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(To the Editor)  
Dear Sir—I should like to make a few remarks with reference to the efforts put forth from this place. When the appeal for the Cot Fund was made the ladies responded with a will and appointed two collectors to secure what subscriptions they could; their efforts resulting in the sum of \$59.55 which was a very good showing, considering there are only about twenty-five families in the place. Not satisfied with this, however, they held a soup supper, etc., and raised an additional sum of \$38.25 which, with a donation from the Sunday School (Meth), completed the sum of \$100.00. Much credit is deserved the splendid efforts put forth, and all are pleased with the results. This is one mention made of the many efforts put forth.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor,  
ONE INTERESTED.  
L. Bight, Long Island.

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## Are Doing Their "Bit"

(To the Editor)  
Dear Sir,—It is seldom that any account of our doings is reported from this place, and I would like to say a word or two of the Ladies Aid of Cutwell Arm and Ward's Harbor. On Nov. 10th, the good ladies of the places mentioned above gave an entertainment in the Orange Hall, kindly given for the occasion, and the nice sum of \$40.33 was realized. The ladies deserve great credit for the splendid efforts they have put forth. In the past the men have responded splendidly and now the ladies, not to be outdone, have been trying to help along the cause. Somewhere about twenty boys have responded to the call, and a great interest has been taken in the different

## Our Lads in Navy Blue.

France, Oct. 23.  
Dear mother and father:  
Just a few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping this will find you and the family enjoying the same blessing.

I haven't got anything to tell you, only I am enjoying myself o.k. You can hear a scattered gun going off here and it seems alright. We are having a rest now. We were presented with two pairs of socks and a shirt and some cigarettes, which came from Newfoundland. All the boys here are o.k. Herbe LeDrew is here and all the other boys from British Harbour. I haven't heard from home for over a month, I long to get a letter and a cake. I expect one every mail. I was talking to Cyril Gardner, he is fine and he is a sergeant now. I haven't seen Jacob Penny yet. Mother, you must not expect many letters from me now, as we haven't got much of a chance to write. Don't work too hard and don't worry about me, as I am alright. I long to get a letter from you. Mother you can send me a pair of socks, also a pair of mitts, I have lots of socks yet. I suppose you have father and the rest of the boys home by this time.

Remember me to Ethel and family, also all who ask for me. I can't say much more, as all our letters are read. Write as often as you can. Tell Ethel to send me a cake, also Ellie. I will write again as soon as I get the chance. Tell Harry and Tom to write me, also Sandy and Gorman and the rest of my old chums. From your loving son,

EDWARD.

(The writer of the above letter is a son of John and Maria Duffitt of Clifton, via Burgoyne Cove, T.B.)

branches of the Patriotic Fund. A further amount will be forthcoming, as the ladies are seeking to put forth further efforts in this direction. While very few reports have gone from this place from correspondents yet we have been trying to do what we can.

REPORTER.

W. Hr., Long Island, N.D.E.  
Nov. 20th., 1916.

## "Fightin'" for My Country.

(English Paper.)

The following lines were sent to Mr. W. H. Husband, of Liskeard, from one of the Liskeard boys serving with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force:

I'm a fightin' for my country, in a distant foreign land,  
Far away from Piccadilly, Oxford Circus and the Strand.  
They tell me I'm an 'ero, 'cos I'm wearin' khaki clothes,  
And I looks down on the slackers, them as everybody loathes;  
For the slackers only stop at 'ome, an' risks the Zeppelins,  
An' the prowlin' German cruisers, wot might kill them for their sins;  
But I sleeps soundly every night, with a conscience clear and bland:  
I'm a fightin' for my country, in a distant foreign land.

I cleanse my blomin' rifle for inspection twice a day,  
Tho' the nearest durned Senussi is 200 miles away;  
An' I polishes my bottons from "Reveille" to "The Last Post,"  
'Cos I've heard that in a battle that's the thing that matters most.  
My brother's in the trenches, scrapin' Germans back in France,  
An' my pal's in Salon-i-ka leadin' Ferdinand a dance;  
But my worst foe is the marmalade—the famous "Tuklar" brand.  
I'm a fightin' for my country, in a distant foreign land.

I'm allus fadin' death, tho' in a thousand awful shapes,  
From Capt. Hugo's "No. 9's" to the germs on camels napes;  
I might get sunstroke any day, tho' sleepin' when on guard;  
Or even overstrain myself, a-workin' far too 'ard;  
For a soldier's life in Kara Camp's 'ard you may be sure;  
We only rest for 20 hours, and 'as to work for four;  
But I'm 'appy as a "desert lark" a-singin' o'er the sand;  
I'm a fightin' for my country, in a distant foreign land.

I've lost the 'oss I used to 'ave, I rides a camel now,  
But it don't want no groomin', which is somethin' you'll allow;  
There ain't no little English girls to take out for a spree,  
There's only "Bults" with ugly mugs, wot don't appeal to me.  
The lingo wot the "Geppos" talk will send me crazy soon;  
For everything wots bad's "Mush-ques," an' me they call "Mag-noon."  
Yet tho' they say I'm "Ibna Kalb," I cannot understand;  
I'm a fightin' for my country, in a distant foreign land.

We has our phys'cal trainin' in the early mornin' air;  
The "hoppin's" and "leg-swingin'" side-ways" is a thing I can't a-bear;  
An' we goes to Church on Sundays, like the blacksmith in the song;  
We've got no proper buildin' yet, tho' we may have one 'fore long.  
We does a bit of gardenin' too, tho' no sprouts yet appears,  
And the rambler roses ain't out yet, tho' they may be in fifteen years.

So you see 'ow we're doin' our duty, tho' we 'avent no sword in hand;  
I'm a fightin' for my country, in a distant foreign land.

We're buildin' a desert railway, wot'll run excursion trains  
To the "Dakia Riviera," where 'tis said it never rains;  
And p'raps some day we'll come across a Senussi or a Turk,  
But tho' we'll be old age pensioners then, we ain't the one to shirk;  
Yet there's times w'en I feel jealous of my brother fightin' the Huns,  
An' my pal at Salon-i-ka wot lives 'mid the roar of guns;  
For it don't seem as if we shall have much fun, until we gets command  
To say, "Saa-eda" and "Imshi" 'way from this distant land.

NORTH BAY, Nov. 20.—The railway unions here are trying to solve the high cost of living, and a special committee was appointed to purchase food and fuel supplies as required. Within the past week the committee has brought in two carloads of potatoes, two cars of wood, forty head of cattle, two tuns of honey, eight carloads of coal and fifty carloads of hardwood. It expects a carload of groceries and two of apples in a very few days. The committee is composed of twenty-five members and they represent the different crafts. The claim to have saved 30 per cent to date.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE following Regulation respecting Skating and dSliding on the Public Streets made under the authority of Chapter 36, Section 14 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) is published for public information:  
1. Within the Municipal limits no person shall "Coast," skate or slide down the hills or highway or streets except in the West End of the city from the crest of Palk's Hill to the Cross Roads, and in the East End down Robinson's Hill, under a penalty not exceeding Five Dollars for every breach hereof.  
NOTE.—The property of parents may be liable under distress for any penalty imposed on a minor.  
St. John's, November 23rd, A.D. 1916.

(Sgd.) F. J. MORRIS,  
CHAS. H. HUTCHINGS,  
Justices of the Peace.  
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UNDER the Provisions of the War Measures Act, 1914, His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order that the Regulations, published in the ROYAL GAZETTE under date 17th October last, in connection with Precautionary Measures taken against the incursions of hostile ships of war, be suspended as from the 15th November instant.

These Regulations comprised, amongst other things, the closing of the port and harbor of St. John's at night, and the extinguishing of the lights at certain light houses, and in the city of St. John's.

ARTHUR MEWS,  
Deputy Colonial Secretary  
Dept. of the  
Colonial Secretary,  
November 14, 1916.

## The Blond Eskimo May Give Trouble

Stefansson Fears They May Prove Menace to Expedition—Serious Falling Out—Stripped Party From the Polar Bear of all Utensils

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Fear that blond Eskimos may prove a menace to his expedition are expressed by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, in a letter written from Cape Kellett, Banks Island, in the Arctic, and received to-day by Dr. Herber J. Spinden, assistant curator of anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History in this city. Stefansson wrote in part:

"We have had a falling out with the blond Eskimo (Kanghiryuarmit) which is exceedingly unfortunate. I sent the captain of the Polar Bear to them and he treated them as if they were civilized and knew we are a superior order of beings to them. They did not know it and would not act on that basis. Little led to more, ending with their stripping the captain's party of all they had, down to their drinking cups and plates.

"To make matters ten-fold worse they got a severe cold (influenza or whatever you call it), and the last we knew they were on the verge of starvation, because illness had prevented hunting. This we learned from two men who came to see us from Ramsay Island.

"Others were afraid to come. They believed we gave them influenza by witchcraft, and prayed us, by deputation, to remove the epidemic.

"Should death occur either from disease or starvation, the break with them will be serious. For the present, they profess great friendliness for me personally.

"I had hoped to stay with them some months for study, but now we shall have to guard our houses and camps."

## Order to Prohibit Combines on Food

Departmental Arrangements Give Effect to Order-in-Council—Prices go Steeply up—Statements to be Submitted to Manufacturers and Other Operators

OTTAWA, Nov. 20.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, has about completed the departmental arrangements necessary for giving effect to the order-in-Council, prohibiting food combines and the hoarding of necessities of life. Statements have been prepared which will be submitted to manufacturers and others whose operations may be the subject of enquiry under the order-in-Council.

The monthly review of the department states that during October prices were steeply upward, the index number of wholesale prices rising seven points from 180.7 to 187.2, as compared with 152.4 a year before, and 134.6 in 1913. Dairy products, grains and breadstuffs figured in the advance, while vegetables were also higher. In retail prices the cost of a family budget of 30 staple foods rose from \$8.97 in September to \$9.30 for October, compared with \$7.82 a year ago, and \$7.99 in 1914.

During the month there were nine strikes of which six remained unsettled at the end of the month.

## Officially Reported Dead; Now Alive

The New Freeman says: To receive official word from Ottawa that a son had died of wounds, and then six months afterwards, indirectly find out that he was still alive, was the experience of Mrs. J. Sheehan, of 8 St. Paul street, with regard to her son, Private Herman Ryan, twenty-four years old. At the outbreak of the war he was among the first to don the uniform and crossed to England with the first contingent as a member of the 12th Battalion, and was later transferred to the 14th with which unit he was fighting on May 7th, 1916, when he was supposed to have been struck by the fatal bullet. The last letter received by the mother was written in April, about three weeks prior to the date of his being wounded.

The word that Private Ryan was still alive and looking fairly well was received through Mrs. G. C. Pierce, who had received a letter from her son, Private Howard Pierce, formerly of the 11th Battalion, saying that he had met Private Ryan in England, and that he had just come out of hospital, and although badly scarred, yet was looking fairly well, and that he expected to return to Canada at an early date.

Somebody will be sure to say that Hughes lost (or won) by a whisker.

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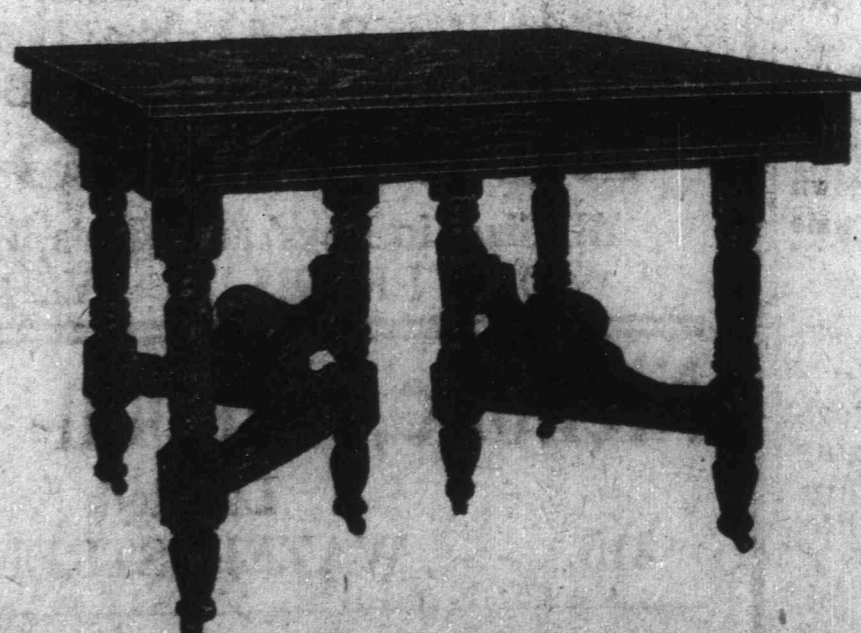
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