



Evening Telegram

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Duties Collected on Nothing.

Referring to Great Britain and the financial situation in that country, the 1922 Board of Trade Report declares that she alone of the European countries "has succeeded in large measure in recovering her former financial position, and in protecting her currency. The steady improvement maintained in English exchange is of considerable importance to Newfoundland, as the bulk of our exports are paid for in sterling. Newfoundland (Customs) persists in collecting duty on imports from Great Britain on the basis of \$4.86 2-3 to the pound sterling. The Board of Trade has pointed out this discrimination against the mother country to the proper authorities, but so far, without effect. This anachronism in our behaviour is an obstacle to the cause of Imperial trade, and should be forthwith removed, as, apart from its unpatriotic nature, it is also against our own direct pecuniary interests." This action of the Customs in levying duty on goods imported from Great Britain at the par value of the pound sterling in gold, when the buying rate was a great deal less, due to depreciation, was one of the causes of paying higher prices for goods and merchandise, when purchased from merchants and dealers locally. It will be readily understood that when an importer was compelled to pay duty, at the rate of \$4.86 2-3 to the pound sterling, when the pound sterling was not worth that sum, was a great handicap. Nevertheless duty had to be paid at that rate and the importer was actually handing over to the Customs, money for which he received no equivalent. He was really paying duties on values that he did not receive. Hence the extra sum so paid had to be added to the cost of the goods, wares and merchandise, and, as always results, the consumer was the sufferer. As an illustration. The rate of exchange with Britain just now is about \$4.71. Thus if a merchant imported goods for which he paid at this rate, the Customs would insist that he entered these for duty at the rate of \$4.86 2-3 upon which tariff would be levied. Therefore duty would be collected on 15 2-3 cents for which the importer received no value at all. Legalized robbery of ten cents—more or less according to the tariff rate—upon every pound's worth of articles entered. At the time when the pound sterling was away down, and the Customs were insisting and collecting duty revenue on its gold value, the Telegram took up discussion of the matter and quoted in full Section 7 of the Customs Act, which covers this particular anachronism. Nothing, however, was heard of any concerted action on the part of importers by way of protest against the injustice of the Customs authorities in this respect, though apparently the Board of Trade did take the matter up tentatively, but did not carry it to a successful issue, as the Customs proved adamant, and would not recede from the position they had set up. The surrender to unjust and iniquitous

measures was very complete, and beyond some desultory negotiations, nothing further was attempted. The proper course was to have carried the appeal to the Governor in Council, and not to have given in until Section 7 of the Customs Act had been made operative, and not a dead provision, as it actually proved. This Section reads in part as follows, and applies to-day when exchange is \$4.71 equally as when it was \$3.88:

"All invoices of goods shall be made out in the currency of the country whence the goods are imported, and shall contain a true statement of the value of such goods; and in computing the value for duty of such currency, the rate shall be such as has been ordered and proclaimed, from time to time, by the Governor in Council, who is hereby empowered to make such order, and the rate or order shall be based upon the actual value of the standard coins or currency of such country as compared with the standard dollar of the Colony, in so far as such comparative values are known to be provided, however, that whenever the value of a declared currency is dependent upon the rate of exchange on London, it shall be optional with the importer, with the consent of the collector, or other proper officer, to compute the value for duty at the rate of exchange certified by the bank through which the exchange is drawn, as current at the time and place when and whence the goods were exported to this Colony."

Bishop Mowl's Mission.

PRELATE ARRIVES BY KYLE.

Bishop Mowl arrived in St. John's to-day by S.S. Kyle, and his Mission at St. Thomas's will commence this evening. We append a list of the Mission services for the week as follows:—
Monday, Jan. 29—8 p.m. Mission Service.
Tuesday, Jan. 30—8 p.m. Mission Service.
Wednesday, Jan. 31—7 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Service for women; 8 p.m. Mission Service.
Thursday, Feb. 1—4 p.m. W. H. M.S.; 8 p.m. Mission Service.
Friday, Feb. 2—7 a.m. Holy Communion; 4.30 p.m. Children's Mission Service; 8 p.m. Mission Service.
Sunday Next—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon; 3.15 p.m. Children's Mission Service; 6.30 p.m. Mission Service.

Pilots Arrive.

ENGAGED BY AERIAL SURVEY CO.

Messrs. Basedon and Breakell, two flying officers, arrived by the Sackem yesterday from England. The aviators will be employed with the Aerial Survey Co. in their operations during the winter months. The Aerial Survey Co. has mapped out an extensive programme for the season. One of the pilots will be employed in connection with the seal fishery, while the other will probably be engaged on the St. John's-Botwood-Port aux Basques and Labrador route.

M. G. C. A.

REV. R. E. FAIRBAIRN LECTURES TO-NIGHT.

The Methodist Guards Comrades Association are holding the first of a series of lectures in the Club rooms, commencing this Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The speaker for to-night will be Rev. R. E. Fairbairn, who will take for his subject "Esperanto, an International Language," which will be illustrated by lantern slides. It is hoped that a large attendance will be present.

Obituary.

GEORGE STEWART.

There passed away at Bell Island at 7.30 last evening, one who was very widely known around the island, in the person of Mr. George Stewart. Since May last Mr. Stewart's health has been gradually failing, and the end came as above stated. The deceased occupied the position of master on the S. S. Hawk for some time, and held the same position for a period on the S. S. Euphrates. For several years past he has been plying his motor boat E. L. Stewart between Bell Island, Harbor Grace and other ports in Conception Bay. He made many friends who will regret his passing at the early age of 39 years. He leaves to mourn their loss a widow (nee Miss Bertha McKay, eldest daughter of Mr. W. A. McKay, of the Telegram staff) and two children; also one brother, Mr. J. C. Stewart, and one sister, Miss E. L. Stewart, of Bell Island, to all of whom the Telegram extends sympathy in their hour of bereavement. Interment will take place at Bell Island.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.

With Masonic Honors.

FUNERAL OF LATE CAPTAIN R. DRAKE.

All that was mortal of the late Richard Drake, master mariner, was committed to mother earth, to await the final summons, yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of the deceased, Le-Marchant Road, to the Church of England Cemetery, where the services at the Mortuary Chapel and graveside were conducted by Rev. Canon Field and Rev. E. C. Earp, Rector of St. Thomas's. The hearse was preceded by members of Tasker Lodge, A.F. and A.M., S.C., of which deceased was one of the oldest members. The cortege was made up of life-long friends of the late Captain Drake, included in which were departmental heads and employees of the Reid Newfoundland Company. Several of deceased's contemporaries rode in sleighs immediately after the hearse. At the Mortuary Chapel the Office for the Burial of the Dead was conducted by the clergymen named, the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" being sung with much expression. At the graveside the Masonic Brethren formed a square, and with the conclusion of the office and benediction, Grand Honors were given, following which last tribute, the sprig of acacia—symbol of immortality—was dropped into the grave by the fraternity.

"O Captain! my Captain! rise up and hear the bells;
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—
For you the bugle trills;
For you the dirge is sung—
For you the shrouds are drawn;
For you they call the swaying mass,
Their eager faces turning;
Here Captain! dear father!
This arm beneath your head;
It is some dream that on the deck
You're fallen cold and dead."

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Jan. 29.

Our Candy Counter is specially attractive these days, and we have had certain improvements made to enable us to give to our patrons even better service than the already good service we have been giving them, and to ensure the most scrupulous cleanliness in display and handling. And our prices are right too. Come and pay us a visit, we carry Moirs, Corona, Whitmans, and Page and Shaw's Candies in boxes or bulk.

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Snow Blockade Up Country.

A north west gale, with a blinding snow storm, has been raging from Bishop's Falls west to Port aux Basques since Saturday last without any let-up in the weather, and everything is now at a standstill in that section of the country. Yesterday's outgoing express arrived at Bishop Falls at 5.30 p.m.

S. S. Kyle Due.

PASSED CAPE RACE 9.30 THIS MORNING.

S.S. Kyle left Port aux Basques yesterday at 10.30 a.m. and passed Cape Race at 9.30 this morning. The ship is expected to arrive just as we go to press. The following passengers are on board: Bishop Mowl, J. P. Clymer, Mrs. J. P. Clymer, S. R. Cline, G. Bowditch, B. Blotie, W. Mercer, W. and Mrs. Bradley, Miss Susie Smith, W. Snook, A. A. Keeping.

Seigneur Discharging.

COAL SHOVELLER GASSED.

The work of discharging the coal from S.S. Canadian Seigneur started yesterday morning at the Furness Withy pier. The gas from the heated coal made the work of discharging difficult, and several hours after the shovellers began work one of their number, named Power, became ill and had to be conveyed to the deck, where he recovered after a short while. The ship's hose was used on the coal with good effect for a time, and it is likely that only a few hundred tons will have to be discharged.

Coastal Boats.

REID'S.

Argyle arrived at Argentea 5 p.m. Saturday.
Glencoe arrived St. Lawrence 12.30 p.m. yesterday, going west.
Kyle arrived at St. John's at 3 p.m. GOVERNMENT.
S.S. Portia left Gaultois 1.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Don't forget to come to the T. A. Hall on Feb. 12th. T. A. Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a Card Party and Dance; also pancakes will be served by the ladies. Bennett's Orchestra will be in attendance.—Jan. 29/21

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR THE GRIP AND FLU.

Magistrate's Court.

The case of a well known grocer for assault on a city newspaper man, arrested under warrant on Monday last, was heard before court this morning. The trouble arose over an item which appeared in plaintiffs paper about a week ago, against the defendant. The grocer asked the proprietor for an apology, which the latter refused to make, stating he did not know anything about the article referred to. The only other alternative for the grocer to do then was to seek redress by violence for which he was fined \$10 of 30 days. Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., was Counsel for the defendant, while the Proprietor of the paper acted on his own behalf.

A father appeared in court this morning against his son, the latter having threatened him during the last two months, and asked the court to have the boy removed from his home. He was put under bonds of \$100 on his own recognizance, and should he interfere with his father in future he will be arrested and sent to the penitentiary.

Dist. Inspector Noseworthy summoned a man of the Higher Levels for refusing to support his wife and eight children during the past two months. Inst. Noseworthy stated that the wife went to him and told of how she was turned out of the home by the husband, and had to remain with some neighbours all night. There was scarcely any food in the home and the husband was too lazy to go out and work. The officer said he had secured a card at the Militia Office for him for work at \$10 a week, but he refused to accept it. The Inspector was asked to make arrangements for the securing of work for the man to-day, and should employment be found, he must accept it, otherwise he will be sent down to the Penitentiary where he will be made work.

Two ordinary drunks, a drunk and disorderly, and a drunk in charge of a horse were all released.

Shipping.

Schr. George A. Wood has sailed for Civita Vecchia, Italy, from Burin with 998 packages containing 3,329 qtls. codfish shipped by W. & T. Hallett.
Schr. Roy Bruce has sailed from Burin for Oporto with 4,216 qtls. codfish shipped by E. M. Hallett.
Schr. Lief has entered at Lamlaine to load fish for Portugal from S. Harris Ltd.

S. S. Silvia left New York at noon Saturday for Halifax and this port.
S. S. Canadian Sapper will sail from Halifax on Jan. 31st; Feb. 10th, and 21st for this port.

S.S. Hawk, 15 days from Cardiff, with a load of bunker coal to Job Bros., arrived in port this morning. The captain reports a summer passage, except for meeting some strings of ice. S. S. Sable I. started loading from S. S. Sachem to-day for St. Pierre. The Sachem has 10,200 cases of whiskey for transshipment to the French Colony.

Rosalind Calls at St. Pierre

TAKES FRENCH MINISTER TO NEW YORK.

S.S. Rosalind, Capt. James, sailed for Halifax and New York at 12.30 p.m. Saturday. On the passage the ship called at St. Pierre for the French Minister for the Colonies Sarraut, and some four or five American business men. It is understood the French Minister who has been at the island during the past ten days, is now returning to France via New York, though his first arrangements were to include Canada in his visit. Extensive preparations had been made to receive him at Sydney and other Canadian cities which he proposed visiting.

Here and There.

Keep Wednesday night open for the C.C.C. Boat Club Dance, at the Casino Theatre. The latest Dance Music supplied by the Majestic Orchestra.—Jan. 29/31

SENEP GOING NORTH.—S.S. Senep will be despatched to the Northward with a load of freight, sailing from here in a few days.

I say old Top, there's another jolly Card Tournament in the S. U.F. Hall, Tuesday night, Jan. 30th, at 8 o'clock. Two fine prizes. Tickets 50c.—Jan. 29/21

STEAMERS OFF DOCK.—The steamers Prospero and Ranger came off dock this morning. The former had a survey, while the latter had some minor repairs attended to in preparation for the prosecution of the seal fishery.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Sufferer.—We have your communication re Home-Wrecking. Have you not, yourself, been a contributory factor to the distressful circumstances to which you allude, and is it correct or incorrect that you have solaced yourself with other female companionship since your wife left you. We have made guarded enquiries into your case, and find that you are not quite so clean as you should be in this matter. We then, at the hypocrite and attempt to enlist sympathy through the columns of the Telegram. Verbum Sap.

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LOCAL TRAIN.—The local Carbon-car train arrived at 1.15 p.m.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply wreaths and crosses on short notice, and will provide and the students' answers are carefully reviewed and corrected. Each student has the privilege of asking for any information or help in connection with the course.

The fee for each course is \$12.00 and include text books, mathematics instruments (where required), blank exercise books for the answers; tests; the fee is, in fact, inclusive. Each lesson is set for a week's work and will occupy about five hours a week of the time of the average student. Students cannot take Course 2 unless they are masters of Course 1, nor unless they are masters of Course 1.

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Notice four weeks after date heretofore application will be made to His Excellency the Governor in Council for Letters Patent for "New and Useful Improvements Relating to Paper Making" to be granted to Frederick Kaye of the "Laurels" Ashton-on-Mersey, England, Research Chemist.
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