

### 3 Sealers Loaded Homeward Bound

**Bloodhound, Sable I. and Eagle With Log Loads Have Left For Home—Prospects Poor From Gulf—All Crews Well**

The wireless messages received since Saturday evening and night go to show that pretty well all the Northern fleet will have full trips of seals and others, no matter how conditions in future will be, will secure good fares. Amongst the first messages to hand the information was given that the Bloodhound, Sable Island and Eagle were on their way home. The Bloodhound bore up Saturday night and the other two Saturday.

Capt. Jacob Kean transmits a message that the Sable I's catch is 23,000. The Eagle should have from 30 to 32,000, and the Bloodhound about 25,000 as the seals are in prime condition and heavy. The Florizel had 38,000 on board Saturday evening, the Neptune 30,000 and the Terra Nova 21,000.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

**To Bowling Bros.**  
FLORIZEL—Fog has handicapped our work to-day; 37,000 stowed down; 1,900 on deck; 45 flagged pans still out all well.

**TERRA NOVA**—On board and stowed down, 18,175; 2,500 on deck; good many flags to pick up yet; all well.  
**EAGLE**—Total stowed 27,000; expect to finish loading to-morrow; loose ice as far as can be seen; thick fog; all well.

**To Baird's Ltd.**  
ERIK—10,000 on board; 60 pans out; patch cleaned up.

**To Job Bros.**  
NEPTUNE—30,000 aboard; jammed, other ships in sight.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

**To Bowring Bros.**  
VIKING—Ten miles N. E. of Grindstone Island; ship in whelping ice; men panned to-day 5,000; seals scarce; no report from Ranger, Diana or Seal.

**RANGER**—Ten miles South by East of Grindstone Island; men panned 1600 to-day; Diana and Seal in sight, and apparently working seals.

**To Baird's Ltd.**  
DIANA—Think ship O.K.; prospects not bright as jammed in heavy rafter, panned 2,000 to-day, distant.

#### SUNDAY

**To Balne Johnston & Co.**  
BLOODHOUND—Left ice 6.30 Saturday evening; coming home loaded.

**To Bowring Bros.**  
EAGLE—Full load aboard; ready to leave for home.

**To Harvey & Co.**  
SABLE I.—Ship loaded; bore up for home 9.30 this morning.  
Another message gives her catch as 23,000.

**To Baird's Ltd.**  
ERIK—Picked up 3,000 to-day; 40 pans more out, expect good trip.

#### THE CATCH AS REPORTED

Florizel	38,000
Neptune	30,000
Eagle	30,000
Terra Nova	20,675
Bloodhound (estimated)	25,000
Sable I.	23,000
Erik	13,000
S. Blandford	10,000
Viking	6,000
Diana	2,000
Ranger	1,900
(Estimated on pans North)	25,000
	224,575

#### LEFT POSITIONS TO ENLIST

Master Gus Fanning, son of Mr. Wm. Fanning of Barter's Hill, and stenographer in the Board of Health Office resigned his position there and enlisted in the Volunteers last week passing a good medical examination.

Master Wm. Grace, son of Mr. Jno. P. Grace of the Municipal Council, also last week resigned his position in the office of the Imperial Tobacco Co. to join the Colours.

Both lads deserve credit for their pluck and loyalty and their example should be a stimulus to others to do likewise. The former was a corporal and the latter a sergeant of the C. C. C.

### LOCAL ITEMS

The Tabasco left Halifax at 7 p.m. Saturday for this port.

The Volunteers Saturday had drill in doors, and in the afternoon the men had a bathing parade to the Seamen's Institute.

The Kyle's express arrived here at 6.45 a.m. yesterday with the passengers in the list already published and a considerable mail.

Owing to the storm on the Western section of the line the Kyle's express is not due here till to-morrow afternoon. The Kyle is due at Port aux Basques to-night.

The N. E. wind of Saturday night and yesterday brought the ice well in shore again and the coast was blocked with the floe by last night. Yesterday afternoon, and last night a dense fog prevailed over land and sea.

The premises on the South Side are now all ready for seal skinning and the employees will, this year, have all they can do in handling the fat. A large number of skimmers and laborers will receive employment.

One of the oldest residents of Bell Island in the person of Mr. James Normore died on the Island a couple of days ago. He was well known and highly respected and one of the good old time fishermen whose ranks are now becoming thinned in this country.

Three cases of diphtheria were reported to-day, these being the only ones reported since Monday last. They are a woman resident of Patrick Street and her child and a little boy of Signal Hill Road. The latter was sent to hospital, the others are being treated at home.

Since the Fogota left Louisburg Saturday forenoon to go in search of the dismantled Norwegian steamer "Svaland" no news has been received from her. The ship and cargo are very valuable and if the Fogota picks her up her salvage bill will be a substantial one.

Experienced old sealers in the city say that there is not much likelihood of the sealing steamers which are loaded coming along to-day. They contend that after the storm of Saturday there is a big sea running and that heavily laden ships are better in the ice. No doubt we will have an arrival to-morrow or Wednesday.

An American schooner now in port and which arrived here recently has had considerable trouble on board. Her captain we hear was landed at Louisburg, being very ill. It is said about town also that the crew have not been paid for some time past, that the men are kicking for their money and that an appeal will be made by them to the American Consul to adjust matters.

#### WILL BE DOCKED

The schr. 'Lilla D. Young' with which the John Greene collided a few days ago is so badly damaged that she will be put on the floating dock for repairs. All her fish cargo will be taken out to admit of this. Her repairs will be rushed to completion as quickly as possible so that she can promptly resume her voyage.

#### KYLE'S PASSENGERS

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques Saturday, with a large mail and the following passengers:—S. Messervy, Dr. Garcier, H. F. Peaddler, W. J. James, J. P. Devine, H. E. Cowan, K. M. Blair, J. Ferguson.

#### STORM ON TOPSAILS

Yesterday afternoon and last night there was a heavy snow storm on the Western end of the Railway, especially on the Gaff Topsails. A gale of wind from the N. E. blew, the cuts over filled and rotary is being used to clear the section.

#### MAGISTRATE COURT.

A case between the St. John's Agricultural Society and Peter Murrin for the recovery of the value of a bull which had been before the Central District Court for some time past and was adjourned on several occasions, concluded to-day, the matter being arranged satisfactorily between the parties. Murrin who had the bull in his possession alleged that as it had become vicious he had to kill it. Mr. Dunfield prosecuted, and Mr. W. J. Higgins defended.

Lady (recognizing a former servant—What! You in prison, Henry? Well, I am surprised.  
"So was I, ma'am, or I wouldn't be here!

### Annual Meeting Baseball League

**Details in Connection With Coming Season Are Discussed—35 Players Are With the Colors—Shamrock Will Not Withdraw**

The third annual meeting of the Baseball League was held in the office of the Imperial Tobacco Co. Saturday night and was largely attended, Mr. J. O. Havermale occupying the chair. The Financial Report was satisfactory, showing a small balance in favour of the League. Mr. R. Dowden was then appointed to conduct the election of officers, with the following results: President—Mr. R. G. Reid. 1st. Vice-Pres.—Mr. J. O. Havermale. 2nd Vice-Pres.—Mr. W. J. Higgins. M. H. A. Secretary—Mr. P. Grace. Treasurer—Lieut. Herbert Power. Mr. Hartnett will assume the duties of Treasurer in Lieut. Power's absence. The League championship Trophy was given to Capt. McLeod of the Wanderers, and Mr. R. G. Reid's Inter-town Trophy to Capt. Hiltz of the St. John's team.

Vice President Higgins in a neat speech congratulated the winners in making the presentations. The recipients of the trophies replied and strong patriotic and congratulatory speeches were given by Messrs Havermale, Higgins, Dowden and O'Neil, in which pleasing reference was made to our boys at the front, which include among them some 35 devotees of the diamond, and among whom is Capt. Jim Donnelly of "Caribou Hill" fame, a member of the B. I. S. team. The Shamrocks who got the pennant in 1915 will not withdraw, as President Joe Murphy and Manager O'Neil will keep their colours flying through all the rest of the team have enlisted. The annual re-union and formal presentation will take place at a later date.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Press for its generous use of its columns to promote the game and the unstinted publicity given to the donors of the trophies, Messrs Reid and Allen; to the officials, Messrs. Montgomery and Chesman as Umpires and Mr. Outerbridge as Scorer; and to Mr. Reg Dowden for conducting the election of officers. After discussion of some minor details in relation to the coming season's games, the meeting adjourned.

### OUR THEATRES

#### THE CRESCENT

The Crescent Picture Palace presents a first class programme for Monday and Tuesday. "Honor Thy Father" is a three part Kalem production featuring Alice Hollister and Harry Millarde. "Just Retribution" is a splendid Lubin drama, with Orm Hawley, Earl Metcalfe and Kempton Greene. "The Evolution of Cutesy," a Vitagraph comedy with Wally Van, supported by a very strong cast. Don't miss this programme at the Crescent.

#### BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE

Saturday morning a boy named Hennebury risked walking over the harbor ice, which is very dangerous at present, and off Cliff's Cove went through it. Mr. H. Butt of Harvey & Co.'s who was leaving Baird's Store, noticed the boy's predicament and with great risk to himself managed to reach and get him out, when he was looked after by the police and sent home. Butt's act was one which entailed great danger and he should be recognized for his pluck.

#### VENERABLE MISSIONARY PRIEST

Rev. Father Robert of the Passionist Order, now with the other Fathers here giving a mission to our Catholic fellow citizens, is one of the oldest if not the oldest Missionary Priest now living. He has participated in more than 500 missions since his ordination.

#### ALARM OF FIRE

Yesterday afternoon an alarm of fire was rung in from box 234, bringing the Central and Eastern firemen to Allan Square where the soot in the chimney of Mrs. Lilly's residence had blazed up. A few buckets of water extinguished the blaze.

#### GOOD RIFLE PRACTICE

At a recent shooting competition at the South Range some excellent records were made with the rifle. Corporal E. Ellis was first with 139 out of a possible 160 points. A large number of the Volunteers participated and 50 scored over 100, while the lowest secured 53 points.

#### READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

### THE ROADBED



New York Evening Telegram.

#### Women's Mission Closes

Yesterday afternoon the Mission for the women, given by the Passionist Fathers, concluded in the Cathedral, which was filled with an immense congregation which filled the spacious structure to the doors. After the recitation of the Rosary Rev. Father Robert preached a very eloquent sermon on "Heaven," during which he congratulated the women folk on the success of the mission, referred to the evidences of the spirit of the Catholic religion in this City and Country and expressed his gratitude to Monsignor McDermott, V.G., and the priests and people for the courtesy and kindness shown the Fathers. He also referred to His Grace the Archbishop, whom he had met in the United States and to whom he paid a tribute of respect and esteem.

After the sermon the Pupal Blessing was given to the kneeling concourse. A collection taken up amounted to the splendid figure of \$1,278.33.

At 7 p.m., yesterday the Mission for the men began in the Cathedral, which was filled to overflowing. There

#### STOLE FROM ROYAL STORES

In the Police Court to-day a young man, a clerk in the Royal Stores for some time past, was arraigned and charged with stealing nine watches valued at \$33.80 from the Royal Stores within the past six months. To this he pleaded guilty but he pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing \$16.40 from the St. John's Meat Co. on the 21st inst. F. J. Morris, K.C., remanded him pending further enquiries by the police.

The 'Maggie Sullivan' arrived at Gibraltar last week after a run of 21 days fish laden from this port.

was Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a beautiful sermon was preached by Father Robert. The O'Salutarius and Tantum Ergo was sung by the whole congregation who after the service performed the devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

The masses at 5 and 7.30 this morning drew large congregations of men and the Fathers at each preached and gave religious instructions.

### Bay Roberts Man Dies On Erik

**James Keefe Dies Suddenly—Body Was Coffined and Placed on Board of Florizel—Is Second Death on Erik This Spring**

Messrs. Jas. Baird Ltd. had a wireless to-day stating that a man named James Keefe of Bay Roberts had died suddenly on board the Erik, Nath. Kean master, yesterday. The body was coffined and placed on board of the Florizel to be brought here and sent to his late home. The Erik, we learn, from Messrs Baird has 13,000 seals on board and 40 pans still on the ice.

This is the second death on the ship this spring. When she arrived at Pool's Island and before sailing Stephen Howlett of Petty Harbor, found dead in his berth by his brother. The body was offed and sent to Gambo, where it was sent by train here and forwarded to Petty Hr. last week.

No particulars as to how Keefe died were given but Messrs Baird telegraphed Bay Roberts to have the sad news broken to the friends of the deceased.

As regards the poor chap Howlett, his brother called him twice to get up to breakfast but when did not respond believed he was sleeping heavily. When he went to his berth the third time he was horrified to find him dead. He had departed in his sleep of heart disease.

### JABEZ BALFOUR NOTED SWINDLER DIES ON TRAIN

**Was One Time a Member of Parliament—Known as One of the Greatest Swindlers of Modern Times—Served 14 Years Penal Servitude**

The notorious Jabez Spencer Balfour, ex-M.P. and swindler, was found dead in the Fishguard express when it reached Newport (Mon.) England. The death recalls the career of one of the greatest swindlers of modern times. The founder of the Liberator Building Society, he carried on extensive frauds over a series of years, robbing his victims of millions of pounds.

Balfour's father was employed in a Government office, and he himself was associated in early life with a firm of Parliamentary agents. The Lands Allotment Company, of which he was the master mind, was incorporated in 1867. From 1880 to 1892, the last twelve years of its existence, the Company made no profit, but in order to attract money from the public it was made to appear that vast sums had been earned, large dividends were paid, and considerable sums were divided among the Directors and officials of the Company. By these means a constant stream of money flowed in from the public, and for many years averted the inevitable crash.

#### 5½ Millions Lost.

The Liberator Building Society was formed in 1868, and was worked in co-operation with the Lands Allotment Company. The co-operation of the two Companies, it was explained, afforded advantages of efficiency and economy which ordinary Building Societies lacked, and so great was the public confidence in Balfour and his associates that the public subscribed readily to every Company they brought out.

Besides these Companies several subsidiary concerns were floated, but when the London and General Bank and the Liberator Building Society suspended payment in September 1892 Jabez Balfour fled. Of the 23,000 shareholders and 28,000 creditors the great majority were persons in poor circumstances. The loss on the Company was £5,500,000.

#### Caught and Imprisoned.

Balfour first made his way to Calais, and from there he proceeded to Buenos Ayres via Genoa. At that time there was no extradition treaty in force with the Argentine, but he did not feel safe in Buenos Ayres, and removed further up country to Salta, where he bought a brewery. The difficulties in the way of effecting his arrest were eventually surmounted, and, through the intervention of the British Consul at Buenos Ayres, he was lodged in jail in January, 1894. On November 28, 1895, after a trial extending over 23 days, Mr. Justice Bruce sentenced him to 14 years' penal servitude.

For several years he was Mayor of Crofton, and in 1880 was returned one of the Liberal members for Tamworth. In 1885 he was defeated at

the poll by Mr. Justice Grantham. He contested several other seats unsuccessfully, and did not return to Parliament until the death of Mr. John Slagg, the member for Burnley, and then he went in unopposed.

#### In Prison.

His first prison employment was sack-making, an employment not particularly congenial or fitted to a man who had juggled with millions. He did it, however, with an uncommon thoroughness that earned him the goodwill of the prison officials. On his removal to Parkhurst he was placed first in the tailors' shop then in the prison garden and finally in the library. Here he was in his element, cataloguing and distributing books and incidentally reading much himself. He is said to have taught himself French and Spanish, and in the task found relief from a confinement that, however much it was tempered by the consideration of those in authority, could have been none the less a terrible punishment to such a man.

He never missed the opportunity afforded by the Sunday exercises of becoming acquainted with his fellow-convicts, with whom, after a little friction with the "old hands" at the start, he seems on the whole to have been on good terms. One old chap declared that Balfour was "one of the most unpopular chaps who ever got into prison," but he lived this feeling down.

#### Never Shirked Work.

He never shirked any work, however laborious or ungenial, which was required of him; on no occasion did he ever ask for an interview with a Director or member of the Visiting Committee; and he was perhaps the only prisoner who had experienced so long a term of penal servitude of whom it could be said on no occasion, except when really unwell, did he seek the help of the prison infirmary, and often declined the proffered services of the doctors. This is in marked contradistinction to many other distinguished prisoners who have passed the greater part of their time in the infirmary.

#### Released.

After serving ten years and four months of his sentence Balfour was released on ticket-of-leave. To an interviewer he said that the world had moved amazingly in the intervening ten years. A drive through London was a revelation to him. He did not know his way about when he reached Buckingham Palace and a score of other transformed localities. He had not seen a woman save as a visitor through the prison grille for years and years.

"How tall they are nowadays, and how packed the streets are. But I am a Rip Van Winkle. I feel lost in the world. I do not know even how to wear clothes or a hat. My pockets puzzle me, for I have had none since 1895. I cannot use knife or fork, for I am a stranger to these luxuries." During the remaining years of his life Balfour devoted himself to literary work, and published a book, entitled "My Prison Life," a work which attracted considerable attention.

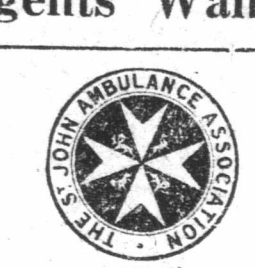
#### ACCOMMODATING

Her father—The fact is I cannot give my daughter a dowry just at present.  
Suitor—That's all right, sir. I can love her for herself alone in the meantime.

### CHRISTIAN'S BORAX SOAP

**GUARANTEED PURE**  
Save the Wrappers, they are valuable. \$10.00 will be given the person saving the most for 1916.

**M. A. DUFFY, SOLE AGENT.**  
Agents Wanted.



A PUBLIC Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the work of the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, will be held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., on MONDAY, the 27th inst, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the Grenfell Hall, King George V Institute. There will be a distribution of Certificates, and all who have passed the Association's Examination are particularly requested to be present. The General Public are cordially invited. mar24,31

### PUBLIC NOTICE

ON and after the 16th of March, the use of the Riverside Code, Fifth Edition, will be permitted in sending of telegraph messages, under the conditions applying to the use of authorized codes.

**J. R. BENNETT, Deputy Chief Censor.**  
Col. Secy's Office,  
20 March, 1916.

### NOTICE

THE Annual Meeting of Franklin's Agencies, Ltd., will be held at their head office, St. John's, March 27th, at 4 p.m., immediately after the Annual Meeting of Directors meeting will be held.

**J. B. URQUHART, Manager and Director.**

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#### DEATH

O'MARA—Midnight at Belvidere Convent, Rev. Mother Genevieve O'Mara, aged 78 years.  
Requiem Mass on 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Mortuary Chapel of Belvidere Orphanage.

## LINEN SHOWER

Altho' Linen Goods have advanced considerably, we will sell **AT REDUCED PRICES**

White Linen Table Covers, from . . . \$1.00 to \$3.50.  
Unbleached Linen Table Covers, from . . . 50c.  
Tray and Side Board Cloths.

**DAMASKS.**  
Unbleached Table Damask, from . . . 25c.  
White Table, "Extra Value," from . . . 35c. to \$1.20.

**TOWELLINGS.**  
White Linen Towelling . . . 10c. and 12c.

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Finest White Hollands, from . . . 11c. to 25c.

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Extra Value, 40 and 42 in . . . 25c. and 30c.

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