

Our Local Pepys.

HIS DIARY.
December 13.—Mighty sleepy; slept all past eight of the clock. All the morning rays did fall heavily, such as I have never seen it to do at this season of the year. To the office there to discourse of the times, and all the talk of the Parliament and all the strange manner of its prorogation. It is said by many that the Governor is in much disfavour through the action in that he did permit the House to close, but by many it is considered a huge joke. To the Green Room, to lunch with the Rotary Club, and to my great content. An excellent repast, and a good discourse on marriage. Met Mr. Archibald, Captain Stewart, and Harbor Grace, and had some discourse with him about the political situation. So home to supper. It being my wedding night, but how many years I cannot tell, but my wife says two and it seems to me like more than a score.

PLANK 9 IN
Outerbridge's Platform.

TWO PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS (EAST AND WEST) FOR JUVENILES.
St. John's has ever been noted for the quantity and good quality of its sportsmen.

Let us look back only a few years ago when Cricket was the "game." Did setting crack teams from the men-of-war and outside cities phase us any? Not at all.

Later when Football became the rage—when we progressed from setting the "cod" to the good old game of Association, did our boys take second place once the game was learned? Certainly not!

Are our hockeyists a back number when their Canadian cousins face them on the ice? By no means! Did not our hockeyists make a much better showing against the "Sydney Millionaires" than ever we could have imagined?

Haven't we produced unsurpassed "angles" and "doubles" in tennis? Isn't our champion golfer to-day defending the laurels of his University in an international contest?

What of our plucky athletes who went to Halifax last summer to represent us—neither knockers nor boosters?

And what were words can express the greatest game of all? Played by our brilliant Newfoundlanders on the golf-links of France and Gallipoli and in the turbulent North Sea?

All this leads us to the ninth plank in my platform—the providing of two free public playgrounds for our kids. 'Twill make better citizens of them for to quote Kipling "the boys of today are the men of to-morrow." Give the youngsters a better chance than they've got now. The 3 city colleges have their splendidly equipped playgrounds but what of the thousands of youngsters who are obliged to play on the streets at imminent risk to life and limb? Let us have a free public playground in the East and one in the West looked after by responsible persons and under the control of the Council. Again, I say, give the youngsters their chance! Are you with me?

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—I THANK YOU—

Presentation
Convent Sale.

A Sale of Work was held yesterday afternoon in the Presentation Convent. It was under the auspices of the Presentation Convent Association. A large number of people were present during the day and all the stalls were well patronized. The sale was attended by Santa Claus, who took this opportunity of disposing of any surplus stock he might have. Teas were served during the evening and several business men dropped in at intervals to partake of them. The sale will be continued to-day.



DENIS J. GALWAY
Candidate for Municipal honors respectfully solicits your votes on
THURSDAY NEXT

Guild Sale of Work.

Mr. W. Angus Reid opened the sale of work which the Young Ladies' Guild of St. Andrew's Church held yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian Hall. Mr. Reid outlined the object of the sale which was to help towards the additional equipment of the educational facilities of the Presbyterian College. All the stalls were tastefully decorated. Afternoon teas were served in the course of the day and the proceeds amounted to quite a substantial sum. The stall holders were:

Christmas Novelties (1.00 and under)—Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Frost, Fancy Work, Bags, Bridge Table Covers, etc.—Mrs. G. Marshall, Mrs. J. J. McKay, Miss Wilson.
Plain Work—Miss Ledingham, Miss Thompson.
Dolls—Miss M. Gibb.
Baby Table—Mrs. F. G. Lumsden.
Mince Meats, Mince Pie Preserves, etc.—Mrs. McKinn, Mrs. Glass.
Candy—Miss Davidson.

The results of the sale in every way exceeded even the best hopes of the Guild and a splendid sum was realized to help further the good cause.

McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14.
Preston's Throat Pastilles (antiseptic) are of exceptional value in this damp muggy weather, to clear the voice and throat, to protect the chest and bronchial tubes from the invasion of colds and coughs, or to relieve sore throat or hoarseness. Price 30 cents a box.
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Labor Candidate
Holds Meeting.

Mr. E. J. Whitty, the labor candidate for Councillor in the Municipal elections, held a meeting in the I.S.P.U. Hall last night. Mr. John Murphy, who acted as chairman, opened the meeting. For over an hour Mr. Whitty addressed the meeting on civic matters pointing out the need of labor being represented on the Council Board. Addresses were also delivered by Messrs. E. D. Spurrell, C. F. Garland, G. W. B. Ayre, J. R. Smallwood and Mrs. Julia Salter Earle. Mr. George Buteman, of the S.S. Harmony, a very fluent speaker, and an executive member of the International Workers' Association, also addressed the meeting. He dealt mostly with civic affairs in the Old Country and the manner in which the big labor organizations support and bring forward their members for civic and political honors. The meeting closed at 11 p.m. with the National Anthem.

CITIZENS OF ST. JOHN'S.
Voters, male and female, will you not remember who it was that cut in two the price of sugar, who it was that got the work for the starving people, and who did so without any rioting, or destruction of property or hurt to any person, who represents at least one half of the people, who is an eloquent and forceful speaker, a man of ideas, a man of the people, who stands for the people; and will you not, on Thursday, show your appreciation of what he has done by electing E. J. WHITTY, the Labour Leader.—dec14.21

Personal.

Mr. T. R. Phippard, ticket agent of the Reid N.R. Co., is back again on his old stand after about a month's absence, during which he underwent treatment at New York for eye trouble. We are glad to learn that as a result of his visit his sight is considerably improved.
The wedding of Miss Fan B. Rogers, eldest daughter of W. P. and Mrs. Rogers, and Mr. A. C. Holmes, son of the Rev. A. A. Holmes, late of Pouch Cove, but now residing at Wroter, Ontario, takes place at the residence of Mrs. George Knowling, Rennie's Mill Road at 8.30 o'clock this evening.

Look for a Big Majority.

To-morrow's election will be the most interesting for some time in view of the long list of candidates. The counting of the ballots for Mayor will commence Friday, and if it is possible the result will be made known by midnight.
The Hon. Tasker Cook, whose sane policy seems to have won the confidence of the taxpayers, will meet both of his committees to-night in the T. A. Armoury when final arrangements for to-morrow will be made. The result of the Mayoral contest should be announced Friday night or Saturday morning, and his supporters believe Mr. Cook will have a big majority.—dec14.11

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

RUMORS IN SOUTH AMERICA.
BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 13.
Peruvian troops have crossed the Chilean frontier, according to a correspondent of La Nacion, at La Paz, Bolivia.

VOLCANO IN EREPTION.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 14.
Bopocathapi's violent eruption, and all towns in the vicinity have been warned that the eruptions are most serious of any since the volcano suddenly started spouting lava and ashes two days ago, according to wireless warnings from the city of Mexico to Point Isabel, picked up here.

BROKEN OFF.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14.
Negotiations between Turkey and Italy have broken down, and the Italian Commissioner has returned to Italy.

AUSTRIA WILL BE NEWSPAPERLESS.
VIENNA, Dec. 14.
The Newspaper Publishers Union asserts that Austria will be without daily newspapers soon, unless aid is received from Government.

HIGH FINANCE.
PARIS, Dec. 14.
The Temps, commenting on payments of instalments due by Germany for January and February reparations account, says "The day when Great Britain renounces in favor of devastated regions of France, 150,000,000 gold marks, awarded by the Convention of August 15, to the British troops of occupation, then France could propose that Germany be exempted from money payments in 1922."

AS A TREATY ONLY.
LONDON, Dec. 14.
Viscount Grey, in a speech delivered last night at Manchester in favor of the Irish agreement, said the agreement has been described as a generous offer, but that he did not regard it as an offer at all, but as a treaty, and only in this light could peace and goodwill be brought about between Great Britain and Ireland.

BIG AMBER DISCOVERY.
VANCOUVER, Dec. 14.
Hundreds of tons of supposed dross, mined from Coalport collieries in the Nicola valley of British Columbia, turns out on expert examination to be amber. This is believed to be the first amber discovered in North America.

TOWNS INUNDATED.
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.
The death list reached thirteen yesterday as a result of flood conditions in more than a dozen towns in Western Washington, partially inundated since Saturday by incessant rains.

COURT REFUSED REQUEST.
MELBOURNE, Dec. 14.
The Commonwealth Arbitration Court yesterday refused the request of the Industrial Union for a general

PLANT 10 IN
Outerbridge's Platform.

THE SOUTHSIDE.
The attitude of many residents of the Southside is that they will vote for nobody and I do not blame them in this attitude at all. They have voted in the past at both civic and general elections and their support has been solicited on promises that some attention to their most crying needs would be given. As soon as Polling Day was safely over the promises vanished like last winter's snow.

The Eastern section of the Southside Road at most seasons of the year is not only nearly impassable but might as well be absolutely impassable without the aid of a dory, the liquid mud forming not a road but a canal. In many places it would take even more than the thirteen planks of my platform to enable one to get from one side of the road to the other. Women residents of the Southside wanting to come to town to do their shopping, etc., are obliged to literally scramble along the sides of a very steep hill to prevent absolutely ruining their clothing. A plank walk for pedestrians along the Southside Road from the Long Bridge East is not a luxury but an absolute necessity and why it was not erected by the very first St. John's City Council is a mystery and an example of the neglect with which the Southside has been treated.

In the matter of ordinary reasonable civic benefits the Southside (like several other portions of the city in this respect) is again neglected. Water is supplied in some sections but no sewerage and what is the use of one without the other—about as much use as a cart without a horse. Full taxes, however, are charged and in some cases assessments are out of all reason.

The Southside numbers some of our most respected fellow citizens and I am hereby promising them that (in the event of my return) the Mayor and the other five Councillors are going to become very, very rich of the sound of the voice of Candidate 13, P. E. Outerbridge, unless some of the grievances of Southside citizens are given very prompt attention. Are you with me?

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reduction of the working week in Australia to forty-four hours. The Court held that reduction would be untimely.

SHOOTING IN BELFAST.
BELFAST, Dec. 14.
Considerable shooting took place in the Old Park Road last evening; three persons were wounded.

BOTTOMLEY CRITICISED.
LONDON, Dec. 14.
Horatio Bottomley, M.P., and Proprietor of the publication "John Bull" was severely criticized yesterday by Justice Sargent for his management of the Victory Bond Club in which he interested a large number of investors. The Judge's criticisms arose during proceedings in the Chancery Court, in which two bond holders sought a winding up order against the club. His Lordship granted petitioner's request for a complete and searching investigation into the financial state of the club, of which Bottomley was declared trustee. The Judge ordered Bottomley to pay the cost of the Court refusing to allow costs to be defrayed from the club's funds, on the ground that a disclosure in plaintiff's statement of claim was of the gravest negligence, and showed the clearest breach of trust by Bottomley.

PRINCE AFTER BIG GAME.
BENARES, India, Dec. 14.
The Prince of Wales arrived here yesterday morning. Martial law had been proclaimed, but it was practically ignored by natives, who thronged the streets. The program, which had been arranged in honor of the Prince was carried out without a hitch, and he left last evening for Nepal to hunt big game.

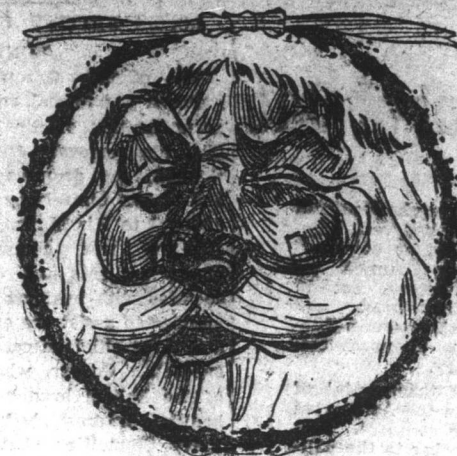
ULSTER HAS CHOICE OF TWO ALTERNATIVES.

LONDON, Dec. 13.
Following is the continuation of the correspondence between Premier Lloyd George and Premier Craig of Ulster:

The same status for the six counties could not be reconciled with the Empire's international and foreign interests. Three governments in the British Isles would be injurious to British trade, and ruinous to Ireland, Lloyd George said, and cited the state of Central Europe as an example of evils arising from new frontiers, which are very natural circumstances of commerce. Craig writing on November 17 said it would be dishonest to discuss an All-Irish Parliament, since under no circumstances would Ulster accept the position of permanent subordination to Sinn Fein. Ninety per cent. of Ulster trade was with Great Britain, and more harmonious relations would result by control by Britain and Ulster, than if control was exercised by an All-Irish Parliament, dominated by Sinn Fein. "You point out the great danger of creating a Northern Dominion in Ireland and refer to this as our counter proposal, an idea that is not quite accurate," Sir James continues, "we feel that the arguments you use as objections to the two Dominions, apply with equal force to the creation of one. We only put forward our suggestions, because we are convinced that if once you violate the fiscal unity of United Kingdom, it makes relatively little difference to create two new units instead of one. Your proposal involved the placing of Ulster under Sinn Fein, which is an insurmountable difficulty. I doubt if it will help by pointing out the method, which, if this concession is to be made to South and West, it can also be made to the North without creating the grave results I indicated. But you must not be misled, that we in Ulster, in the slightest degree, modify our convictions that your proposals, embodied in the Act of 1920, are the only safe and sound plan from Britain and Ireland. To sum up, if you force Ulster to leave the United Kingdom, against the wishes of the people, she desires to be left in a position to make her own fiscal and international policy conform as nearly as possible with the policy of the mother country and retain British traditions, currency, language and ideals, and in this way render the disadvantages entailed by separation from Britain as slight as possible." Concluding the correspondence, Sir James named Nov. 23 as the date for an interview. Lloyd George on Dec. 5 sent a letter enclosing articles of the agreement signed by British and Sinn Fein negotiators, and declaring "There are two alternatives between which the Government of North Ireland is invited to choose. Under the first retaining all her existing powers, Ulster will enter the Irish Free State with such additional guarantees as may be arranged in Conference. Under the second alternative, she will retain her present powers, but in respect to all matters not already delegated to her, will share the right and obligations of Britain. In the latter case, however, we should feel unable to defend the existing boundary, which must be subject to revision on one side and the other by a boundary commission under the terms of the instrument."

Big Card Tournament. St. Joseph's Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 14th; two prizes; 1st, one barrel flour; 2nd, half ton coal. Tickets for sale on the door; price 50c.—dec12.31

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