

BOOZE AGAIN

Notwithstanding the warnings of the Magistrate, and the reports of the police to those in charge of the work, three single men engaged at the rock-sheds, were arrested over Saturday night for drunkenness.

Mr. W. J. Pike, of A. S. Rendell & Co., is here at present in connection with the fire which took place on Tuesday night last. He is the guest of Mr. E. J. French.

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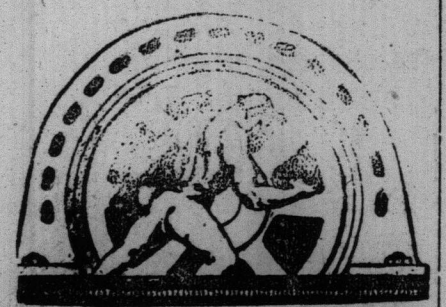
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ALBERT J. BAYLY, Secretary of Agriculture.

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Bay Roberts, Friday, March 7, 1924

The Need of Fire-Fighting Appliances

COST OF THE ST. JOHN'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

As soon as the flames were subdued at the fire Tuesday night, and when it was known that the other buildings were out of danger, those who gathered to work or to view the flames discussed freely the great need of a fire-fighting apparatus for Bay Roberts and vicinity, and spoke in commendable terms of the efforts of The Guardian and its Editor personally in this regard.

The fact that after all these years we have absolutely nothing whatever to fight a fire with is another proof of our contention that seldom is a civic public necessity granted to the outport taxpayers in comparison to the requirements granted to the capital city.

But not alone in this respect are we treated as become our rights as citizens and taxpayers. Scarcely an important position is given or a Commission appointed which contains a single person from any of the outports. In many cases present-day outport experience is necessary to arrive at right conclusions.

Take again the opening of an industrial undertaking of any consequence in this country, or any important gathering of a national character in St. John's, and invitations are extended alone to St. John's citizens or the St. John's press. The outports are entirely ignored. We are not childish in mentioning these things; we are simply stating plain facts. We see no possibility of developing thought and activity along national lines while only the citizens and the press of the capital city is considered from time to time. And this same thing will apply to us in connection with public facilities.

Let us give our readers a few figures to show the cost of the fire-fighting appliances for the protection of property in St. John's. Remember too that the first cost of the three large fire halls, the horses, motor trucks, ladders, chemical engines, hose and all other appliances are paid for out of the general revenue of the country—out of your taxes.

Table with 2 columns: SALARIES and MISCELANEOUS. Rows include Chief Officers, Sergeants, Engineers, etc.

Uniforms and Accoutrements \$2,750.00 Lodging Allowances, 20 men 2,400.00 Machinery, Hose, Chemical Engine, Upkeep, Harness and Ladders, etc. 3,500.00 Telephones 150.00 Ground Rent 100.00 Incidentals 600.00 Insurance of Men 117.00 \$9,227.00

ADDITIONAL MEN

Reserve Men \$700.00

PENSIONS

One Man \$1,035.00 One Man \$65.05 \$1,600.05

Making a grand total of \$41,037.05 paid annually for the upkeep of the St. John's Fire Department out of your taxes, while Bay Roberts cannot get an allowance of a five dollar bill to protect the property of its citizens. Some people wonder why The Guardian is everlastingly mentioning these things. With the facts in our possession how could we be true to ourselves and the outport people if we did not show up these things. At the same time we would point to the fact that it does not increase our popularity in St. John's. But so long as we can wield a pen, and so long as we live in an outport we will insist on our rights. Just here we would say one word, and it is this: If the men whom the people of this District selected to be their representatives in the Government would do their duty, their whole duty and nothing but their duty it would not be long before we would get some kind of decent returns for the taxes we are called upon to pay, and one of these things should be a good fire-fighting apparatus for Bay Roberts and vicinity.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

An Industrial Society exists in Harbor Grace as well as St. John's. The Govt. grant is \$400.00 a year. The usual amount of twine will be distributed this year for knitting traps.

The policy of the Government should be to assist and improve the fishery and fishery methods making it as productive and as valuable as it can be made. The country needs today a free, but careful, expenditure of money on the fisheries as well as exploitation of our natural resources, especially from an agricultural standpoint, together with our timber and mineral areas.

A few years ago we remember certain politicians who were strong in denouncing the "mere clique of Party Healers in St. John's." They told the electors that "what they (the clique) willed has been done, without reference to the wishes of the People and often in open, utter disregard of their Rights and Interests." They pointed out that a few men had grown rich at the public expense, but if they were elected to power all this would be utterly impossible. But we have not discovered any great change in this respect. The same old clique has been active. The wishes of the People have been disregarded. When candidates are selected by the People they will be directly answerable to their Constituents for their deeds while members of the House of Assembly. And this is how it should be and according to constitutional practice.

SHEARSTOWN ROAD BOARD

The Road Board Election for Shearstown was held in the Orange Hall there Monday night, Feb. 25th. Mr. Herbert Sparkes convened the meeting and conducted the election which, we learn, was satisfactorily done. The following were elected: Messrs. John Parsons, Isaac Earle, (North Side) Thos. Hedderson, Isaac Sparkes and Henry Deering.

WANT ADVT. COLUMN.

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HR. GRACE ROAD BOARD

Messrs. Wm. Carson, Wm. Hunt, Thos. Noseworthy, Thomas Dawson, Robert French, J. C. Sheppard and Allan T. Parsons have been elected as the Road Board for Hr. Grace. The correspondent of the News remarks: "With such a fine representative class of men, it is expected that the roads and other public works will be put in good condition."

ITEMS OF NEWS.

We learn that the C. L. B. of Bay Roberts are contemplating the erection of an Armoury.

Mr. Henry Brown, of the Riverhead, returned from Deer Lake on Sunday last. Mr. Brown is not feeling well. He expects to return later on.

Messrs. W. T. & E. Bowering have a number of boats for the Hudson Bay Co. finished at the plant in the west end. Quite a number of men are employed at this work.

Millions of dollars for other things around the country, but nothing for the ordinary little public comforts and conveniences incidental to modern town life, such as street lights, fire-fighting apparatus, etc. Let us see to it that we get the most out of life while we are alive. We can get this according as we are prepared to put something into life.

Mr. E. J. French had goods in the building destroyed by fire Tuesday night, amounting in value to about \$100.00, on which he had no insurance.

Great wealth never made a nation or country substantial nor honorable. There is nothing on earth that looks good that is so dangerous for a man, a nation or a country to handle as quick, easy, big money. What our country needs more than industrial development, reduction of taxation or anything else is a revival of piety.

An effort will be made on March 17th to raise funds to help get a monument as a memorial to the boys of Bay Roberts and vicinity who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Great World War. A concert and Tea will be held in the Public Building and the patronage of the general public is asked. The boys who died gave all that they had for us; let us give what we have for them.—COM.

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MEN'S FLEECE-LINED UNDERWEAR at \$1.00 per garment.

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GUS PARSONS

Barrened Road, Coley's Point.

Tuesday Night's Fire

STORE COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

A fire which totally destroyed a two-story building belonging to Mrs. Geo. Hierlihy, and situated on the east side of the Main Road in the Riverhead, occurred about 7.30 o'clock Tuesday night last. In the building were several cod-traps and three or four marine motor engines, besides a quantity of rope, kerosene oil, etc.

The origin of the fire is unknown. When first discovered by some people living in the neighborhood the smoke was issuing from the southeast corner of the building. Had a key been available so that the heavy doors could have been opened the building might have been saved, but a twine-mender had been working in the building during the day and when he left at 6 o'clock took the key to his home. Not being able to get at the fire, owing to the heavy doors and the lack of fire-fighting apparatus, those early on the scene, including the members of the Boy Scout band who were practicing in the Meth. schoolroom on Coley's Point, turned their attention to saving Mr. E. J. French's shop and other buildings opposite. Snow and water were thrown against the building, snow was piled on the roof and boards were placed before the shop windows.

Meanwhile several men and the Scouts formed a "bucket brigade" and ascending ladders kept the roof of Mrs. Hierlihy's dwelling house saturated with water, while others threw snow and water against the sides. Once or twice the flames became so hot that Mr. Wm. Spencer and others, who were on the roof, were nearly driven from their positions. Fortunately the wind was light, and blowing at the most critical time and while the flames were at their height in the direction between the shop and the dwelling-house. Had the wind been a little more northerly the dwelling house would not have been saved. The fence next to the burning building caught on fire but a few buckets of water and some snow put it out.

Hundreds of people gathered at the scene to watch the flames and render assistance if possible. But the same complaints were on everybody's lips—nothing provided to fight a fire with. At nearly every fire which takes place an attempt is not only



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Bay Roberts

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BOYS' and YOUTHS' PEGGED LACED BOOTS, Local make, exceptional quality.

A. E. MERCER, Bay Roberts W.

MEN'S AMERICAN PEGGED BOOTS, Blucher cut.

Also, MEN'S EXCEL HIP RUBBERS.

ALL PAINTS, both local and foreign, have advanced in price, but we have a large quantity to sell of the following grades at the old prices:

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New and Second Hand

- 56 ft. 10-inch RUBBER, NEW. 110 ft. 7-inch RUBBER, NEW. 120 ft. 5-inch RUBBER, NEW. 80 ft. 4-inch RUBBER, NEW. 49 ft. 9-inch LEATHER, SLIGHTLY USED. 45 ft. 5 1-2 inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW. 20 ft. 5-inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW. 21 ft. 4-inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW. 22 ft. 5-inch SCANDINAVIAN, SECOND HAND.

John Bishop's Lumber Mill

BAY ROBERTS.

made to save the building already in flames but to prevent nearby buildings from catching fire.

This is very difficult at times because of the heat and other difficulties; whereas if we had a few hundred yards of hose and a pumping engine it could easily be done. We understand the building destroyed and its contents were covered by insurance.

BARRATY CHARGE AGAINST BAY ROBERTS CITIZEN.

Bernard Delaney, of Bay Roberts, appeared in the Magistrates Court Thursday morning charged with that he did unlawfully and feloniously set fire to the schr. Willis C, owned by T. & J. Dunn, of Harbor Grace, on the run from Nipper's Harbor to Paquet with intent to prejudice certain underwriters, who had underwritten certain policies of insurance on the said ship for the voyage from St. John's to Labrador and on the goods alleged to be on board. Pending further enquiry the accused was remanded for eight days.—The Mail.

NO ARREST

He bumped into her car. "I had hand out," declared the girl indignantly. "Such a tiny hand," murmured the young man. "No wonder I didn't see it." Then the traffic cop waved them both along.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Notice to Mariners

(NO. 1 of 1924.)

Point Latine—Argentina

PLACENTIA BAY

Lat. 47° 18' 40" N. Lon. 53° 58' 40" W.

CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF LIGHT.

On March 1st, 1924, the characteristic of the Light on Point Latine will be changed from a FIXED RED to a FIXED WHITE LIGHT.

G. F. GRIMES, Minister of Marine and Fisheries Dept. of Marine and Fisheries St. John's, Nfld., February 11th, 1924. feb23j