from Heart's Content terminus during the winter months. The first shipment for there will be made from the paper town next week.

## Hit by Street Car

### BABY AND NURSE HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Yesterday afternoon, a baby sleigh in which was an infant daughter of Mrs. Jas. Kelly George's Street was hit by a street car whilst being pushed by a maid across the track near the Gas Works. The sleigh was partly demolished, the baby thrown in the snow and the maid received some minor injuries which necessitated the attention of a doctor. It was miraculous how the woman and child escaped being killed.

## Personal

Mr. W. J. Holley, who fell near the Gas Works, a couple of weeks ago, and fractured his hip, is reported to be much improved at the Hospital to-day.  
Dr. Freebairn, of Ferryland, who is at present in the General Hospital, is recovering rapidly from a recent operation.  
We regret to learn that Mr. E. W. Taylor, of the Nfld. Govt. Freight Department, shows little, if any, signs of improvement.

**AT VALLEY NURSERIES.**—The thermometer at the Valley Nurseries last night registered ten degrees of frost.

**Good Carriage Whips** are scarce in town, but you can get them at BOWRING BROTHERS Hardware Dept.—dec30,3f

**WITHOUT PRECEDENT.**—It is learned that for the past three weeks no interment has taken place at Belvedere Cemetery. Such a lengthy period without having a grave opened has not occurred in Belvedere for some years.

**PATIENT FOR HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.**—Constable Pittman arrived by train to-day with a 23 year old resident of Old Shop, T.B., who, for some time past has been subject to fits of suicidal mania. He will be conveyed to the hospital for the insane this evening.

## TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

### FLOODS CAUSE ALARM IN EUROPE.

PARIS, Dec. 30.  
Alarming flood conditions continue in Central Europe, and 1925 may be remembered as the great flood year. Unless weather conditions change at once, many sections of the country will be in a demoralized condition with the principal Central European rivers rapidly rising, property damage gone beyond all estimation, and many lives lost.

### U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

GENEVA, Dec. 30.  
Despatches from the United States indicate that the country will participate in the initial stages of the Disarmament Conference, and that the Senate is ready to approve adherence to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

### CARDINAL MERCIER WATCHES OPERATION ON HIMSELF.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 30.  
Cardinal Mercier underwent an abdominal operation here to-day without a general anaesthetic, being able to follow the work of the surgeons by the aid of a local anesthetic. Conditions following the operation are said to be favorable to a complete recovery.

### \$1,000,000 SEIZURE OF LIQUOR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.  
Prohibition officers announce a million dollar seizure of bootleg liquor in Manhattan and Bronx to-day.

### BRIAND'S METHOD SUCCEEDS.

PARIS, Dec. 30.  
Premier Briand's method of staving off a political crisis was by announcing that the resignation of the Radical Ministers, threatening to leave the Cabinet if M. Doumer's fiscal plans were adopted, would be accepted, with despair. This plain intimation that the departure of the former Premier Herriot's friends would not disrupt the Cabinet brought about a complete transformation and the Radicals accepted Doumer's measures without dissent.

### THE PRESENT VOGUE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.  
Directors of the London tea rooms are complaining that their shops are being beleaguered by the great vogue of bobbed hair and Russian boots.

### NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE CORONADO.

LONDON, Dec. 30.  
Nothing further has been learned this morning of the plight of the British steamer Coronado, distress signals from which were reported picked up at Land's End last night. Elders and Fyffes Limited, owners of Coronado doubt whether the message came from the ship. They think the calls were picked up by some foreign vessel which mistook the meaning or name of the ship.

### FLOODS THREATENING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 30.  
The rapid thawing of the snow and the continued heavy rain are causing serious floods in many parts of Great Britain. Vast tracts of land are submerged. The rivers Wye and Monnow are rapidly rising. The Avon is within seven feet of its banks. At Glasgow all shipping was suspended yesterday when the water rose to within a foot of the top of the quay wall.

### SQUASHING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN NAVY AND ARMY.

LONDON, Dec. 30.  
Communist propaganda in the Navy already having been dealt with by the authorities, they are now turning their attention towards the breaking up of similar propaganda in the Army. The Army Council has issued a letter to all commanding officers at home and abroad calling attention to a leaflet recently distributed among the troops throughout the country by the Communists.

### Hymeneal

#### ASH-SELLERS.

A very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Monday night, at 7 o'clock, in St. Thomas's Church, when Miss Beattie Ash, daughter of James A. and Marie Ash, of Water Street, Hr. Grace, was married to Walter S. Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sellers, LeMarchant St., Hr. Grace. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. B. Godfrey, in the presence of the immediate friends of the contracting parties. The bride was given away by her brother Arthur, of the firm of E. Simmons, Hr. Grace. The groom was supported by Mr. James Ash, while Mrs. Spencer, a sister of the groom, was matron of honor. After the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. E. S. Spencer, Springdale Street, when the usual toasts were proposed and honored. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold pendant, set with amethyst and pearls; to the matron of honor, necklace of pearls; to the best man, cufflinks, and to the father giver, a watch-fob. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers will spend a few days in the city before leaving for their future home in Hr. Grace.

E. P. MARTIN

### PATENT NOTICE.

Four weeks after date hereof application will be made to His Excellency the Governor-in-Council for Newfoundland Letters Patent for "New and Useful Improvements in 'Magnetic Materials'." To be granted to Gustav W. Egan, of 104 High Street, Lennist, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, United States of America, Telephone Engineer.  
Dated at St. John's this 22nd day of December, 1925.

**GIBBS & BARRON.**  
Solicitors for Applicant.  
Bank of Montreal Bldg., St. John's.  
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## JUST ARRIVED—PER S.S. "SACHEM"

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NO. 1 APPLES  
BALDWINS, STARKS, GOLDEN RUSSETS.

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WHOLESALE PRICES.  
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## Church of England Choir Boys Entertained

Last night at the Synod Hall, a most enjoyable time was spent when the Church of England Cathedral choir boys were entertained by the ladies and gentlemen of the choir. The ladies were all given presents by Santa Claus. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation by the Choir members of a beautiful electric reading lamp to the Organist, Mr. Bevan, and an electric toaster to his wife as a mark of appreciation of their services. Mr. Bevan for his wife and on his own behalf thanked the donors for the gifts and the words of appreciation with which they were accompanied.

## Awarded Sixty Dollars Damages

In the matter of Willis Rose vs. the Bell Island Steamship Company, which was heard before Judge Morris a short time ago, judgment has been entered for the plaintiff in the sum of \$60.00. The action which arose through damage done to Rose's motor boat by the s.s. Mary, and damages amounting to nearly \$200 was claimed. Mr. J. A. W. W. McNelly appeared for plaintiff, Mr. L. E. Emerson for defendant.

## From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE, to-day.  
Wind north, light, weather dull; nothing in sight. Bar. 29.95; Ther. 34.

## SYMPATHY.

Ease the family's Sorrow, send FLOWERS.  
Wreaths delivered promptly  
Prices reasonable.  
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## BORN.

At the Grace Maternity Hospital, Dec. 28th, to Capt. and Mrs. W. A. Mercer, a son.  
On Dec. 25th, at Grace Maternity Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Whelan, a son.

**NOTE OF THANKS.**—Mrs. Eliza Murphy wishes to thank all the kind friends who sent wreaths and sympathies with her, during the illness and death of her son Michael: Rev. M. J. Kennedy, Dr. A. H. Carnell, Dr. W. R. Reay, Mrs. Lillie, Miss D. Lillie, Miss E. Lillie, Mr. J. Bowden, Mrs. W. Martin, Mr. W. Brothers, Mrs. M. Maher, Mr. E. Wickham, Mrs. G. Cole, Mrs. G. Gibbons, Mrs. J. T. Martin, Mr. T. P. Halley, Mrs. Reardon, Mrs. K. Whitty, Miss J. Whitty, Mr. P. Whitty, Mrs. W. Brothers, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Martin, Mr. T. P. McCoy, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Phil Moore, Mr. B. Cole, Miss M. Coady, Mrs. M. Downey, Miss B. Wickham, Mrs. Spurrell, Mr. C. Snow, Mrs. M. McGrath, Miss K. McGrath, Mrs. P. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Butt, Mr. W. Butt, Mr. and Mrs. Maher, Mr. and Mrs. Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. P. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Short and family.

## New Year China Bargains

JUST RECEIVED:  
Ex. "Sachem" a choice selection of  
**CHINA, 21 Piece, TEA SETS**  
Selling at extremely low prices from  
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And in stock a complete line of Liqueur, Port, Sherry and Champagne Glasses. Tumblers, 1/4 and 1/2 Pint size. Decanters.

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**Choice Geese**  
WILL BE SOLD AT  
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TO CLEAR.

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**A Few English China Tea Sets**  
LATEST PATTERNS. ALSO,  
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From 88c. per Half Dozen.

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