



Evening Telegram

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Tuesday, March 2, 1920.

CONFIDENTIAL CIRCULARS.

In the early days of the Circular Letters to the Trade from the Office of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, there was a great parade of publicity, in order to show the men just what was being done in their interests, but that publicity did not get beyond the third Circular of the famous issue. To-day, the said Circulars are being issued, marked Confidential. Why the sudden change of front? Is the Wordy President afraid that the fishermen of the North do not appreciate his European efforts, or that they have come to a realization that his campaign against the Portuguese and Spaniards and Italians, assisted by Hawes & Co., has failed ignobly, and that his attempt to browbeat the fish buyers in these markets has ended in a climb down and ignominious surrender? Fish is being sold abroad to-day at the prices set upon it by the purchasers themselves, and Mr. Coaker has been one of the first exporters to accept the inevitable and get in out of the wet. Many of the unfavorable conditions abroad have been brought about by his amateurish tinkering with foreign markets and his determination to impose his own will upon both exporters and consignees, because of the ministerial position held by him, and because of his powers as the dictator to the Government, which has not the backbone or stamina to recall him ere he does incalculable mischief.

The very last Confidential Circular is a gem of its kind. "After a personal examination of the markets and consultation with Mr. Hawes and the buyers," Mr. Coaker advises "that it has been decided to fix prices in Portugal at 81 shillings per quintal, nett." Eighty-five shil-

lings was the minimum price in the famous regulation, and no shipper could get a license to export, unless he guaranteed that sale would not be made under that figure. Mr. Coaker has been made to take "back water," since his trip across. A considerable lot of fish has also been sold in Oporto at seventy shillings and under, the cause for this considerable decline being, according to the Circular, under review, due to the poor quality of the fish shipped and AN OVER SUPPLY OF SMALL FISH. Yet notwithstanding the over supply of small fish in the Oporto market, the all-wise Minister recommends in his instructions by cable that future cargoes for Portugal be made up of ONE THIRD LARGE AND MEDIUM and TWO THIRDS SMALL, thus—if his instructions are followed—increasing the stocks of small fish already in that market and as a consequence forcing the price still lower. Thus the prospects for an opening figure on 1920 fish dwindle to a point where the fishermen will not get a fair return for their catch, and competition from other fish producing countries will have a disastrous effect on Newfoundland trade. To conceal this fact from our own fishermen were criminal. As the producers they are entitled to be made cognizant of conditions, and secret circulars—an invention of the Wordy President—addressed to exporters only, do not give them an opportunity to study the foreign situation in the same measure as other secret circulars addressed to Local F.P.U. Councils, help them to a knowledge of local affairs. Why this difference now? The Confidential Circular, from a perusal of which the Portuguese market conditions have been ascertained, according to the Advisory Board, through Mr. Coaker, concludes:

"It is believed, (note that even Mr. Coaker is not sure himself) that in view of the readjustment of prices and conditions, there will be an improved demand at an early date, and, as a matter of fact, Oporto dealers have now agreed to make outright purchases at the regular prices." Whatever they may be. So ends fiasco No. 1.

Obituary.

CAPT. JAS. BLANDFORD.
Capt. James Blandford, uncle of Hon. S. D. Blandford, passed away at Westville on Sunday morning, following an attack of pneumonia. Capt. Blandford, who was in his 68th year, was a well-known fish and seal killer, and his passing will be heard by many with regret. He contested Bonavista District for the Liberal Party in 1897, but was defeated. One child, Mrs. (Capt.) William Winsor, survives him. The Telegram extends sympathy.

Annual Meeting St. Mary's Church.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, was held in the Church Rooms last night, the Rev. A. B. S. Stirling, presiding. The attendance was large and the meeting itself one of the most enthusiastic ever held. The submitted Reports were very satisfactory, showing the financial status away in advance of previous years. The totals of the collections toward the various funds for 1919 follow: General Church, \$4,755.43; Tower, \$1,110.91; New Vestry, \$578.24; Choir Surplice, \$380.00; Sunday School, \$527.88, with substantial balances in hand.

Following the acceptance of the accounts, it was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted that the stipend of the Rector be increased by \$600 for the current year, and also that an honorarium of \$200 be awarded the reverend gentleman out of the 1919 collections. The organist, Mr. G. B. Lloyd, was voted an increase in salary in consideration of the extra time taken in training the choir. After other routine business had been disposed of the Church Officers for 1920 were elected, viz.: Rector's Warden—J. L. Noonan. People's Warden—G. F. Pike. Select Vestry—W. J. Pike, N. Andrews, J. R. Harvey, Capt. E. Dawe, A. Whitten, C. Ash, C. Warren, Geo. T. Cook, G. Carberry, T. Warfield, E. Burridge, A. Learning.

Finance Committee—H. Taylor, F. Lewis, R. Williams, Heber Taylor, B. Colton, J. Hillier, A. Heath, D. Burridge, M. Colton, W. Stevens. Cemetery Committee—C. Warren, N. Andrews, C. Ash, Dr. Carnell. General Protestant Industrial Committee—N. Andrews, W. J. Pike, Capt. Dawe. Sidesmen—T. Warfield, C. Ash, B. Colton, R. Williams, W. G. Oliver, G. Carberry. Organist—G. B. Lloyd. Sexton—M. Noseworthy. Organ Blower—R. Noseworthy. Auditors—G. B. Lloyd, W. J. Pike, Lay Delegates Synod—Jas. Worrall, N. Andrews.

The meeting closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

Clever Young Music Student.

St. John's Girl Wins Canada-Newfoundland Senior Music Scholarship. Daughter of Mr. T. H. O'Neill.

A wire from the Trinity College of Music, London, England, to Mr. A. Wilson, Secretary of the C.N.E., yesterday, stated that Miss Mary E. O'Neill had won the senior Canada-Newfoundland music scholarship of \$900. As this scholarship is competed for by all Canada and this country, Miss O'Neill's success in being the winner can be gauged by everyone. A daughter of Mr. T. H. O'Neill, she was only 14 when she won the Scholarship. Sister Josephine Walsh, of the Presentation Convent, Cathedral Square, was the young music student's teacher, and to her is due warm congratulations. Miss O'Neill undoubtedly possesses musical talent of no mean order and with still more study should in time take her place among the best musicians. Her marks were 91 out of 100.

Only Three Sealers Ready.

The Neptune, Thetis and Terra Nova are the only sealing steamers that are all ready for the forthcoming seal-hunt. The Diana and the Viking are on their way to Louisbourg for coal and oil, on the way up or down, ice is met with and delay results, their hopes of getting away to the icefields in time will be slim. The Seal, which left Louisbourg yesterday, has yet to go on dry dock and have two blades adjusted to her propellers. She will also have crew accommodation made.

Appointed French Consul.

Hon. Tasker Cook has taken over the Consulate of the French Republic, replacing Mr. Suzor, who leaves for Chicago by the Rosalind. Mr. Cook's appointment is temporary and holds good only until a representative from France can be sent out. Mr. Cook, it will be remembered, has a very high distinction from the French Government presented in recognition of many services performed by him.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, March 2, '20.
It is very wise, these days, to attend to the general health. Protect the body, don't get wet if you can help it, eat the bowls, and if necessary, take a good tonic. For the last named purpose we can think of nothing better than McMurdo's Nutritive Hypophosphites. This remedy certainly does improve the general health of those who are run down, weak, languid, careless as to whether they eat or not, or who are suffering from resistance to grip influenza and colds, all of which are just now so prevalent. Price 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

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Here and There.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The Superintendent of the Poor Asylum desires to thank those kind ladies who sent candies for the inmates.

TO BRING UP SEALERS.—The Thetis, Capt. Wm. Winsor, leaves here to-morrow morning for Westville, Catalina and Trinity, at which points she will pick up her sealing crew and also the crew of the Neptune.

Parade Rink will NOT be open to-night but WILL be open to-morrow night.—mar2,11

ENQUIRY HELD.—An enquiry into the cause of death of Thos. Smith, of Carbonara, was held yesterday afternoon before Mr. J. McCarthy, J.P. Messrs. Fred White, Jas. Gullage and Wm. Peddie were examined, when an adjournment was taken till to-day.

General Admission Tickets for the Hockey Games on sale at Cash's Tobacco Store and The Royal Stationery Co. Price 25c. Secure yours and avoid the rush.—mar2,11

AT THE BALSAM.—The following are guests at Balsam Place: C. Filler, Clarke's Beach; W. M. Chambers, Mr. Buffett; Mr. and Mrs. E. Elouquin, St. Pierre; F. Noel, Bay Roberts; L. Redmond, Harry's Hr., N.D.B.; C. W. Tasker, City; J. G. Bemister, Carbonara.

BROTHER ENNIS INJURED.—Bro. Ennis, of Mt. Cashel, injured his leg last evening while on his way to play at the Casino. He was passing near the Masonic Hall and fell on the ice there. Passers-by helped him to his feet and he was taken home by a sleigh.

HEAVY GULF ICE.—The ice in the Gulf is reported to be the heaviest and thickest ever known at this season. The changing winds cause it to shift almost hourly and great care has to be exercised by masters to keep their ships from being caught.

HALIFAX vs. ST. JOHN'S.—The Reserved Seats for the Hockey Series will be on sale to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Royal Stationery Store, one door west of F. V. Chesman's, Water Street. Prices \$1.00. General admission on 25c. mar1,21

The 92nd Annual Meeting of the St. John's Mechanical Society will be held in the hall to-morrow evening at 8.30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as the business will be very important. J. A. LEAHY, Secretary.—mar2,11

BRIGADE SPORTS.—The different units of the C.C.C. will compete in a series of sports to be staged in the Armoury to-morrow night. Basketball, field hockey, foot races, tug-of-war, etc., will comprise the program. The commencement will be made immediately after church services. At the regular battalion parade, this evening, tickets for the dinner at St. Patrick's Hall on St. Patrick's Day will be distributed.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The Managing Committee of the C. C. C. wish to express their thanks publicly to the performers at the Concert and to the generous donors of Cake, Ice Cream, etc., all of whom contributed so materially to make the "At Home" of 1920 such a financial as well as a social success. mar2,11

STATUTORY NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of William Patrick Kirby, late of Saint John's, but formerly of Rupert, British Columbia, deceased.

All persons claiming to be creditors of, or who have any claim or demand upon or affecting the Estate of William Patrick Kirby, late of St. John's aforesaid, but formerly of Rupert, British Columbia, deceased, are required to send particulars of their claims in writing, duly attested, to Wood & Kelly, Temple Building, Duckworth Street, Saint John's, Solicitors for the Administrator of the said Estate, on or before the 14th day of March, A.D. 1920; after which date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the Estate having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Saint John's, Feb. 10th, A.D. 1920.
WOOD & KELLY,
Solicitors for Administrator.
Address: Temple Bldg.,
Duckworth St., St. John's, Nfld.
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STATUTORY NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of the Honourable George Skelton, late of St. John's, Physician, Deceased.

All parties claiming to be creditors of, or who have any claim or demand upon or affecting the Estate of the Honourable George Skelton, late of St. John's, Physician, deceased, are required to send particulars of their claims, in writing, duly attested, to Clift & Pinsent, Law Chambers, Duckworth Street, Saint John's, Solicitors for the Executors of the said Estate, on or before the 9th day of March next; after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

CLIFT & PINSENT,
Solicitors for the Executors.
Address: Chambers, Duckworth St.,
St. John's, Nfld. feb10,4,11

NOTICE.

Four weeks after date hereof application will be made to His Excellency the Governor in Council for Letters Patent for a new and useful Electrical ice-cutting method to be granted to Albert E. Thomson of St. John's, Nfld., Student.

St. John's, Feb. 23rd, 1910.
BLACKWOOD & EMERSON,
feb24,4,11 Solicitors for Applicant

NOTICE.

The Titan A. S. Company, the proprietor of letters patent No. 278 for a process of precipitating titanic acid from concentrated solutions, gives notice that it is prepared to bring the said patented process into operation and to license the use of the same on terms to be procured from HERBERT KNIGHT, Martin Bldg., Solicitor, St. John's. feb17,4,11

NOTICE.

Four weeks after the date hereof application will be made to His Excellency the Governor in Council for a grant of letters patent for Improvements in Re-coating Pumps to be made to Joseph William Finney of Hamburg Chambers, Quayside, New-castle-on-Tyne, England, Engineer. St. John's, Feb. 10, 1920.

HERBERT KNIGHT,
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Notice to Sealers!

Sealing Crews for the following ships will be signed on the dates named:—

S. S. THETIS, Friday, March 5th.
S. S. NEPTUNE, Saturday, March 6th.

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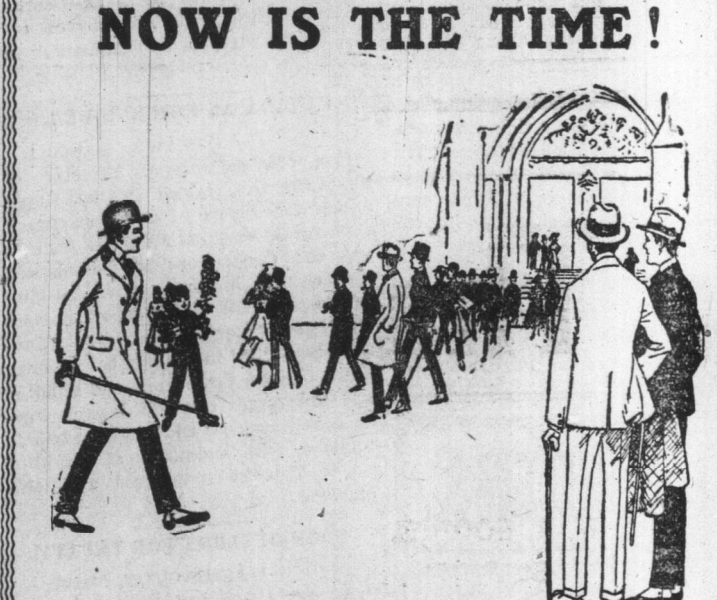
TO THE ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE (NEWFOUNDLAND), THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT, AND THE NEWFOUNDLAND FORESTRY CORPS.

As full opportunity has been given to demobilized Sailors and Soldiers to consider whether they are in need of re-training under the Civil Re-establishment Committee, it is deemed necessary to fix a date after which applications for re-training shall not be received.

Notice is hereby given that on and after 1st April, 1920, no applications for re-training under the Civil Re-establishment Committee will be received from Sailors or Soldiers now demobilized.

W. F. RENDELL, Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer, Dept. of Militia.
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REMOVING RUINS.—Work of removing the ruins of the brick portion of the Empire Military Barracks started to-day. A number of men with bars and picks are engaged at the work, which appears to be rather perilous.

AT THE CROSBIE.—The following guests are registered at the Crosbie: E. Simmons, Mr. Grace; Geo. Herlihy, Bay Roberts; Capt. Anonson, Harbour Grace; S. J. Blackley, Nipper's Hr.; G. Hicks, Heart's Content.

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