

### Is Parish Priest Of the North Pole

**In a Shack Built of Boards, Canvas and Tar Paper Lives This Heroic Missionary—The Frozen Snows Will One Day Watch Over His Unmarked Grave**

Fr. Joseph Bernard, S.J., is the parish priest of the North Pole, and unique as the distinction is, few are striving to rob him of it. His parish is a little affair of eleven thousand square miles, and he is rector and curate, sacristan, teacher and house-keeper. There is no church in the world that is farther north than his little chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes in Alaska. There is no Catholic priest nearer the North Pole than this heroic missionary, whose life is filled with the greatest hardships and privations. To call it an existence is putting it all too pleasantly.

Fr. Bernard has been up in Alaska for over eight years. The story of his sufferings would bring tears to the eyes, but Fr. Bernard is too busy to realise how badly off he is. In 1907 his superior sent him there to found a mission for a camp of about one hundred Eskimos. For three years he lived in a shack built of boards, canvas and tar paper. Try and think how nice and cosy he must have been in his canvas house up in the Arctic Circle. Try and imagine how you would like to live in a canvas house in winter. There were many holes in his little cabin, and he humbly says they afforded good ventilation, but when the thermometer is 65 degrees below zero one's thoughts do not dwell on ventilation. One day some water split on the floor, and being a good housekeeper he immediately ran for a cloth to wipe it up, but before he was able to get the cloth as far as the floor the water had frozen and he had to scrape it off with his axe. This one incident speaks volumes for the comfort of his hotel.

But Fr. Bernard does not seem to realize the discomfort at all. He does not ponder on the fact that but few would be willing to step into his shoes. He even speaks humorously of the poor food he has to eat—stewed muskrats and stale bread form his diet—but he naively confesses, people lose their sense of taste after they get up in northern Alaska. He never eats more than that, even though he may, for bread-making up there is a heroic act. The last loaf is pretty bad, but like the rest of the batch it finally disappears.

Now, you who are reading this in your comfortable home, surrounded by your family and friends, put yourself in his place. How long do you think you would last in that frozen North among Eskimos, and a wilderness of snow and ice, and without even the bare necessities of life? He has been there eight years, and he has suffered everything save freezing to death, and that for him would be but the beginning of an eternal life. And more than that, he has the prospect of spending his life up there.

The pathless snows of the Arctic will be the scenes of his labors, the rough and uncivilized, though kind-hearted Eskimos his only parishioners; finally, when God has called him to Himself, the Arctic winds of the North will sing his lonely requiem, and the frozen snows will watch over his unmarked grave. And not only must his own fervor burn brightly, but he must kindle the faith in the hearts of the people over whom God has placed him.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

### OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers were put through squad and section drill at the armory yesterday. Lectures were given by Capt. Montgomerie and Lieut. O'Grady on military organization and discipline. The following names have increased number on the roster to 3,766:

- Hy. Lockyer, Bay de Verde.
- Robt. Emberley, Bay de Verde.
- Mathias Jacobs, Bay de Verde.
- Chas. Blundon, Bay de Verde.
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- Phillip Walsh, Bay de Verde.
- Jos. Keats, Bay de Verde.
- Peter Sullivan, Bay de Verde.
- Oliver Sutton, Bay de Verde.
- Chas. Shano, Lower Island Cove.
- Hy. Garland, Lower Island Cove.
- Reuben Wheeler, Lower Island Cove.
- Sibey Morris, Lower Island Cove.
- Wm. Squires, Southside.
- Hy. Bartlett, Port de Grave.
- Norman Young, Bay St. George.
- Ed. C. Hulan, Bay St. George.
- Julian Chesson, Cape George.
- Thos. Lomond, Grand Bay, P.A.B.
- Chas. L. Gillam, Jeffreys.
- J. B. Hardy, Channel.
- Albert Snow, Harbor Grace.
- Arch. P. Power, Bell Island.
- Geo. H. Barrett, Bell Island.
- Jno. Crawley, Bell Island.
- Jno. Butler, Bell Island.
- Geo. Normore, Bell Island.
- Gregory Green, Bell Island.
- Martin Burke, St. John's.
- Jno. E. Kelly, St. John's.

### ANOTHER NEWFOUNDLANDER WOUNDED

Yesterday Mr. John Jackson had a message from the Secretary of the War Office, London, as follows:—"Lieut. A. M. Jackson, R.E., wounded 21st. May, but still remains at duty." The young officer has been in the thick of it ever since the outbreak of the war. As will be noticed by the cable received his injuries are not of a very serious nature, a fact which his many friends in St. John's will earn with pleasure.

### THE "PROGRESS" SOLD.

The well known little steamer "Progress" which for years past has plied between Portugal Cove, Bell Island and St. John's has been sold to a gentleman named Williams who represents a large firm engaged in the pit props industry in Green Bay. She will be used for touring purposes. The steamer was originally owned in St. Pierre, came here for repairs and was sold in St. John's. She will leave shortly for Green Bay.

### TOO SOON!

It is much too soon to put away your rubbers for another year. We will have wet, slushy streets for some weeks yet. It is unwise to wear broken rubbers at this season, first because of the ever present danger of wet feet, and second, because mud will soon work its way through your rubbers and ruin your boots. If your rubbers are broken or likely to break soon, it would be well for you to buy today a pair of BEAR BRAND Rubber Shoes. You will know them, because the "BEAR" is stamped on the shank, and because the lining is purple. Distinctive in every way. Bear Brand Shoes are health preservers and money savers.

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### Supports System Compulsory Education

**Hopes Day is Not Far Distant When Such Measure Will Become Law of the Land—Points to Our Volunteers as Proof a Change is Needed**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—The practical and utilitarian value of a free and compulsory system of education in this colony, is again illustrated and emphasized in a sad way.

At present, I understand, that there are about 650 volunteers training at the C. L. B. Armoury, and out of that number, there are about 100 of them, who can neither read or write. That is, roughly, about 17 per cent of the volunteers now in the city cannot read or write. If there had existed several years ago (when most of this hundred volunteers, above-mentioned, were attending school), a system of free and compulsory education, what would have been the result? Why, the number of those not having this knowledge would have been decreased considerably. It is sad, indeed, to think that we are sending, across the seas, to fight for us, the young and best blood of the colony, without a knowledge of the three R's. And, to think, that, to a certain extent this great drawback could have been otherwise,—that our brave volunteers could have had the aforementioned knowledge,—and it is not, makes it seem the more sad.

The three R's have a practical value in the army, as well as they have in all other trades. If a young soldier is qualifying for an officer's stripe—He can issue commands satisfactorily; he has the knack of commanding the respect of those under him; and really he has all the qualities that a soldier must have to become an officer. But he cannot write. When he is asked to sign his name he cannot do it, and, of course must be turned down, and must fall in the ranks again. If this man could write, wouldn't it be of a practical value to him there? Of course it would. His first promotion from the ranks would undoubtedly lead to a higher promotion, and, in the course of time, he would, probably, rise very high indeed. But, if he hasn't the little knowledge necessary, to get his first promotion, he cannot get his second or any other. So, the fact that a young soldier cannot read or write, makes it useless for him to enter for any promotion. Now, Mr. Editor, I am not sure that a volunteer cannot get any stripe, whatever, but the facts remain that he cannot get so high as the man with the necessary education.

May the day hasten, when those in authority use their influence, to obtain such a system of education.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, in your most valuable paper, —a "p. T."—  
St. John's, May 22nd., 1916.

### EXCELLENT RECRUITING MEETING

The recruiting meeting held at Bell Island Monday night was a most successful patriotic function. It was convened at the request of Lieut. L. C. Murphy by Magistrate Power, and was largely attended. Mr. Power made a pressing appeal to the young manhood of the island to respond to the Empire's call, and was followed by Rev. Mr. Steed and Rev. Father Nangle in eloquent addresses. Lieut. Murphy was the last speaker and delivered a fluent address. The result was a splendid response, eight young men immediately coming forward. Several already have arrived in St. John's and 20 or more will be given by the Iron Island. A second son of Magistrate Power has determined to don the khaki.

Mr. J. T. Martin, a member of the old Council, has announced that he will contest the Municipal Election for Mayor in June next. Mr. Martin has had much civic experience, has been a faithful, hard-working councillor and has a good backing in the city. As far as can be learned there is no other candidate in the field yet.

### CHRISTIAN'S BORAX SOAP

Best to be Had.

SAVE THE WRAPPERS.  
\$10.00 in Gold will be given the person saving the most for 1916.

**M. A. DUFFY,**  
AGENT.

### OUR THEATRES

#### THE NICKEL.

Perhaps the most stirring dramatic production ever seen at the Nickel theatre will be shown to-day and tomorrow. It is entitled "The Dragon's Claw" and is a Knickerbocker star feature film. There are three acts of this beautiful story which is beautifully told. The great actress Marion Leonard, who is known the world over, and Walter Hampden, are in the principal roles. "The Yagabonds" is a pretty story adapted from the poem "Sonny Jim's Love Affair" shows Bobby Connolly in a juvenile comedy. The Vitagraph artists appear in a powerful two-act melo-drama featuring Peggy Blake, Harry Morey and L. Rodger Lytton. Bert Stanley will be heard in a new song. Don't fail to send the children to the matinee to-morrow to see Bobby Connolly.

#### THE CRESCENT

Don't fail to see this big week end programme at the Crescent Picture Palace. There is a big two-reel feature by the Selig Company: "The Girl with the Red Feather." A great detective drama by the Biograph Co is "The Chadford Diamonds." An educational and scenic reel is "A Hermit Rim Trip," and "The Swedish Army and Navy." A very funny Ham and Bud comedy is "Ham at the Beach." Mr. Frank DeGroot sings "The Old Bass Voil," which is a very fine number. Send the children to the big Saturday matinee, extra pictures will be on for their benefit.

### Empire Day Red Cross Fund

Amount acknowledged	\$5,629.67
Judge Johnson	25.00
W. F. Carter	5.00
Tin Wedding Photos	4.00
I. F. Perlin & Co.	50.00
Howley & Fox	25.00
R. F. Horwood	10.00
H. J. B. Woods	25.00
Sir Robert Bond	50.00
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Jas. Rickers	1.00
Sums under \$1.00	13.50
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J. Griffiths	1.00
Jas. Francis	1.00
Ed. Tilley	1.00
S. Colton	1.00
A. Edgecombe	1.00
Wm. Saunders	1.00
John Francis	1.00
Sums under \$1.00	4.00
	\$5,287.10

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### In Aid of Our Sick and Wounded and of Our Soldiers and Sailors at the Front.

Subscriptions may be sent to Lady Davidson, Mrs. Emerson, Treasurer, or any of the following ladies of the Finance Committee:—Mrs. Ayre, Mrs. Byrne, Miss Browning, Mrs. Duley, Mrs. Edens, Mrs. Macpherson. Amount acknowledged \$30,744.28. Dist. from Royal Stores 9.41. Proceeds of Children's Operetta, per Miss Wood and Miss Coen 153.15. Profits on sale on cakes, Miss G. Edens, for Red Cross Work 3.33. Mrs. M. J. Emberly 1.00. M. E. 1.00. Proceeds of concert held at Squid Tickle, per H. Y. Rolls 20.00. Donation for Red Cross work, per Rev. Dr. Curtis 6.00. Proceeds of C. E. W. A. Hermitage, Easter sale, per Mrs. W. R. Courage, President 5.00. Proceeds of Concert given by Methodist Church Choir Greenspond, per Rev. E. C. French, Red Cross Work, per Evening Telegram 56.55. Proceeds of sale of work recently held in Presbyterian Hall, per Mrs. Taylor 285.05.

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Hon. Treasurer

### Private Jensen At Port Rexton

**Crowded Hall Grooms Him as He Tells of His Experiences in the Trenches in France—Private Tibbs Tells of How Ours Went Through Campaign in the Dardanelles**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Thursday, 18th inst., the people of Port Rexton were the recipients of a much-longed-for visit from Private Jensen, who is lecturing in aid of the Red Cross Fund.

The lecture was held in the L. O. A. Hall, which was packed. Many came from settlements as far away as English Harbor. The lecturer was accompanied by Private W. G. Tibbs of Trinity who spoke for some time on the life of the Newfoundland Regiment in England and the Dardanelles. He also spoke of the beauties of Egypt.

The audience was then favored with a song, "The Sweethearts that we left in Newfoundland," which was very ably rendered by Mr. J. A. Barrett. Private Jensen divided his lecture in three parts, first "Where I enlisted and my arrival in England." 2nd. "From England to the trenches," 3rd. "Life in the trenches and battle of Ypres."

After part second was completed Mr. Isaac Butler sang "Soldiers of the King" and was very much appreciated. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed, seconded and carried. The meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem. The total proceeds amounted to \$22.50.—Cor. Port Rexton, May 20, 1916.

### WESTERN FISHERY NEWS.

The following fishery reports under late, May 20th., have been received by the Board of Trade:  
From R. Furneaux (Rose Blanche o Hr. Le Cou)—The catch to date 3 9,840 qts with 350 for last week. Four boats and 34 dories and skiffs are fishing there. There is a good sign of fish on the banks about 14 or 15 miles off but not much on the usual grounds. Herring is plentiful or bait. The lobster fishery is very poor to date. Several of the smaller boats that go on the offer grounds found cod plentiful and secured many very large fish taking 10 or 12 o the quintal.

From P. J. Wade (Salmon Cove Point to Colliers North Point)—Two traps are out but no boats are fishing. It is yet too early to form any opinion of the prospects. A little herring is to be had for bait. Lobsters are very scarce. A few codfish were taken with jiggers the latter part of the week but nothing has yet been done with traps.

From T. Ford, (Channel to Port us Basques)—The total catch is 5,788 qts. with 50 for last week. No traps are out but eight dories and skiffs and four boats are fishing. Codfishery prospects are very poor but there is a good supply of herring bait. The lobster catch is poor.

### BASEBALL LEAGUE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Baseball League to-morrow, Saturday night. It will deal with the residential clause in the rules applied to players and the statutes of certain members will be defined. Arrangements will be made for the opening game in June, when Mr. Gosling, chairman of the Civic Commission, will throw over the first ball. Proceeds will go to the W. P. A.

### THE "MILESTONES" REPEATED

Last night another capacity audience greeted the performers of "Milestones" on its reproduction. The production was, if possible, given a more clearer presentation than on the previous night and audience was delighted. All who attended were enthralled and hundreds expressed the hope that the promoters will yet see their way clear to reproduce the drama at an early date.

### THE NEW LOCAL BANK.

Mr. Kenneth R. Prowse who purchased the Grace building on Water Street will have the building remodelled and in it will be located the new local bank, to which The Mail and Advocate exclusively referred a few days ago. As we then stated, local capital will be subscribed, and we hear hundreds of thousands of dollars have been promised. The bank, we learn, will be called the "Anti-Confederate Bank."

The S.S. Sagona after returning from her present trip to the Straits will go on the Cabot Strait service, the Kye coming here to get her annual overhaul. The Sagona will take up the Labrador service about the 12th June, going as far down the coast as ice conditions will allow.

### LOCAL ITEMS

The S.S. Kalo arrived here yesterday afternoon salt laden to Baine, Johnston & Co. from Cadiz. She made the run over in 15 days and had fine weather nearly all the time.

Mr. Jeremiah Savage, wharfinger with Harvey & Co., met with a nasty accident recently, when a cask of oil fell on his foot. Some of the small bones of the instep were broken, causing intense pain.

Mr. R. J. Devereaux, M.H.A., yesterday had messages to the effect that several of the schooners fishing at Cape St. Mary's grounds have returned with good fares from the fishing grounds and finding cod plentiful.

Sgt. Musketry Instructor Burns who not long since returned from England is now engaged instructing a non-coms' class with the rifle and all are learning quickly under his tuition.

The Christian Brothers of Mt Cashel beg very gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of eighty dollars (\$80.00), a bequest of the late Alice Noonan per Rev. J. F. Pippy. (Executor.)

LOST on Saturday last on Water Street the sum of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00), the property of a poor fisherman, who had the money—all that he possessed—to purchase supplies. The honest finder will be rewarded on leaving it at this office. may22,16

Herbert Dewling who went with the first contingent of "Ours" has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Herb has been one of the Hospital bases at Alexandria for seven months and is now at the base at Rouen. His many friends here will be glad to learn of his promotion.

### REV. FR. FYME ILL.

Yesterday Mr. R. Devereaux had a message from St. Kyran's informing him that Rev. Fr. Fyme is very ill and asking that medical aid be despatched. Arrangements were made to have a doctor go to St. Kyran's immediately.

### THE CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE.

The Citizen's Committee held another meeting in the Board of Trade Rooms last night, when there was another discussion on the Civic Charter. The meeting was largely attended and a good deal of work was accomplished. The meeting adjourned until Monday night.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Mr. Bert Churchill will take place at 3.30 p.m. Sunday from his late residence, 212 Theatre Hill.

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### Civic Commission Weekly Meeting

Sanitary Employees Ask For Increase of Wages as Did the Impounder—Many Complaints are Handled and Referred to Various Departments

At last night's meeting of the Civic Commission the Chairman, Mr. Gosling presided.

The Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada acknowledged the Commission's communication re loans etc. Harvey's butterine factory will be given another water service if the extra tax and cost of installation is paid.

L. M. Trask wrote that they had not installed machinery in their premises, Water Street, and did not intend to do so without the Council's permission.

The Herald complained that the sanitary men failed to take the ashes from the street, which is put out daily for removal. The matter will be enquired into.

E. S. Pinsent, Secretary C. of E. burial grounds, wrote that the Council's horses could pass through the lower part of the cemetery.

J. J. Callahan, Water St. West, complained of conditions of side walk. Referred to Engineer.

Employees of the sanitary department asked for an increase of wages, as did also the impounder. Referred to the Finance Committee.

P. Hickey, Victoria St., was given permission to repair house, subject to the Engineer's approval.

Mr. K. R. Prowse was given permission to take down houses 7 to 9 Queen's Street.

The Gas Company made an offer to instal an engine for rock crushing in the East End for \$650. Finance Committee will consider.

With the performance of routine work them meeting adjourned.

### LOST—On Wednesday

Pair Eye Glasses and Case. Finder will please return same to his office and get reward.—may20,16

### LOST—The 22nd inst.,

about 8.30 p.m., between Barber's Hill and LeMarchant Road, a Pocket Book containing a sum of Money, the property of a Volunteer. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.—if

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tween the General Hospital and Cabot Street, by way of Forest Road, Gower St. and Long's Hill a small Gold Cross. Finder will please leave same at this office and get reward.—may23,16

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