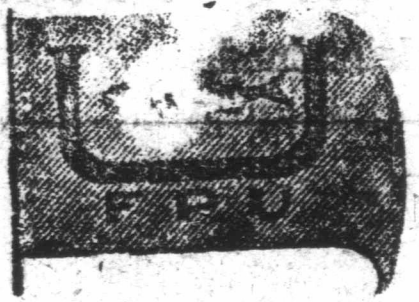


## JUST IN

73 Brls PLATE BEEF  
22 " PIGS' HEADS  
100 Pails LARD,  
At Import Prices.

**J. J. ROSSITER,**  
Real Estate Agent

Our Motto: "Suum Cuique."



("To Every Man His Own.")

## The Mail and Advocate

Issued every day from the office of publication, 167 Water Street, St. John's, Newfoundland, Union Publishing Company Limited, Proprietors.  
Editor and Business Manager: JOHN J. ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D., MAR. 6th, 1916.

## SEALERS MEETING

A MEETING of F.P.U. sealers now in town will be held to-night and to-morrow night at the Mechanics' Hall, opposite the Grenfell Institute. All F.P.U. sealers are invited to attend. Mr. Coaker will preside. Several addresses will be given by prominent Union members. Information regarding the construction of Catalina premises and the work of the Export Company will be given. Plans of the buildings for Catalina may also be seen at the meeting.

## THE PASSING OF JUSTICE EMERSON

WHEN the sad news of the passing of Mr. Justice George H. Emerson of the Supreme Court gained currency in the city this morning, the whole public was stricken with a feeling of profound sorrow.

The death of Judge Emerson comes as a distinct loss to the country and especially to the Judiciary of Newfoundland.

Judge Emerson was a gentleman of brilliant parts, whether he regard his career from the standpoint of the ability always evident in his legal activities as an administrator of Justice on the Supreme Bench of the Colony. In these departments his splendid attainments marked time as one of our most talented jurists; he had few competitors and certainly no superior in legal work; while as a writer he held a high place among our men of letters, and socially was a general favorite.

Justice Emerson though sometimes brusque of manner, withal held a kindly heart in his breast and was a cheery and genial companion and friend, charitable to a fault, if we may be permitted so to speak; many of the needy in St. John's will recognize in his departure from amongst us the loss of a liberal benefactor.

For several years Justice Emerson represented the District of Placentia and St. Mary's in the Legislature, occupied the position of Speaker and for a lengthy period held a seat on the Supreme Bench, a position which he adorned by the exercise of the talents which were his. He was a native of Harbor Grace, where he was born on the 24th of September, 1853.

Left to mourn him are a widow and four sons and three daughters.

The former are Edward, Barrister and Solicitor; Prescott, in the Bank of Montreal; George, with the 1st Nfld. Regiment, and John, student at Bonaventure's; the latter are Misses Jean, Ruth and Margaret.

We extend to the bereaved family the sincere condolence of The Mail and Advocate.

## REPORTING

WE trust the Government will end the outrage perpetrated upon the electorate the past three years regarding the reporting of the proceedings of the House of Assembly.

There is no valid reason for paying a dozen small fry papers for publishing the proceedings and expending \$4000 in order to bluff the public into believing that reports of the House were being published for their benefit.

In Canada the Government does not pay a cent for publishing the proceedings of Parliament. The papers keep reporters at Parliament and they publish what they like. The Government printing is done by the Government Printing Bureau and the official proceedings of Parliament are in print and on the members' desks at 10 a.m. every day Parliament is sitting.

We understand the Government intend to make some arrangements intended to improve the outrageous system practised the past three sessions. Unless they include arrangements to have the whole of every day's proceedings printed within 24 hours the Opposition will have to object. It is quite possible to do this work as it is done at Ottawa.

The Premier promised last session to consult the Opposition and to establish a satisfactory system, but up to the present the Premier has failed to carry out his promise.

The best available stenographers should be secured and properly paid and efficient results demanded. During past sessions some raw reporters have been drawing pay for reporting proceedings, but their work resulted in writing something of what transpired from memory, which was often committed to paper three months after delivery.

We are told that some of last year's speeches have not yet reached the printers. The House expect a stricter supervision at Mr. Dunfield's hands than he has been pleased to give during his term of office. If reporters do not live up to the requirements of the House, Mr. Dunfield's duty is to report to the Speaker and have the proper medicine administered for negligence.

We trust the new system will include having typewritten copies of speeches ready for members within two hours after delivery; anything less than this will not be satisfactory.

## GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

MARCH 6

NINETY-NINE vessels cleared for sealfishery from St. John's, 1847.

Lovey's fire, head Theatre Hill, one man killed, named Buckley, belonging to the Phoenix Fire Brigade, 1859.

Rev. W. F. Meek, S.P.G., died, 1867.

Artemus Ward died, 1876. Colonist newspaper started, 1886.

Bill to enable assistant judges of Supreme Court to accept other positions in which legal knowledge might be desirable, lost in committee in Upper House, 1873.

William Rhodes sued Capt. Alexander Fairweather for killing seals before the twelfth of March, 1887; case dismissed, 1888.

House of Assembly opened, G. H. Emerson elected Speaker, 1890.

The Lottie, the last sailing vessel ice-hunter, sailed from St. John's, 1899.

## SEALERS--ATTENTION!

## Extracts From the Sealing Law.

The Following Rules and Regulations Are Published For the information of Sealers

2. The following Regulations shall apply to all steamers prosecuting the Seal Fishery.

(a) In addition to the food usually supplied, not less than one pound of soft bread shall be served to each member of the crew three times each week.

(b) Beef, pork, potatoes and pudding shall be supplied for dinner three times each week.

(c) For breakfast stewed beans and fish-brewse shall be supplied alternately.

(d) Onions, potatoes and turnips shall be ingredients in the soup supplied on Saturdays.

(e) Fresh beef shall be supplied to each member of the crew once each week, and when fresh beef is not available, through circumstances over which the owners, or master of the ship has no control, canned beef shall be substituted therefor.

(f) No person employed as cook shall be required by the captain to do any other work except such as is incidental to the work of cooking.

(a) he shall personally object to performing other work; or (a) any five of the members of the crew shall so object; Provided that this regulation shall not be held to, in any way, take from or impair the general authority of the captain over the cooks as members of the crew, nor prevent him from ordering the said cooks to perform such work as, in his opinion, is necessary in the saving of life or for the safety of the ship.

3. It shall be the duty of the owner or person on whose account any steamer shall prosecute the Seal Fishery, in any year, to observe, or cause to be observed, the regulations set forth in the two preceding sections, but the owners shall not be liable for any default for which he is not personally responsible.

4. The owner or master of any steamer offending against any of the regulations set forth in Sections 1 and 2, shall be liable, for every offence against Section 2, where such offence shall arise from any act, neglect or default of such owner, or master, after his attention has been called to such offence, to a penalty of not less than \$25 and not exceeding \$500, to be recovered, in each case, in a summary manner, by any member of the crew of such steamer who shall sue for the same before a Stipendiary Magistrate, provided it shall be proved that complaint of any such offence against Section 2, was made to the master at the time it occurred; provided that written notice of such suit shall be given to the said owner or master within seven days after the arrival of the steamer at port of discharge. One half of any fine imposed under this section shall be paid over to the person or persons taking suit, and the one half to the Minister of Finance for the use of the Colony.

5. Sick and disabled men on wooden ships shall be transferred, when possible, to a ship carrying a physician. No master shall refuse to accept such sick or disabled men on board his ship under a penalty not exceeding \$100, unless such persons are suffering from contagious disease.

11. The owners of steamers shall be liable in the case of the crew of any steamer being paid off at the end of the voyage with a balance insufficient in the amount to pay the fares of the crew to their respective homes, to contribute a sum not exceeding four dollars, which when added to the amount paid the crew will be sufficient for the payment of the said fares.

## A SEVERE STORM.

Saturday afternoon a severe storm began and before midnight it had developed into possibly the worst blizzard of the winter. An E.N.E. wind prevailed with snow and frost, and by 10 p.m. it had reached the velocity of a hurricane. Yesterday morning the wind veered more to the south and it became milder, but again yesterday afternoon it again blew hard. Drifts were piled high countrywards and millmen and others did not get to the city until late in the afternoon and then could not bring their horses with them as the roads in most cases were impassable.

## NEWFOUNDLANDERS ENLISTED ABROAD.

In the 63rd Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, which will soon leave for England, is an officer of Newfoundland descent. This is Lieut. Wm. Duff Simpson, son of the Revd. Fredk. C. Simpson and a grand-son of the late Wm. Duff, many years M.H.A. for Carbonear.

There are also two Newfoundlanders with the gunners of No. 111 Overseas Field Artillery Brigade, Ammunition Column of the C.E.F. These are T. E. Finn of Spaniard's Bay and J. L. Heulin of Port aux Basques.

The S.S. Coban left the dry dock to-day, after getting a new stern frame and will sail likely to-morrow to engage in the coal trade. The Portia then docked and will be given new decks, general repairs and a thorough overhaul by Shipwright's.

H. Butler.

## SEAL SHIPS DIDN'T SAIL.

The Diana, Capt. D. Martin, sailed for Channel at 12.30 p.m. Saturday and no doubt had a good offing going up the shore before the storm of Saturday evening became intense.

The Viking and Ranger dropped down stream at 2.30 p.m., but as the morning glass was steadily falling and the Capt. Bartlett saw that a stormy evening was in prospect, both ships anchored off Shea & Co.'s and remained in port all yesterday and left this morning.

The S.S. Sable 1. is due here Thursday from Halifax, will sign her crew here, and will sail in command of Capt. Jacob Keane.

Mr. E. Smith, formerly of the Post Office, has taken a position as reporter on the "Telegram."

The Melgie left Marystown at 6 p.m. yesterday and had not arrived at Placentia at press hour. Placentia is filled with ice.

The Juvenile T. A. and B. Society held its quarterly meeting yesterday afternoon, when five new members were admitted. The quarterly reports were very satisfactory.

Diver and Shipwright Taylor was under the Panhook Saturday, found that the ship was not hurt under the water line and gave her a new jib-boom and made repairs to the damaged rudder. She should get away to-morrow.

## "CITIZEN" REPLIES TO THE COAL BARONS' MAN "FRIDAY."

## MUTT AND JEFF TAKEN AT THEIR PROPER VALUE.

## A Plot to Knife the Premier by the Mutt and Jeff Backers--The Plot Exposed to Public Gaze.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—That contemptible concoction of rascality and deception—the Mutt and Jeff organ—has continually shown its admiration for the smart tricks of grab-allism. Whenever any merchant, coal robber, or Government heel-treads on the coals of the people, the comic twain of Adelaide Street are sure to commend it.

Last fall it openly insulted every fisherman in the island by publicly announcing that the price paid for fish was more than the fish was worth, and from week to week published stuff about prices of fish and provisions that was false and misleading. For those deliberate acts of rascality it will some day answer. The people will teach that combination of hell, that only rascals paid to defend the dirty work of graballism in all its vilest tenets, could publicly administer such an insult as to fish values to the 50,000 fishermen of the Colony.

Now they dare repeat their vile rascality, by defending the robbers of \$1.50 per ton on the coal consumed by the poorest of our city. They publish figures given by the tender of coal grab prices, which was intended to show the Coal Barons were getting very little profit out of \$10.40 for coal, yet clearly demonstrated that anything over \$9 for this Alconda coal was but a pure robbery of the poor. On Saturday they published figures given by the spar price grabber, which brings up the cost to \$9.50 per ton, after allowing 90 cents per ton for incidental expenses.

In the face of this, we find Mr. Bown of the South Side, selling coal at \$9.

Now it will be in order for the Mutt and Jeff man to show how Mr. Bown could bring 2000 tons of coal here in the Winter and sell it at \$1.40 per ton cheaper than the coal the Government imported.

The plain truth is, that every ton of coal brought in by the Alconda and Florizel could have been sold at \$9, without loss to anyone, if the Government had not been bossed by Johnnie Crosbie, who is the Grand Master of the Society of Coal Grabbers in St. John's. Had the Premier shown backbone enough and defied the two or three Crosbie cracklies in the Executive that coal would have been sold at \$9.

It has fallen to the lot of Mr. Bown to demonstrate to what extent the Coal Barons have succeeded in robbing the poor of St. John's on coal, with the support and endorsement of the Government.

Is it any wonder the Opposition

with men who before ones face refuse to co-operate longer solve to do what is right and behind ones back allow themselves to be chooked by the clique of pirates that continually hover around the Executive table ever ready to pounce upon the Premier when gold does not filter fast enough into their coffers, from the agonies and miseries of the poor of our land. This clique that is ever watchful and overbearing, who care for nothing but their own deep laid pots for securing boodle, have brought two of the lowest, meanest and contemptible clowns ever raised on Newfoundland soil, to operate a sheet on their behalf, in order to defend their masters' rascality and cover up as far as possible their misdeeds and robberies of the public.

This same clique of rascality are plotting desperately to turn the tables on the Premier when they see their own time and denounce him as the vilest of wretches, and they have agreed then to make a tremendous effort to use the Orange Association to give them full and complete political control. Some of those vile creatures are going about town denouncing Morris in all moods and tenes and hinting of the great day coming when Squires will lead in the fight to uphold the rights of Protestants and sweep the North on such a catch cry.

I here assure them that the North will never recognize them or their catch cries or their attempts to again capture the public treasury and share up the booty as they have been doing the past seven years. Let those rascals dare attempt their basest and vilest proposals and the F.P.U. will send a fire amongst them that will leave them shrivelled atoms when they are finished with them.

Nothing is too low or base or vile for such a clique and in the traitors who they bought to run their rag that was intended to kill out Coaker and Unionism they possess rascals that are equal to any business except perhaps that of shooting a man openly in broad daylight.

I warn the people to be on their guard. I warn the fishermen to be on the alert for these rascals. I warn the Premier of the plots being woven about him. I warn the Country to keep clear of those creatures as they would cholera germs.

Every plan that can be devised by devilish brains to keep the Fishermen's Union from securing political control of the Colony in 1917 will be utilized by this gang of pirates if they find there is any hope of daring the public.

Does the Premier know that some of those rascals are availing of every opportunity to denounce him as the Jonah of the Government Party, and holds up as the proper leader the creature that the F.P.U. and John Stone sent into retirement with a majority of 1000 votes against him only three years ago, but who Morris placed into pay and position in defiance of the electorate and every constitutional safeguard erected during 1000 years, to protect the peoples decisions?

The people of St. John's no doubt took the weight of the Mutt and Jeff rag before they attempted to advocate the coal robbers' interests and it is no surprise to find that rag openly defending the robbery of \$1.50 per ton on the Alconda's coal.

This brazen faced twin actually proclaimed on Saturday that they had undertaken to-day to place another aspect of the coal situation before the public which the average consumer was not familiar with. Don't that bear every record known to the citizens of St. John's for impudence and gall. Fancy having to depend upon two purchased creatures like Mutt and Jeff for information about expenses for handling coal, which was public knowledge before Mutt ever became a parson or received the intimation to take off the clerical collar, or Jeff learnt how to arrange his curls, or take confidential particulars of his master's business to the upstart that purchased him. When will wonders cease! Where would the country and St. John's be, but for the brilliant brains of Mutt and Jeff as portrayed in the comic rag given them by the clique that is daily plotting the destruction of their wornout leader.

Not only has Mutt and Jeff defended the grab of \$10.40 per ton for coal, but they intimate that the price will yet advance to \$11. What defenders the public possess in Mutt and Jeff! Why wouldn't the public thank them for their valued services on behalf of the poor who are being bled of \$1.50 per ton on Government imported coal in order to enable the Coal Barons to pocket \$18,000 coal profits this winter, which they will filter from the agonies of the workmen of St. John's.

Talk about a F.P.U. Government! Why the wonder is that the men of St. John's have submitted so meekly to this outrage. There can be no other outcome of such treatment than the election of a F.P.U. Government next year, which will put Coal Barons and Sectarian Graballs where they rightly belong.

I will deal with Patsy's rag to-morrow on his defense of the Coal Barons, if you will allow me sufficient space.

Yours truly,  
CITIZEN.

St. John's, Mar. 6, '16.

## WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE UNION HOLD MEETING.

Hear Interesting Paper Read by Mrs. Vey on Frances Willard.

The regular meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Grenfell Hall on Thursday afternoon last. Mrs. Benedict presiding.

After the opening exercises, Mrs. Vey read an interesting paper on the life of the great Temperance Reformer, Frances Willard, which was well received as was also a duet, sung with much feeling by Mrs. Benedict and Mrs. Penman.

Mrs. Targett, President of the Branch Union at Hant's Harbour was present and was accorded a hearty welcome. Her remarks regarding the union over which she presides were listened to with interest.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the meeting adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

## LIBERAL CANDIDATE IS ELECTED

BRAMPTON, Ont., Feb. 29.—W. J. Lowe, Liberal candidate in Peel County, was today elected to the legislature by a majority of 305 over J. R. Fallis, former Conservative member, whose resignation of his seat owing to the disclosures in the recent investigation into the horse purchases in Peel opened the constituency. Mr. Fallis' majority at the last election was 627.

## MR. GERARD BROKE HIS COLLAR BONE

LONDON, Feb. 29.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that James W. Gerard, American Ambassador to Germany, broke his collar bone while skiing yesterday near Munich, and also injured his left side. It is said his injuries are not serious.

## Reid-Newfoundland Co.

## ELECTRICAL THAWER

For FROZEN PIPES.

Quickest & Economical. Phone 240