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Another Will
O' the Wisp.

Scarcely has the sensation caused by the suggested inauguration of a West India Steamship Service and the erection of Sugar Refineries had time to die out, when another novel scheme, or rather a further development of the original scheme, emanates from the same fruitful source.

This time the proposal is to put Newfoundland on the industrial map as a FLOUR MILLING CENTRE. How many other bubbles of a similar nature will be blown before the awakening comes we know not, but sufficient unto the day. In any case, unless these schemes show on the face of them that they are practically possible that they are not a flagrant violation of the laws of economy, that they are not to be undertaken simply to meet an immediate demand, and that they are not intended to exploit one section of the community at the expense of all the others, so long shall we continue to expose them, and try to make it clear to the public that such wild cat undertakings can have no other effect than to plunge us over the brink and make disaster inevitable.

The site of the proposed mills will naturally be at, or in the vicinity of, Port Union, where the Sugar Refineries will also be built. The machinery and the other necessary equipment will be imported free of duty, and the grain will also be on the free list.

This raises the first question: What is to take the place of the revenue amounting to about \$200,000 of which the Treasury would be depleted? Of course from this fertile source of income will come another brilliant plan to meet such a deficiency.

Let that pass. The mills are erected and in less than no time along comes the GOLDEN grain, presumably in the West Indian squadron, diverted from the moment from their usual route. Whether they load at Port Arthur or at Montreal is a matter of no concern, but it may of course be possible that the neighbouring Dominion is deepening the Welland Canal particularly to facilitate our shipments from the Lake port.

The wheat is loaded. Which wheat? Are we to purchase the September or October sales? If the former, averaging as it does about 14 per cent. more in price than the latter, how are we going to manage to supply cheap flour from our Union mills? NO, it must be the October wheat that it is intended to import. But another difficulty offers. By the time that grain arrives, is unloaded, transhipped to the mills, ground and put through the various processes that are necessary to produce Number 1 flour, packed in bags or barrels, loaded in the coastal boats and other freighters, it will be found—if the ships have not already frozen to the wharves in Port Union—that winter has descended on the North and driven to the settlers awaiting

their winter supply is impossible.

Let us see what effect this remarkable project would have upon St. John's. The amount of flour imported into Newfoundland during the past twelve months was something over 400,000 barrels. Of this quantity over 300,000 was landed in St. John's. The prospect that the stoppage of this enormous importation presents must be apparent even to the promoter. The steamship lines which ply between St. John's, Halifax and New York would immediately have the amount of freight which they carry reduced by about 50 per cent., and those that connect us with Montreal direct by about 70 per cent. Under these conditions how long would they be kept on the routes?

Depending for their living to a very great extent upon the flour trade is the army of longshoremen, truckmen, coopers, and various other trades. Depending on this importation there are many firms large and small that have bravely stood up to the buffeting of the last few years, and only require such a blow to make them "take the count." Indeed it would appear that the intention of the promoter, uttered not so long ago, to grow grass on Water Street was to be made a reality.

No doubt in many ways the erection of these mills would be beneficial to Port Union and the finances of the Union Trading Company as would the erection of the Sugar Refineries—for the moment. The construction would provide immediate employment for a considerable number of men. But does the President of the Union Trading Company consider nothing but the exigencies of the hour? Does he imagine that the fishermen cannot grasp a self-evident fact? If he is labouring under such a delusion, there is a rude awakening coming. It would indeed appear that, already realizing that he no longer possesses their unbounded confidence, he is rushing hither and thither in a panic to try and avert the catastrophe which is threatening.

Until climatic conditions in Newfoundland change sufficiently to enable us to grow wheat, so long may it be taken for granted that the wheels of the mills of Port Union will remain idle. Other mills, however, are operating, and although the process may be slow, it is certain, "and they grind exceedingly small."

Nfld. Sympathizes With
Japan in Her Trouble.

We are informed that the following cable has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by His Excellency the Governor:—"My Government has learnt, with great regret, of the appalling calamity which has recently befallen Japan, and request that you will cause to be expressed to the government and people of that country, the deep sympathy that we feel for them." Sept. 14th, 1923.

GOVERNMENT BONDS and stocks of local enterprises bought, sold, or exchanged for securities yielding nine per cent. with safety. For prices and full particulars telephone 1875 or write to RICHARD C. POWER, Bishop Building, St. John's, Sept. 14.

Tag Day To-Morrow.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED GOES TO AID NEW MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

Bright and early to-morrow morning the members of the Child Welfare Movement together with the Girl Guides will be on the streets ready to dispose of tags, the proceeds of which goes to the aid of the new Maternity Hospital. Adm. Hurd and his assistants have made all the necessary arrangements for the big drive, and it is hoped that the public will be as generous as possible in their offerings to help raise the desired amount. The new Maternity Hospital which is situated on Cornhill Avenue and Leinster Road will be officially opened on Wednesday next.

Mary Carr's acting in "Silver Wings" will delight every mother in the audience at the Majestic, Monday.—Sept. 14.

Board of Trade

ARRANGES FOR THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

A meeting of the Board of Trade was held to-day for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the nucleus of a central committee in connection with the forthcoming Empire Exhibition. The meeting was attended by a fairly large gathering and was presided over by Mr. L. Outerbridge. Opening the meeting the Chairman announced that early in August last the Prime Minister had written the Secretary of the Board of Trade requesting that a committee would meet and discuss with him their views in relation to the Exhibition. Accordingly a committee consisting of Messrs. C. Ayre, E. Bowring, D. Baird, Jr. and L. C. Outerbridge met the Prime Minister and reported the result of the conversation to the Council of the Board of Trade. The Council at a following meeting came to the conclusion that the Government would be justified in voting the sum of \$50,000 towards the exhibition recommending that the Government expenditure be kept within that sum but in the event of further financial assistance not being forthcoming from private and corporate exhibitors in sum sufficient to install the buildings suggested that tentative plans be modified with a view to restricting the Government expenditure to the sum named or at most \$60,000.

The Council considered that it could recommend the expenditure of such a considerable sum on the following grounds:—First and most practical it considered that Newfoundland could not afford to remain outside the Exhibition and must follow the lead of all the other Dominions. Second—Newfoundland would benefit by the advertising particularly in the matter of outside capital. Third—Display of our resources would be helpful should we require any further loans.

The Council meeting also recommended that Mr. Victor Gordon should be appointed the active representative of Newfoundland at the Exhibition and must follow the lead of all the other Dominions. Second—Newfoundland would benefit by the advertising particularly in the matter of outside capital. Third—Display of our resources would be helpful should we require any further loans.

On August 31st the following Committee was appointed to have an interview with the Government:—Mr. L. C. Outerbridge, A. B. Job, W. G. Gosling, Hon. Tasker Cook, E. A. Bowring. At this meeting the following message was read:—Visited British Empire Exhibition grounds yesterday (Aug. 30th) with Hon. Geo. Shee and have approved of site selected by exhibition authorities and which is near to British Government Pavilion and Royal Stand. John Wm. Simpson past President of Institution of British Architects and who is official architect to the exhibition and the British Government has submitted for our approval a design for Newfoundland pavilion.

The design consists of an oblong building somewhat similar to Government House and would occupy 4,375 feet and it would cost, all fees included, \$566 pounds. That figure represents the usual proportion allocated for construction. The work on the pavilion would be carried out by Mr. Calpin who are doing construction work for the British Government. The Anglo-Newfoundland Development and Farness Companies have informed me they will be applying for space in the Newfoundland building. Other United Kingdom business houses identified with Newfoundland trade such as Messrs. J. B. Hawes will co-operate in endeavouring to make a successful display.

During the meeting at which the above message was read the matter of representation was discussed. It was decided that the Central Committee should have seven representatives from the Government and Opposition and a like number from the Board of Trade. The Government members named were: Hon. J. P. Downey, G. Grimes, W. W. Hickey, Geo. Shee, Mr. W. J. Higgins, K. C. Sullivan and Sir Michael Cashin. The committee from the Board of Trade was selected at a subsequent meeting of the Council and is as follows:—R. B. Job, C. O. O'Connell, E. A. Bowring, Sir M. G. Winter, Hon. Tasker Cook, D. M. Baird, Jr., L. C. Outerbridge. At the meeting under the Chairman explained that a considerable consideration was given to the selection of the committee it being the intention not to include any who may be classed as specialists as by including any such their services would not be available on the Special Committee which would be formed later.

On motion of Mr. W. A. McKay seconded by Mr. P. D. Cowan the appointment of the committee as selected was confirmed.

C. C. C. Band Concert

Victoria Park to-night.

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The Earle

Spicer Concert.

It was anticipated that the attendance at the Earle Spicer Concert in the Methodist College Hall last night would be large, but it exceeded even the greatest expectations. Among those present were his Excellency the Governor and Lady Allard, who had made it possible to be in town to honor the occasion with their presence. The programme was as follows:—

Piano Concerto—Mendelssohn; Miss Allison Reanle and Gordon Christian. (a) The Sands O'Dee—Fred Clay; (b) Come not, when I am Dead—Josef Holbrooke; (c) The Heart Worship—Gustav Holst; (d) The Fishermen of Newfoundland—Earle Spicer.

Violin Solo—Melody—Weir; Mrs. Dunfield.

Pat Song—(a) Part of I Hear a Lover's Flute (Indian) Arr. by C. W. Cadman; (b) Volga Boat Song (Russian)—Arr. by Bromberg; (c) An Irish Love Lull (Hebrew)—M. Kennedy-Fraser; (d) Kitty my Love, will you marry me (Irish)—Herbert Hughes; (e) The Crocodile (English)—Earle Spicer.

Reading—Selected; Mrs. Outerbridge.

Beyond the Dawn—Wilfrid Sanderson; (b) The Midst of the Master—H. Lyall Phillips; (c) A Fat Little Fellow with His Mamma's Eyes—Sheridan Gordon; (d) The Gunner (Requiem)—Haydn Wood—Earle Spicer.

In addition to the above, and in response to prolonged encores, Mr. Spicer sang several other selections from his wonderful and varied repertoire. It is altogether too seldom that a St. John's audience has the opportunity to indulge in such a treat of music as that to which they were entertained last night. Mr. Spicer's marvellous notes, equally effective in its soft notes as in the louder and more thrilling tones, held the audience throughout, and the fact that his selection of songs was of a simple nature gave equal pleasure to all.

The engagement which Mr. Spicer filled last night presented difficulties not only to himself but also to his talented accompanist, Mr. Gordon Christian, owing to the fact that he did not arrive in town until yesterday afternoon from Halifax. Both artists, however, made light of the difficulties and it could never have been guessed by the audience that it was not all plain sailing for them. Mr. Spicer is leaving by the Digby and takes with him the good wishes and appreciation of St. John's not only on account of his treat of music, but also because of his generous assistance in furthering the work in aid of the widows and orphans of our sailors. Mrs. Outerbridge who never fails to entertain us at her best, and her humorous selections were thoroughly appreciated. Mrs. Dunfield made her last appearance, at least for some time in St. John's, and the sweet notes of her violin will be missed in future by music-loving public. In response to the demands of the audience for an encore, she played "Auld Lang Syne" with touching effect, and the prolonged applause which followed fully indicated the pleasure she had given and the regret which was felt at her departure. At the conclusion of the programme Dr. J. A. Robinson expressed his appreciation on behalf of the P.M.D.F. Committee of the generosity of the talented performer who had so willingly given their services in aid of the fund, and at the same time afforded such pleasure to the audience.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle arrived at Argentia 1 a.m. Clyde left Lewisporte 6:30 a.m. on Notre Dame Bay route.

Glencoe left Hr. Breton 2:30 p.m. yesterday, going west.

Homer, as report since leaving Humbermouth.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 7:50 a.m.

Sagone at St. John's.

Malakoff leaving Port Union to-day on Trinity Bay route.

Prospero left Little Bay early this morning, coming south.

Watchful arrived at 2:30 p.m. with the Circuit Court.

NOTICE—The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Holy Name Society will be held on Sunday next, September 16th, J. J. FAGAN, Secretary.—Sept. 14.

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

THE CROWD FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD AWAITING DEMPHY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.

Jack Dempsey the king of the squared circle for the past four years will go into the conflict to retain his crown to-night at the Polo Grounds. An overwhelming favorite against the grim visaged South American Firpo. But while most of the experts predict a decisive victory for the champion, others who have followed the meteoric rise to fame of Firpo believe that the mighty right that has cleaved his way to the second place in the heavyweight world, may bring the ultimate glory to the wild bull of Pampas. The influx of fans who have come from the four corners of the world including some from Australia and about one hundred Argentinians from Firpo's homeland has crowded the hotels close to their capacity and it is estimated that thirty thousand more will arrive to-day.

THE PRINCE LEAVES FOR THE WEST.

QUEBEC, Sept. 14.

The Prince of Wales (Baron Renfrew) left here this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock accompanied by his suite in the Private car Killarney, owned by Lord Slaughtness, head of the C.P.R.

ITALY WILL EVACUATE CORFU SEPT. 27.

PARIS, Sept. 14.

The danger to peace of Europe from the Italian occupation of Corfu ended to-night when after a difficult session the ambassador's council came to a full agreement and Italy agreed to evacuate Corfu about September 27. The agreement also provided that if on the date of evacuation the international Commission of Inquiry reports that Greece has not done all possible to apprehend and punish the assassins of the Italian members of the Boundary Commission, the fifty million lire deposited by the Greek government shall be paid to Italian government.

SPAIN IN THE THERMS OF A REVOLUTION.

MADRID, Sept. 14.

The military coup originating in Barcelona has spread rapidly through various districts and provinces of the country and caused the deepest concern to the government. The captain general of Barcelona is at the head of movement. Primo Rivera, a man of strong influence and powerful associations. Behind him are officers of the army who have been chafing many months under the yoke of Moroccan campaign and with the officers are the rank and file who are ready to follow their leaders to the end. Primo Rivera told the government that the revolt was against the same measures that body has passed. Captain-General Primo Rivera said his object is to relieve the country of the policies of the present government, and declares that troops in Madrid and throughout Spain hope for a decision by the king, removing the ministry which is prejudicial to the nation. No disorders or fighting has occurred, and life in Spain on the surface presents its normal course. King Alfonso is at San Sebastian but is said to be returning at once to Madrid.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNED THIS MORNING.

PARIS, Sept. 14.

The impeding cause of the seizure of power by the Military in Barcelona and other points in Spain is understood here to be due to the treatment of the army by the Spanish Cabinet and Parliament, following the military reverses in the campaign against Moroccan rebels. Public opinion calling for punishment for those charged with failure, the civil Government undertook to punish the officers who were held responsible while refusing, it is alleged, to act against the civilian contractors and functionaries in various Government departments for furnishing inadequate supplies to the expeditionary force in Morocco. The Military Junta accused the civilian officials with corruption in quality and in quantity of war materials, dilatory deliveries, and general insubordination in providing the army with the means for fighting, so that commanders at Melilla were forced by orders from Madrid to launch attacks while in no condition to do so resulting in great loss to Spaniards. The Spanish Cabinet resigned this morning.

MURDERER OF FRANCISCO VILLA AND COMPANION GETS TWENTY YEARS.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 14.

José Sisa, confessed leader of the band which ambushed and killed Francisco Villa and four companions in outskirts of Parral last July, has been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.

\$200,000,000 DAMAGE IN JAPAN.

TOKYO, Sept. 14.

It is estimated that the cost of reconstruction work in Tokio and Yokohama as the result of the earthquake and fire will approximate ten billion Yen. \$200,000,000. A nation wide syndicate of bankers has been organized to assist the government in

rebuilding the devastated area, and the Empire is asked to devote all its surplus funds for this purpose. Plans for feeding and housing the refugees have been completed and people now are devoting every effort to the great reconstruction campaign.

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Keweenaw Selections . . . 70c.
Selected Mixture . . . 70c.
Ivanhoe Selection . . . 70c.
Milk Caramels . . . 50c.
Snowdrop Caramels . . . 50c.
Toasted Coconut Caramels . . . 50c.

Gower Street Church Choir.

Practice this evening at 9 o'clock.—Sept. 14.

Personal.

Miss Ruby Tessier arrived by the Digby last evening.

Mr. Ralph Stick leaves by the Silvia to-morrow enroute to Toronto, where he resumes his studies in dentistry at Varsity.

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

NOTICE TO MARINES.
(NO. 2 OF 1923).

Boar Island, Burgeo.

Lat. 47° 38' 12" North
Lon. 57° 35' 12" West

CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF LIGHT.

Notice is hereby given that the FIXED RED light shown at Boar Island, Burgeo, has been changed to a FIXED WHITE light. This change to be made on September 20th, 1923.

G. F. GRIMES,
Minister of Marine & Fisheries,
Dept. of Marine and Fisheries,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
September 4th, 1923.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PLUMBING WORK, INSANE ASYLUM.

The time for receipt of Tenders for installation of Elevators, Piping and Connections in the "Old" Male and Female Wards of the Asylum for the Insane is extended until noon on Saturday, the 15th day of September instant.

A. W. PICCOTT,
Minister of Public Works,
Dept. of Public Works,
St. John, Nfld.,
11th Sept., 1923.

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