

Chaplin Needed for Our Regt.

R.C. Boys Disappointed at Non-Arrival of Rev. Fr. Nangle—Services of a Chaplain Very Much Desired

Dardanelles, November 1st, 1915. Dear Mother—Just a few lines to let you know that I am enjoying the very best of health, as are my chums, Mike and George. We are still alive and kicking, thank God, and we trust you are all well at home.

It is very hard to get a chance to write here, as a fellow is ever kept on the move and you hardly have much time for letter writing. The only thing I can do is to keep sending the Field Service cards. There is of course not much on them but then the receipt of these cards will make you feel happy as you will know that I am still alive. I sent a card to Uncle yesterday, hope he got it. Let me know if he did when you are writing next.

I suppose is as dull as ever; but never mind I think there is a brighter day in store for us yet. I received your parcel to-day. Now as regards the cake, if you are sending it, be sure and send it in a biscuit tin, if not it will get smashed up in the mails. Now, please, don't forget the fags. I need them bad and be sure and parcel them up in a strong package so as they will not be smashed up when I get them.

All the boys here are well and cheerful, though quite a few are in hospital. Guess you have seen the names in the home papers before this.

There is great disappointment here at the non arrival of Father Nangle. The boys thought he would have been here by now and they are anxiously looking out for him day after day. We have to depend on the visits of Rev. Father Molloy of the Australian Forces, and as he has some 1300 of his own boys to look after and a stretch of five or six miles to cover we see very little of him. We have been at times over three weeks without seeing him and I can tell you at times it makes a fellow feel somewhat queer when he thinks of the other world.

I hope you will tell me in your next letter that Father Nangle has left for the front with the Newfoundland Regiment. He will get a good reception here, as all the boys are particularly anxious to have him here with us. Give my love to father and children and all my friends at home who may be asking for me. With lots of love,

Your loving son, SAM.

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

To All Our Customers,—and they are Many;

To all our Friends—and they are Numerous;

To all Present Wearers of BEAR Brand—and they are Legion;

To all Future Wearers of that Brand—and that means Everybody.

We extend Hearty Greetings, and offer our Sincere Wishes for a Happy, Prosperous and PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

CLEVELAND TRADING COMPANY dec30,21

THE S.S. NEWFOUNLAND

Capt. Davis who not many months ago bought the Newfoundland from the Newfoundland S.S. Coy., has sold her to a well known mercantile firm and Capt. Wm. Winsor. The ship's hull we hear with very little attention will be in excellent condition, her engines and winches are practically new and shipwright Taylor will soon start to give her new decks. She will be in fine trim for the seal fishery this spring and we wish her new owners every success with her and a bumper trip of fat.

HOMELESS MALE AND FEMALE

At 11.45 last night a woman, a former resident of the Labrador who has no home and who already has received temporary asylum in the penitentiary, came to the Police Station and asked for shelter. A man, who is also similarly placed, did the same. Both were hungry and chilled with the cold and were looked after by the guard. To-day in court Mr. Hutchings, K.C., sent the woman down for 30 days and the man for 60.

Riverside Blankets and Yarns made up to a Standard, not down to a price.—dec29,61

OUR THEATRES

ROSSLEY'S.

How the patrons of Rossley's delight in the splendid pantomime, "Beauty and the Beast." The matinee yesterday was under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson and the Misses Davidson. Every one was delighted with the whole show. Mrs. Rossley was the recipient of three beautiful presents, of which she felt justly proud. Lady Davidson after the performance stepped on the stage and complimented everyone taking part. The pantomime is now going with a swing and everyone is perfect in their part. The next big pantomime is "Jack and Jill." The rehearsal is going on all the time. Miss Madge Locke is working hard to have "Jack and Jill" even a bigger success than "Beauty and the Beast."

DIPHTHERIA IS SPREADING

Almost daily of late two and three cases of diphtheria are reported and the disease has now almost reached the epidemic stage. A boy 10 years old was removed to hospital from a residence on Scott Street yesterday and his sister was taken there this morning. One of the boys of Mount Cashel aged 14 years was also seized with the malady and was removed to hospital this evening.

Riverside Blankets are warmer and last longer than ordinary kinds.—dec29,61

NEWS FROM OPORTO

The following extract of a letter from Lind & Conto, Oporto, dated Dec. 3rd, was posted at the Board of Trade Rooms yesterday: "There is less demand than usual for the time of year, but stocks are moderate and if supplies do not come forward in excess, we think present prices will be maintained. The rate of exchange is 34s."

Lieut. Donnelly in Hospital at Malta

Suffers From a Slight Attack of Jaundice—"Hec" Ross is Doing Well—Has a Fractured Arm

Information was received in the city yesterday from Lieut. James Donnelly, "the hero of Caribou Hill" by several friends. He is at St. Andrew's Hospital, Malta, and suffers from an attack of jaundice, which, however, is slight. He says he is anxious to get to the front with the boys to have another go at the enemy. The letters were written early this month and they also say that Lieut. Hector Ross, who also distinguished himself at Caribou Hill, is in the Blue Sisters' Hospital, Malta. He suffers from a fractured arm, the result of being hit with a Turkish bullet. The injury though serious is not dangerous, and Lieut. Ross will soon be in England to be treated in hospital there. Lieut. J. Fox is in the same hospital as Lieut. Donnelly and is much improved. The men wish to be remembered to their many friends in good old St. John's.

WILL GET COBAN OFF

The weather at Placentia to-day is mild and calm and the Argyle and Meigs now there were scheduled at noon to get the S.S. Coban off the beach. Heavy lines have been run out to her by both ships and she should come off some time this afternoon.

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

RESUMED HER VOYAGE

The Danish schr. Rosenghin, which discharged her coal to A. J. Harvey & Co., and sailed for Pernambuco with fish from G. M. Barr on Nov. 26th, returning later with her rudder damaged in the stormy weather then prevailing, resumed her voyage yesterday. Repairs were given her by shipwright S. Butler.

M. O. A. PARADE AT PORTUGAL COVE.

To-morrow, New Year's Eve, the L. O. A. of Portugal Cove will hold its annual parade at 2 p.m. The society will be accompanied by its band and the turn-out is expected to be the largest on record. The society will attend Divine Service in the Methodist Church and afterwards will partake of a dinner to be served in the Hall.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Xmas Concert at Poor Asylum

Inmates Entertained With Tea and Concert by City Folk—Enjoyable Time Spent by all—Supt. Prideaux Absent Through Illness

Yesterday evening a concert and treat was given to the inmates of the Poor Asylum and was pronounced by all to be one of the most successful ever held at the institution and highly creditable to the ladies and gentlemen who took part in it. These were Misses Strang, Shea, Allan and Barron, and Messrs Benning, Halley and Fox. The poor old inmates were treated to a tea of the best procurable kind and needless to say enjoyed it thoroughly and showed their appreciation of the kindness of their friends in the city and the ladies of the mission.

A kind-hearted business man supplied the home folk with pipes and tobacco. All regretted the absence of Supt. Prideaux through illness, but Mr. White was present as his representative and left nothing undone to render the time a pleasant one for all concerned.

SHIPPING

The schr. R. L. Borden is loading for Oporto and the Ida M. Zinc for Barbados at Goodridges.

The schr. Lillian Beauvelt is now loading fish at the Smith Co's wharf for Brazil.

The Fogota sailed to-day for Sydney and will return here with bunker coal.

The Portia left Hermitage at 8 a.m. to-day and is due here Saturday.

The Prospero sails North to-morrow.

The S.S. Stephano will not leave New York for Halifax and this port till Tuesday next, January 4th.

People who arrived here by Monday's train say that codfish are plentiful at Channel and that when the weather is fine boats get 2 and 3 qtls. daily.

The schr. Freedom cleared to-day for Pernambuco with 3630 drums codfish shipped by the Monroe Export Coy. and will sail to-morrow.

News from Oporto, bulletined at the Board of Trade rooms, Tuesday, says that the "Jennie Patchy" had entered and the "Adam Westhaver," "Gallantry," and "Viola May" were outside that port.

The French barqtn. 'Rouymond' which left here with a cargo of herring shipped by Mr. T. Cook, the first cargo to be shipped to France, reached FeCamp a couple of days ago.

Quite a number of Northern schooners arrived here yesterday from various ports with fish and oil. They were detained owing to head winds and stormy weather.

The S.S. Neptune, Capt. Joyce, left Hr. Breton yesterday for Sydney to load coal for Tilt Cove, and after discharging will return to Sydney to load coal for here.

After making this trip to the Straits the Home will return here from Humbermouth and will likely bring a freight of herring from Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay.

Riverside Blankets. The more you wear them the better you'll like them.—dec29,61

CREATED A SCENE

The Norwegian seaman who flourished a revolver last night in Mr. T. Noseworthy's restaurant, Duckworth Street, appeared in Court to-day. The gun was taken from him by Const. O'Flaherty. It was not loaded but the man had a cartridge in one hand and the revolver in the other and was endeavouring to load it when the officer disarmed him.

The weapon was confiscated by the police and Mr. Hutchings, K.C., to-day fined the man who was recently paid off from his ship \$5.00 or 14 days in jail.

MARRIAGE

LEMESSURIER-SHELLEY — At Ealing, London, on the 29th inst. Hugh A. Lemessurier, 6th Service Battalion, Oxford and Bucks, to Claire, youngest daughter of the late Colonel H. R. Shelly, 22nd Madras Infantry, and Mrs Shelley, of 40 Windsor Road, Ealing.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNLAND REGIMENT

(Received by Mail)

DECEMBER 29th, 1915.

159 Sergeant Fred Mercer, 48 Spencer St. Previously reported, at Tigne Hospital, Malta, Oct. 26; sick; now reported, discharged from hospital, fit for active service, Nov. 15.

382 Sergeant Samuel R. Smith, Hr. Breton. Previously reported, wounded, Malta, Sept. 26; now, discharged from hospital, fit for active service, Nov. 15.

686 L-Corp. William J. Snow, 50 Colonial Street. Previously reported, bullet wound through neck, Nov. 4; now, admitted to 26th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 5; and transferred to hospital ship Morea.

683 Private William Taylor, 41 Le-Marchant Road. Previously reported, gunshot wound in left shoulder, Nov. 5; now, admitted to 26th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 7; and transferred to hospital ship Morea.

671 Private Michael Jos. Evans, 37 Cookstown Road. Previously reported, gunshot wound in arm, Malta; now reported, compound fracture, humerus, in left arm.

750 Private William Snow, Princeton B.B. Previously reported, dysentery, severe, Alexandria, Oct. 26; next reported, convalescent. Now reported, discharged to Lux or Convalescent Depot, ex 21st General Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 20.

1010 Private George T. Larner, Burgo. Previously reported, rheumatism, in hospital, Cairo; now reported, discharged to Convalescent Depot, Mustapha, Alexandria, Nov. 20.

998 Private Arthur Sullivan, Pouch Cove. Previously reported, gunshot wound in neck, slight, at Rest Camp, Cairo. Now reported, discharged to Convalescent Depot, Mustapha, Alexandria, Nov. 20.

269 Private James Carter, Stephenville Crossing; not previously reported. Admitted to 19th General Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 21; Jaundice.

759 Corp. Jos. R. Waterfield, 54 Penneywell Road; sick, slight; East Mudros, Oct. 31. Now reported, discharged to Convalescent Depot, Nov. 11.

740 Private Andrew P. Caravan, Long Island, N.D.B. Previously reported, Malaria; Malta, Oct. 30. Now reported, transferred to Spinnola Convalescent Camp ex Military Hospital, Tigne, Malta, Nov. 23.

1118 Private Harry Rowe, 72 Cabot Street. Previously reported, pyrexia, slight. Now reported, discharged to Mustapha Pacha Camp ex Bombay Presidency Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 13.

925 Private Wm. F. Prowse, 53 Bannerman Street. Previously reported, bullet wound in left heel, now reported, transferred from 64th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 7.

645 L-Corp Hamor Gardner, British Hr., T.B. Previously reported, Jaundice, severe, Alexandria. Now reported, transferred to Convalescent Camp, Glymenopolou ex Greek Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 16.

1013 Private Ernest L. Braithwaite, 92 Antrim Street, Cambridge, Mass. Previously reported, wounded. Now reported, gunshot wound in right hand, in Wandsworth hospital.

433 Private John Jos. Ellis, 359 South Side W.; not previously reported; jaundice, Wandsworth Hospital.

908 Private Walter A. Kane, 64 Vant Road, Tooting, London; not previously reported; dysentery; admitted to the 15th General Hospital, Alexandria; ex Hospital Ship "Dover Castle," Nov. 26.

781 Private Reginald J. Paul, Burlin North; previously reported, shrapnel wounds right shoulder and arm, Malta; now reported, transferred to All Saints Convalescent Camp ex Military Hospital Floriana, Malta, Nov. 20.

DECEMBER 30th, 1915.

1180 Private Frederick Charles Roper, Bonavista; killed in action, Nov. 27.

809 Private George Knight, 27 William Street; killed in action, Dec. 2.

1325 Private Michael Brown, Curling, Bay of Islands; killed in action, Dec. 3.

1019 Private Frederick Bishop, 12 Sebastian Street; reported wounded, Nov. 27.

786 Peter J. Cooper, 27 Waldegrave Street; reported wounded, Nov. 25.

Last Night at Canon Wood Hall

Children of St. Thomas's Parish Bring Xmas Presents for Poor—Musical Programme Successfully Carried Out by Young Ladies

The gift service so anxiously looked forward to by the children of St. Thomas's Parish took place in Canon Wood Hall last night when there was probably the largest gathering the building ever contained. The idea was that each child in the Parish Sunday Schools, and any other members of the congregation that so desired, would bring a gift large or small in money or kind to be offered as their gift to the Christ "King," such offerings to be afterwards distributed to the poor families of the Parish. Enthusiasm and interest ran high with the children from the start, and last night the offerings exceeded all anticipations. Throughout the day gifts of vegetables, fruit, toys, candy, clothing in great variety were brought in, and along the front of the platform was a row of bags containing potatoes and turnips, that would fill several barrels. The Christmas tree had been tastefully decorated by willing workers and presented a most attractive appearance with its varicoloured dressing and lights.

At 7.30 the children marched in processional order up through the hall, carrying the offering from their respective classes, which were duly deposited around the tree, the audience meanwhile singing the hymn "As with gladness, men of Old." Other offerings were afterwards presented, and the programme followed. Rev. A. Clayton as General Superintendent of the Parish schools presided, and a short address was delivered by Mr. Mott who superintends the junior school. The programme which was carried out under the superintendence of Miss Elsie Edwards afforded great pleasure to all present and was most successful. It consisted of a song by Miss Williams; sketch "Our Betty" by six young ladies; "Minuet Dance" recitation, Miss Quirk; and the sketch, "An unexpected Entertainment."

The performance of these young ladies was excellent in every way, and the entertainment was closed with the National Anthem. To-day the offerings collected will be devoted and distributed by the boys of the Sunday Schools, and all the children are feeling better because of the novel opportunity to them of "doing their bit" for the less-favored members of the parish at the Christmas season.—News.

Riverside Blankets are made from selected wools.—dec29,61

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Members of Cochrane Street Church Congregation are reminded that owing to the College Hall being previously engaged for Friday, that arrangements have been made by the officials for a united Watchnight Service in Gower Street Church to-morrow evening.

Schr. E.B. Clarke Makes Holyrood

Overdue Vessel Makes Port—Had a Hard Time in Recent Storms—Was Driven up Conception Bay

The schr. 'Ethel B. Clarke', about which had come from missing after Monday night's storm, arrived here yesterday. The vessel, for a while, got a bad drubbing and the wind drove her right up Conception Bay to Holyrood where she remained until the storm abated. Her foresail was burst up but in the heavy sea running not a foot of her deck cargo of lumber was lost, owing to the good seamanship of Captain and crew.

She was bound from Springdale to Carbonar and St. John's with lumber. It was strange she was not reported arriving at Holyrood, for she was not a mile from the telegraph office.

NOTICE

On and after January 4th, 1916, STEER BROS. will close all Departments during Meal Hours, (1 to 2 and 6 to 7 o'clock), until further notice.

"BILLY" HUTCHINGS IN MALTA HOSPITAL

By the last English mail Mr. Chas. Hutchings, K.C., had letters from his son William of the First Nfld. Regiment, saying that he was in hospital at Malta suffering from dysentery, but that at the time of writing he was greatly improved and soon expected to be back again to the trenches.

"Hutch's" many friends will be glad to know of his recovery and have no doubt he will give a good account of himself when again called upon to face the enemy.

537 Jonathan Brett, Fogo, seriously ill, St. Patrick's Hospital, Malta, Dec. 24—amputated toes.

555 Private Patrick Holden, South Side (Riverhead); Valetta Hospital, Malta, Dec. 23; gunshot wound in head.

884 Private Samuel Patrick Ryan, 105 Hamilton Street; Seriously ill, septic sores; Dec. 3.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

432 Private Michael T. Whelan, 5 Alexander St.; conjunctivitis, West Mudros, Oct. 20; dangerously ill, enteric, Dec. 28; 27th General Hospital, Mudros.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

In the realm of psychological phenomena there is nothing more amusing than the attempt of a homeless woman to regulate the social diversions of the working girl.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Kyle's express with mails and passengers is due here at 5 p.m.

Would the party who picked up a bunch of keys between the British Hall and R.C. Cathedral kindly return them to this office.

Mr. George Coish of Jesse Whiteway's store, Water Street, will leave by this evening's express visiting Canada and the United States on business for his firm.

Riverside Blankets. Insist on getting them.—dec29,61

Mr. A. E. Hickman, the genial principal of the Smith Coy., Ltd., will leave here by a holiday trip in Canada and the United States. Mrs. Hickman will accompany him.

Job's auxiliary barqtn. Alembic cleared to-day for New York, taking over 300 tons of seal oil in her tanks and sails to-morrow. This vessel with her new modern motor engines is now in splendid condition and seamen generally believe that she will make quick voyages.

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Only Two Reindeer Are Left in Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Fully alive no doubt to the importance of an adequate supply of reindeer remnants at this season of the year, the Department of the Interior, in its annual report just issued to-day devotes a chapter to the fortunes of the Canadian reindeer herd imported some years ago. Their story is a sad one. According to the Interior Department's report, in fact, Canadian children this year narrowly missed having any Christmas at all, since there are at the present moment only two reindeer left alive in Canada. From the original 50 head, the herd has been reduced to these last two representatives.

The reindeer were for a time kept at Fort Smith, where the ravages of an insect known as the "bull dog fly," reduced them to four. It was decided to transfer these four animals to an island in Great Slave Lake known as Big Island, and there breed them with the native caribou. Accordingly, the animals were transferred, but not before two more had died, leaving but a pair. These, however, were reported to be doing well, and "leaf Indians" have promised to capture some caribou to keep them company in future. As the caribou very closely resemble the reindeer, it is hoped that a cross may be secured having the good points of both animals.

The S.S. Coban was successfully refloated at 2 p.m. The stranded steamer was pulled off the beach at Placentia by the Argyle and Meigs.

Narrow Escape of Mall Bay Skipper

Was Swept Overboard With Another of the Crew—Rebound of Sea Threw Them Back on Vessel's Deck

When the schooner "Herald" of St. Mary's was out in the recent stormy weather and received such a bad drubbing for 24 hours before reaching Mall Bay, Skipper Pat Daley and his second-in-command Edward Mahoney, both narrowly escaped losing their lives. Both men, while a tremendous sea ran, and a heavy snow storm prevailed were washed overboard, and for a while it looked as if they would perish, but in the rebound of the sea which took them of the schooner's deck they were thrown near her and managed to grasp lines thrown to them by the crew. They held them until drawn on board, but Skipper Daley was in the last stages of exhaustion and could not have remained above water a minute longer. He was ill for several days but is now O.K.

The vessel's foresail was torn into shreds, and deeply laden as she was but for skilled handling, the vessel must have foundered.

LATEST WAR MESSAGES

SAYS AUSTRIA IS OPPOSED TO AMERICAN NOTE

GENEVA, Dec. 30.—The latest information received by the Swiss Press from Vienna states that Austrian official circles are opposed to the acceptance of the second American Ancona Note unless it is modified and that a rupture in diplomatic relations is believed to be imminent notwithstanding the strong opposition from the Liberal and Hungarian parties' diplomats, who demand that an agreement shall be reached with Washington.

UNFOUNDED RUMOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Inquiry at German brokers houses here to-day failed to substantiate a rumour of the Kaiser's death, reported from Canada. Nowhere else in New York could the rumour be confirmed.

IS CHARACTERIZED AS INDISPENSABLE

Paris, Dec. 30.—The position of Casteloro, as a naval base, is characterized as indispensable.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Two squads of the Volunteers had rifle practice at the South Side Range yesterday and did good work. There are now 2699 on the roll, the following being added yesterday:

James Dawe, Bay Roberts; Leo Murphy, St. John's; Norman Forward, Tizzard's Hr., Green Bay.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

AT HOME

The Governor and Lady Davidson will be AT HOME on New Year's Day, from 3 to 6 p.m. Government House, St. John's. dec29,31

AUCTION

On the Lower South Side Premises—of—MESSRS. BOWRING BROTHERS LIMITED.

At Twelve o'clock noon on Friday For the benefit of whom it may concern, about

850 Casks Codfish, and 30 Tierces Salmon.

Salved Ex. Schooner "Lavenro," and ordered to be sold for the benefit of whom it may concern.

Further particulars, apply, MESSRS. BOWRING BROTHERS LIMITED. dec29,21

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