

"VICTORY" FLOUR THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

Makes a Plea for Laboring Man

Says Civic Board Have Cut Down Labourers Pay—Asks How Can a Man Support a Family on \$4.20 per Week?

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Would you kindly allow me to make a few observations in your paper concerning our Civic Commissioners and what they are doing at present with the laborers working in the East and West ends of St. John's.

There are supposed to be eight steady employed men in St. John's East and a few men with Thos. Bird to look after the city works, such as building roads and clearing gullies, and other works as well. Now, Sir, the Commission have curtailed those men down to three days per week, that is \$4.20 per week. Now who is going to look out for the Taxpayers' interest in a case of a storm or a wash-out or other accidents which may happen at this time of the year?

Will the tarvia road look after the gullies or steps or other streets? We have not now sufficient men to look after the different works around town. Just imagine what sort of a day Saturday was, and there was not one man working with the East End Road Inspector on that day, only his second kicker and all he could do was to watch the chairman and the tarvia road.

Just size up the condition of affairs that was in the city yesterday, Sunday, people going to their different places of worship trying to climb up steps, such as Courthouse steps and Garrison hill steps and other steps as well. If these steps had to be cleaned of on Saturday when it was wet they could be no trouble in getting it off to-day, but certainly they were no one to clean them on Saturday because the commissioners were curtailing labor and St. John's East was hung up on Saturday to bring up for what they spent on the tarvia road.

I believe the Tarvia Co. are giving them another offer to eat up the taxpayers' money, and then the commissioners will destroy the laboring man's six days per week and try and starve him on three days per week, and then they will call them selves British forever. Last spring the laborers looked for an increase of wages from those Commissioners and it was refused and thrown in the waste basket they could not afford it, but they could give one man by the name of Towers \$7.00 per day, but remember he was not a Newfoundland. There would not be enough of tarvia in a Newfoundland's eyes to get the job and waste \$5,000 like Towers did, but Towers was all right with Gosling & Co. because he belonged to Maryland.

Now, Sir, I would ask the taxpayers of St. John's to consider in their hearts how can any workman work for \$1.40 per day in summer time under the broiling sun with a pick and shovel, and then when winter comes curtail him and his family to starvation wages at the rate of \$4.20 per week. Taxpayers! Wake up and see that justice is done to the laboring man in this community. There is many a laboring man's child to the front to-day fighting for the Empire, and I believe that it is our duty to look after the fathers of those sons and other laborers' sons as well in this little town of ours.

I am a voter in the East End and I certainly will give a "plumper" next June for the Tarvia Gang.

I remain,
Yours etc.,
"TARVIA."
St. John's, Dec. 13, 1915.

WILSON GALT WEDDING SET FOR DECEMBER 18

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 4.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norina Galt will be married on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Mrs. Galt's home here, according to a formal announcement made to-day at the White House.

What some men call love isn't even a good imitation.

WANTED — Immediately,
A General Servant for a family of two. Apply this office. —dec11,1f

SHIPPING

The S.S. Durango arrived at Liverpool yesterday and will leave for here again on the 20th.

The schr. Mary D. Young sailed yesterday for Trinidad taking 2013 qtls. codfish, 30 brls. herring and 10 tierces of salmon from Tessier & Co.

The schr. Flirtation arrived at Nippon's Hr. yesterday and will load herring for the Gorton Pew Co. Gloucester.

The S.S. Frontiera left here yesterday for New York taking 4828 qtls codfish, 108 barrels herring, a barrel of turbot and 3750 qtls cod liver oil shipped by Job Bros. & Co.

The schrs. 'Mary Dacosta' and 'Bohemia' are loading herring at Bonne Bay for the Gorton Pew Co. and S. Smith respectively, of Gloucester.

The S.S. Beatrice, Capt. McKenzie leaves here to-day for North Sydney and will make another trip here with a coal cargo. She is a well known boat in the coal trade here but was recently bought by the Imperial Government and will leave here for England next month.

Obituary

THOMAS LONG, I.S.O.

One of our most esteemed and venerable citizens in the person of Mr. Thos. Long passed over to the Great Beyond at his residence on Prescott Street last evening. The deceased, who was a prominent figure in the commercial and official life of the city for the past 70 years, had reached the ripe age of 88 years.

In his young manhood Mr. Long conducted the business of C. F. Bennett & Co., Riverhead, for years and in the early 'seventies took a position in the Departments of Agriculture and Mines, where his attainments won for him rapid promotion and he advanced to the position of First Clerk and later to the Deputy headship of the Department. After an official life of over 40 years in the service of the Colony, Mr. Long retired, his distinguished services having won for him from his King the Imperial Service Order. During recent years his bodily and mental vigor remained unimpaired and he closely followed the trend of local events and with great interest the vicissitudes of the present great world war.

The end came suddenly, but peacefully. Mr. Long, who was a native of Bedfordshire, England, leaves to mourn him two sons, Mr. Alan Long, surveyor and Mr. Wm. Long and six daughters, three unmarried and three married: Mesdames Pope, P. F. Lemessurier and E. Lemessurier and 16 grandchildren.

The sorrowing family and friends the Mail and Advocate extends its condolence.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING.

Pressure on our space yesterday precluded the possibility of a reference to the very successful annual meeting of the Total Abstinence and Benefit Society held on Sunday afternoon. The meeting was attended by a large gathering of members and President W. J. Ellis presided.

The reports submitted by the Secretary and Treasurer show the Society to be flourishing financially and numerically and all departments including the Juvenile Branch band, reading, card and billiard rooms are in a most flourishing state. The matter of appointing Committees for the various Departments was deferred to a special meeting to be held next Sunday. The election of officers resulted as follows:—
President—W. J. Ellis;
Vice-Pres.—L. M. F. Summers;
1st Asst. V.P.—J. J. Murphy;
2nd Asst. V.P.—J. J. Cochrane;
Treasurer—P. Hanley;
Asst. Treasurer—J. P. Kelly;
Cashier—T. J. Redmond;
Fin. Secretary—W. D. Quinn;
Secretary—G. J. Coughlan;
Marshal—N. J. Murphy;
Asst. Marshals—G. Welis, S. Angel, J. Fleming;
Band Committee—J. J. Coady, P. Hanley, J. P. Grace;
Auditors—J. L. Slattery, J. J. Spratt, M. P. Hynes.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

Doesn't Agree With Letter from Mrs. Browning

Says We Did Right in Publishing This Boy's Letter—It Woke up the Authorities and the People Are Behind us

(Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir,—Will you permit me space for a few remarks in reference to Mrs. Browning's letter. She does not hesitate to assume that the boy who has written from the front making the statement that the Newfoundlanders do not receive a part of the clothing, etc. which the W.P.A. has made up for that purpose, is peevish, jealous and unmanly. Has she considered since her letter presented its stern remarks to the public gaze that many a word will be uttered condemning her action.

Then she tries to convince one that it was the boy's own fault that he had not received what was necessary before going to the front. If this is so, why is it that our W.P.A. are always making so much preparations for the comforts of our boys at the front?

Mrs. Browning goes on to say that the purpose of the W.P.A. is for the wear and tear on the battle field. I think it is time that they received some of these comforts after being so long without them. I think that any woman that would publish such remarks about a boy that is doing his duty for King and Country does not consider the hardships they have to undergo. I think this boy did what was right when he wrote this letter as it has shown things up that is of a very serious character and a committee of enquiry should investigate the same and make things right.

I have taken much interest in working to help this W.P.A. work on. I have two brothers out in the war, one of them in the Dardanelles.

I note, Mr. Editor, that you are taking this matter up in your paper, and the country will, I feel sure, appreciate your efforts to right this outrage on our brave soldier boys.

A MEMBER OF THE W.P.A.
Thanking you for space,
Port Blandford, Dec. 7, 1915.

We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.—nov23



SONS OF ENGLAND

THE regular meeting of Lodge Dudley, No. 227, will be held this (TUESDAY) evening at 8 o'clock. Special business at 9.15 p.m. Nomination and election of officers.

By order of the W.P.
CHAS. W. UDLE, Sec'y.

Crew of "St. Kilda" Safe at St. Pierre

Last evening the 25 men of the crew of the wrecked steamer St. Kilda, which went ashore at Longley on Thursday night, were rescued, according to messages received by Mr. Hy. Saunders, Supt. of the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. The messages received by Mr. Saunders are as follows and show that the work of rescue was carried out by the tug St. Pierre and the steamer Cape Breton.

"The tug left for wreck at 5 a.m., weather moderate breeze; Cape Breton also arrived at wreck, did not enter port."

"Chief Engineer and second officer and eleven men arrived in ship's boat in tow of pilot boat; report rescue ship not arrived at 8.30 a.m. Local tug standing by; feared total wreck, but ship not broken up."

A later message said:—
"Captain and remainder of crew arrived at noon by local tug; rescue steamers not arrived by 10 a.m."

OUR THEATRES.

THE NICKEL.

The third chapter of "The Goddess" attracted large numbers of movie fans to the Nickel theatre yesterday afternoon and last evening. The story has won great popularity in St. John's, not because it is thrilling or sensational, but because of its beauty as a love story. It has justly been called the serial beautiful. In Canada and the States, where it is now running, it is attracting thousands all agree with the Nickel patrons of St. John's that this is the most classical picture ever shown. The episode yesterday was a beautiful one and was watched with the greatest interest. Everyone was delighted with it. To-day it will be repeated and those who could not be present yesterday should attend. The other pictures are also good.

ROSSLEY'S.

The pretty Oriental act by Mr. Ballard Brown and Miss Madge Locke was enjoyed very much by an appreciative audience last night. The songs and dances are dainty beyond description. The pictures, too, are very good, indeed, the subjects being all very interesting. On Friday night the contest will show some good talent. The dance at "Ours" in the West End, the 27th, promises to be a successful event and the tickets are selling fast. The floor will be in splendid condition. The beautiful little theatre is being transformed and as a dance hall will be up to date in every detail. The pantomime "Beauty and the Beast," for novel, dainty and surprising numbers will eclipse any of Mrs. Rossley's former attempts, assisted by Ballard Brown and the one and only Madge Locke, brilliant actress, vocalist and dancer.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

The man who was accidentally shot with a gun Friday near Clarke's Beach and to whom the Mail and Advocate referred Saturday, was Stanley Butler, aged 18, of that place. He was two miles in the country shooting partridge with Albert Dave, and as they went along the barrens the gun which Butler held fell over his shoulder and struck the ground behind him. It exploded and the whole charge of shot entered the man's foot, blowing part of it away and inflicting a terrible wound.

Dave bound it up as best he could and carried his injured friend back to Clarke's Beach on his shoulder where Dr. Procunier attended him and he would be brought in here by Saturday's train and taken to Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of \$3.00 from a reader, to be given to the poor old blind man who is forced to beg on the streets of our city, and whose case was recently referred to in our columns.

S.S. "SENLAC" BURNED IN SYDNEY HARBOR

Messrs. A. J. Harvey & Co. received the following message this a.m. from W. M. MacDonald of Sydney:—
"S.S. Senlac and entire cargo burned in Sydney Harbor this morning."

HIS WATCH SAVED HIM

Capt. Gus O'Brien of "Ours" in writing to a friend here quite recently said that he had a peculiar escape in the trenches recently. A Turkish shell burst near him and one of the fragments struck him in the side with terrible force. Gus wondered why he was not seriously hurt and investigating found that the fragment had hit his watch, making a wreck of it, saying him from possible death. Gus's time was stopped effectually but had not the little ticker been where it was time would have ceased for this popular young Newfoundland soldier.

'SAGONA'S' PASSENGERS

The S.S. Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 10.30 a.m., to-day, bringing Miss Blanche Forsey, R. Fordeau, H. Taylor and Mrs. Stan White.

Mechanics' Society Extends Its Thanks

A special meeting of St. John's Mechanics' Society was held last night to receive the records from the Fair Committee.

The reports which showed the Exhibition and Sale of Work to have been a great success; both socially and financially, were received by the Society with much enthusiasm. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed and ordered to be placed on the records and published in the public press as follows:—

To the Right Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, K.C.M.G., for the very deep interest taken by him in the Fair and in particular for his thoughtful kindness in writing personal friends on the work and position of the Society, to which action on his part might be mainly attributed the great success of the undertaking.

To the Hon. Robert Watson for his kindness in conducting and announcing the result of the Guessing Competition for the handsome watch presented by Messrs. Garrett Drownrigg, F. Brocklehurst, P. Power.

To the many people who contributed cash and other donations as also those who made up work for the Fair, the ready sale of which justified the praise given by visitors as to the taste and skill which the work evidenced.

To the Catholic Cadet Corps and the Total Abstinence Bands for their kindly giving concerts on Monday and Tuesday during the Sale.

To the Ladies in charge of the different tables and their assistants whose energies and unselfish efforts were so well rewarded.

To Mr. M. J. Doyle and his Committee for the work performed by them during the three nights and particularly in connection with the Dance which was so enjoyable to the large number who attended, and so creditable to the Committee in charge.

To all who in any way helped towards the success of the Fair and who now will be glad to learn that the receipts \$1,328.38 were sufficient to defray the expenses incurred, by the long-needed repairs to the building, namely, the putting on of a new entrance to the rooms.

To Proprietors and Editors of the daily papers for free advertising and grand description of the opening, which helped in no small way towards the success of the Sale of Work.

Signed on behalf of Society,
JOHN P. SCOTT, President,
JAMES A. LEAHEY, Secretary.

REMOVAL NOTICE!

F. A. MEWS
Barrister, Solicitor, & Notary

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1st Floor)

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LOCAL ITEMS

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Furs.—nov23

There were two stowaways on the Adventure when she left here, boys named Kent and Goodall. They were held by Emigration Officer Dooley on arrival at Sydney and will be sent on here shortly.

The body of the man Mark Baker who was found dead in the hold of the S. S. R. A. Gordon at Clarendville came to the city by the express yesterday afternoon and were taken to the morgue by undertaker Martin, where last night Doctors Rendell and Patterson held a post mortem.

The volunteers went for an 8-mile route march yesterday under Instr. Hussey in the Portugal Cove Road. They did good work considering the bad condition of the roads, and in the afternoon they were put through section and platoon drills on the Parade Ground.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

DECEMBER 14th.

Prince Consort died, 1861.
Henry J. B. Woods married to Miss Benister, 1870.

Mrs. Edward St. John died, 1875.
Mrs. Fitzpatrick died, 1876.
Mrs. O'Donnell (mother of four priests) died, 1875.

Michael J. O'Mara, B.L., elected president of the Total Abstinence Society, 1879.

Princess Alice died, 1878.
Star Society presented Redemptionist Fathers with an address, 1882.

Rev. George Boyd died, 1892.
George-street Methodist Church first opened, 1873.

Fire at Cahill's and McIntyre's, on King's Road, 1893.
Frederick W. Bowden, publisher, died, 1895.

GALE UP WEST

We learn from the Reid Nfld. Co. to-day that a heavy S.E. gale is in progress all the forenoon on the West Coast accompanied by torrential rain. To-day the Toronto Bureau ordered No. 3 storm signal up here presaging an easterly gale with rain likely.

MISSING VESSEL TURNS UP

It will be remembered that not long ago we chronicled the fact that the English schooner "Maud," Capt. Noel, had been given up as lost. She was on a voyage from Santa Polo to Little Bay with a salt cargo and was when we referred to her over 70 days out. Monroe & Co. had a wire yesterday afternoon saying that she had reached the Island of Jersey in the English Channel in a disabled condition. Capt. Noel is well known here.

'NEWFOUNDLAND' GOES FOR COPPER.

The S.S. Newfoundland on her recent trip from P. E. I. had very stormy weather with high seas and had some of the side rails carried away. She was stopped for two hours owing to something going wrong in the engine room, but the good work of the engineers quickly rectified this and she made a good run afterwards. This ship sails to-morrow for Little Bay and will return with a load of the copper down there to be reduced in the MacKay smelter when it is running. She will likely take other cargoes later.

BIG WAGES AT HERRING FISHERY.

People who arrived here by yesterday's express say that there were at Bonne Bay when they left there a few days ago 24 vessels loading with herring, which are more plentiful than ever recorded there before. Sixteen schooners had loaded and sailed for Canada and the States up to Saturday last. For last week all the fishermen averaged \$100 each for the week's work of catching the fish, and three men who were high liners were paid off Saturday with \$180.00 each.

THE FOGOTA SAILS.

The S.S. Fogota sailed North at 10 a.m. to-day with a full freight and as passengers: Messrs W. Kean, J. Heferton, C. Davies, W. Diamond, C. Cuff, T. Pinsent, W. Worsell; Mesdames Blackwood, C. Spurrell, Job Kean, S. R. Winsor, Miss L. Holloway and Master Spurrell, with 22 second class.

HAD STOWAWAYS ON BOARD

The S.S. Beatrice left here this morning for Sydney but on getting outside two stowaways, boys, were found secreted on board. As the weather was threatening the ship returned to port, landed the lads and will wait until the storm promised by Toronto, is over.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C. presided to-day and fined a drunk \$1.00 or three days. Another was discharged and the principal in an affiliation case gave bonds to appear when called on.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

Andrew O'Keefe Writes from Front

Sends Interesting Letter to Mr. Peter Mahar—Says All Are Needed to Don the Khaki and Defeat Germans

Mr. Peter Maher of the sub-station recently received the following interesting letter from trooper Andrew O'Keefe of the 6th Canadian Mounted Rifles, now "somewhere in France." The letter is as follows:

2nd Canadian Div.,
B.E.F. G.P. Office,
London, England,
Nov. 11th, 1915.

Dear Friend,—Just a line to let you know that I am still in the land of the living and in the best of health and spirits. I have been getting ready all the morning for another trip to the trenches. We leave for there to-night again and if I come out alright I will let you know. Well, you can believe me when I tell you that we have the Hunz just where we want them and the fight is nearly all taken out of them.

As I was coming out of the trenches the other night we passed another regiment going in, and one fellow as he passed me began to holler my name. I shouted to him to tell me his but I did not catch the answer. I was badly disappointed, because I know it must have been one of the home boys, as he said something about going home to Newfoundland.

I met Jim Smart, the wrestler, as I was coming out another night; he is in a Canadian Regiment. I have not seen very many of the home boys since I came here, but if I meet any I will write and let you know. It is a funny thing to see how little a man thinks of his life when he gets over here, although in the trenches with "Jack Johnsons" and "Black Maries" bursting all about you and German bullets shooting right across your nose, the British and Canadian soldiers just keep on singing and joking as if it were a "snowball" fight.

Well, you will have to make out this writing as best you can because it is not very convenient to write over here. I am writing this on the top of my cap and there is about 50 men standing around me cleaning rifles and bayonets, so it is not very easy to write letters, and to tell you the truth, I would rather be in a bayonet charge any time. It took me about two hours to find this sheet of paper, so please don't get sore if it is hard to make out.

Remember me to all the boys and tell any that have not already written that they should "don the khaki right away and come over and help us in the good old fight." Answer soon.

A. O'KEEFE.

SHIPPING

The Hilda R. arrived at Hr. Grace yesterday from Santa Pola, salt laden to McRae's.

The Portia left Jersey Side, Placentia, at 8.30 this a.m. and is due here to-morrow morning.

The Prospero which left Trinity at 5 a.m. to-day arrived here this afternoon.

HERBERT CORNICK IN HOSPITAL.

Mrs. F. C. Cornick had a letter a couple of days ago from her son, Pte. Herbert Cornick of the 42nd Regiment, Canadian Highlanders of Montreal, saying that he had been wounded in action in France. He suffers from shock, the result of shell explosion and also heart strain. He is in hospital at Bangor, Ireland, but we are glad to hear is making favourable progress towards recovery.

GORDON BASTOW WOUNDED

Mr. M. Bastow, auctioneer, had a message from his son, Gordon C. Bastow, private in our regiment at Gallipoli, saying that he is in Hospital at Malta wounded. His name did not appear in the casualty lists and we hope soon to hear of his full recovery.

Mr. Herbert Knight, K.C. was recently operated on in New York for kidney trouble and is now greatly improved.

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