

NAVY'S NEW SCALE OF VICTUALLING

INCREASED RATIONS ARE NOW SERVED MEN

Bluejackets Get Five Meals a Day Instead of Three as Formerly.

On the first of October this year radical changes in connection with the victualling of the navy came into force. The result has been that the men on board His Majesty's ships are now issued rations much in excess of that formerly drawn by them.

This reform is welcomed by the blue-jackets, who in consequence are called upon less frequently to supplement their regulation food supply by purchases from the canteen. During the first month of the new scale of victualling the canteen revenues on the ships have fallen far below that formerly derived from them. On one of the ships composing the Esquimaux fleet, it is said on excellent authority that the canteen returns for the month of October dropped to little more than half that amount usually obtained from that source.

Naturally the change has the entire approval of the men of the navy, whose earnings are thus drawn upon to a far smaller degree in making up for deficiencies in the way of victualling.

The need of the men purchasing so much from the ships' canteens when it was supposed that they were supplied with board has long been attacked by those who sought reforms in naval matters. Edward White, whose letters on the subject of the abuses of the navy, published in England a year ago, created so much attention, bitterly attacked this. He estimated that the men were compelled to pay 6½d. a day in supplementing their regulation food supply. Under the new system it has been found, under some of the heads, especially that of vegetables, which has been doubled in the quantity issued, that the messes have curtailed the full allowance given them. Under the system employed on board the ships this saving is allowed the sailors, and at the end of the month they draw the amount due them in savings.

The new scale of victualling has been authorized by the lords of the admiralty upon the report presented by a committee which considered the whole question earlier in the year, and which was presided over by Vice-Admiral Rieu.

In connection with the changes the following additions have been made in the former scale of per diem allowances: Tea, ½ oz., sugar, 1 oz., preserved meat, ¼ lb.; fresh vegetables, ½ lb. (with fresh meat); raisins, ¼ oz., with salt fresh meat; raisins, ¼ oz., with salt ½ oz., jam, 2 oz.; coffee, ¼ oz.; compressed vegetables, 1 oz., with salt and preserved meats.

The following reductions have been made at the same time: Chocolate, ½ oz., fresh meat, ¼ lb.; salt pork, ¼ lb.; salt beef, ¼ lb.; preserved meat (dinner ration), 3 oz.; oatmeal, abolished as an article of the regular ration, is in future only to be used as an extra issue to persons employed in the engine room. The addition of a daily ration of ¼ lb. of preserved meat is intended to provide for a breakfast or supper ration. The ration is to consist of either corned beef, boiled beef, boiled mutton or any other description of preserved meat available, as may be preferred by the men, having regard to the stocks on board.

In the addition of compressed vegetables to the rations, the greatest care was taken to investigate this description of food. Experiments were carried on at the naval schools of cookery, so as to ascertain the best methods of cooking to give satisfactory results. The result of the experiments is set forth in the instructions issued, but the matter is being still further experimented upon, so that the very best methods of cooking may be adopted. The compressed vegetable supplied consist of several kinds, mixed vegetables, haricot beans, shelled beans, cabbage, carrots, onions, sliced potatoes and spinach.

There has also been taken a new departure in the number of meals to be recognized on board ship. In the past three meals only were provided for, breakfast on turning out, dinner at noon and supper about 4.15 p.m. It was found that a general custom had arisen throughout the service for a meal to be taken at the opportunity afforded by the "stand easy," about 8 a.m., and another meal at about 7.30 p.m., after the day's work was done. It has now been decided by the lords of the admiralty to officially recognize these five meals.

Instead of allowing 2 hours and 30 minutes for the three meals as formerly, it is now provided that 3 hours and 35 minutes shall be given for the five meals. The allotment is as follows: 5 a.m. to 5.35 a.m.—Breakfast. 8 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.—Breakfast. 12 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.—Dinner. 4.15 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.—Tea. 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Supper.

The change in the scale is said to be eminently satisfactory to the men. It has overcome in no small measure one of the abuses recognized in connection with the navy, and gives promise of other reforms, which from time to time may be found necessary in compliance with changed conditions.

WANTED—Fideli person to travel for well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary \$20.00 per week with expenses additional, all payable in cash each week. Money for expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House, 380 Dearborn St., Chicago.

CONTEMPLATES RETIRING.

Mayor McCandless Announced Last Night He Would in All Probability Decline Nomination.

Mayor McCandless and Mrs. McCandless on Thursday entertained the aldermen and the city officials last evening. Dinner was served at the home of the Mayor, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

During the course of the evening His Worship took occasion to make an announcement of public interest. He said that it was his intention to retire at the close of the year. He could not say positively that his intention would be carried out, as it was impossible to say what might arise in connection with public affairs, and it might be necessary for him to present himself again as a candidate. At the present time he knew of nothing which would make it obligatory for him to neglect his own private business in order to accept of the nomination.

Circumstances might alter the conditions before the close of the year, and result in his accepting of the nomination.

It is probable that the announcement of His Worship will result in strong pressure being brought to bear upon him to reconsider his announced intention, and efforts being made to have him consent to stand for the mayoralty. Citizens generally have recognized that in Mayor McCandless the city's interests have been in exceedingly safe hands, and they would welcome his continuance at the head of affairs. They would gladly see him remain at least another year in order to carry out the works now well underway.

In the event of Mayor McCandless adhering to his determination, the man whose name is most commonly associated with the post is Ald. W. G. Cameron, M. P. P. He has been regarded as the natural successor of Mayor McCandless, and that gentleman chose to withdraw from the field, and it is altogether likely that if he signified his intention of seeking the office it would be accorded him by acclamation.

Among others in the present council who are believed to have aspirations in the direction of the mayoralty are Ald. Graham and Ald. Kinsman. It is also believed that the friends of Ald. Yates might induce that gentleman to enter the contest. Should Mayor McCandless, however, consent to remain another year, it is doubtful if he would have any opposition.

Commander Peary, the Arctic explorer, has been presented with the Livingstone gold medal by the Royal Geographical Society of Edinburgh. The Livingstone medal was founded by the daughter of the late Dr. Livingstone.

In the French Chamber of Deputies on Thursday the war budget was discussed and a proposition to suppress court-martial was defeated. As the result of a violent altercation between Henry Maurice Boteaux, Radical Socialist, and Georges Berthelot, Independent Republican, in the chamber, a duel has been arranged between them.

Cured of Asthma.

THE REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE OF A NOVA SCOTIA MAN.

He Had Suffered for Years and Often Had to Sit Night After Night at an Open Window Gasping for Breath.

Mr. Thomas Johnson is well known in the vicinity of Hiramford, N.S. He has taught school in Lunenburg county for more than thirteen years, and his reputation as a teacher is deservedly high. It is known that Mr. Johnson has been a severe sufferer from asthma, and he has found a cure for the trouble, a reporter thought the facts of his case would prove interesting to similar sufferers. "One evening," said Mr. Johnson, "while lighting my pipe I inhaled the sulphur from the match. The fumes appeared to penetrate every portion of my lungs, and nearly strangled me. It was more than an hour before I recovered from the effects of this inhalation, and I believe that that was the starting point of the trouble that has made my life so frequently miserable since. At all events a few days later I had my first attack of asthma, and from that time the attacks became more and more frequent, sometimes continuing for a week or more at a time. When these attacks came on I dare not lie down, and many a long, cold night I have passed at an open window gasping for breath. I was treated by two of the best doctors in the country, but derived no benefit. Then I began trying the medicine advertised as a cure for this trouble, but with no better results. I was continually growing worse and life was becoming a burden. About a year ago my wife was using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and was deriving so much benefit from them that one day she said to me, 'Why don't you try these pills, they might do you good, and they certainly can't do you harm.' To please my wife I began taking the pills, but only occasionally at first, but inside of a few weeks I felt that I was improving in many ways. Then I began to use the pills in earnest, and soon found that breathing was becoming easier, the spasms came less frequently, and I could go about out of doors without danger of bringing the trouble on as was formerly the case. I took twelve boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in all, and after the improvement began every box added to it until all signs of the trouble had disappeared, and I have not since had any recurrence of it. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have saved me from a life of misery, and I am glad to make this public acknowledgment."

The above strong evidence proves that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not an ordinary medicine and that they cure when other medicines fail. Every pill makes new, rich, red blood, and thus enables the system to resist the intrusions of disease and works a cure. Only Dr. Williams' pills can do this, however, and the purchaser should see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is printed on the wrapper around every box, and by all medicine dealers or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

HAVE HAD OFFERS TO FINANCE ROAD

FROM NASOGA GULF TO YUKON CAPITAL

A Recently Incorporated Company Which Can Get Substantial Backing—Conditions of Proposals.

One of the gentlemen who is identified with the B. C. Northern & Mackenzie Valley Railway Company, which was incorporated at the last session of the legislature, in an interview with a Times reporter yesterday, said that his company has had an offer in several forms from responsible people to finance a railway from Nasoga to Dawson and Alton. "Contrary to what is usually supposed," he said, "it does not appear that an extravagant amount of government aid will be needed to interest people in the undertaking. One of our offers is to underwrite the bond issue of a bonus of \$7,000 and \$3,000 acres of land per mile is given; another is to do the same thing for \$5,000 and 5,000 acres per mile; another is for a guarantee of 3 per cent on the bonds; another, which I think is the best offer of all, is for the government to advance to the company \$7,000 per mile without interest for seven years, for which the government M. P. P. He has been regarded as the natural successor of Mayor McCandless, and that gentleman chose to withdraw from the field, and it is altogether likely that if he signified his intention of seeking the office it would be accorded him by acclamation.

The accompanying picture shows British Columbia's tribute to Nelson. The British Columbia trophy as it appeared on Britain's great naval hero, among the profusion of wreaths which adorned the base of the column erected in his memory in the world's capital. In this connection the following explanatory letter was received by Secretary Peirson, of the Victoria Branch:

The Navy League, 13 Victoria Street London, S.W., 28th October, 1903.

Dear Sir—I send you a snap-shot of the Nelson column trophy to the corner of the centre of the south side of the Nelson column. It was given the place of honor, like it was in the shape of a large maple leaf, with the four lions, Palms, chrysanthemums and everlasting flowers were imported into the scheme of decoration this year, and these, most effectively arranged at the four corners of the plinth, stood out in bold relief against the massive grey column, which the whole of the lower base was festooned with laurel. It was the endeavor of the Navy League to have the column decorated with the annual decoration of the Nelson Column, Trafalgar square, London. 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