

## Royal Heroes Return.

Reservist Martin Pottle, D.S.M., and Reservist George Boucher, mentioned in Despatches with the Number.

When the s.s. Kyle arrives at Port aux Basques to-morrow morning, she will have on board 108 men of the Royal Naval Reserve, the greater number of whom have been given a month's furlough, commencing on Tuesday of next week. These are time-expired men and will doubtless rejoin the Navy after spending a brief holiday with their relatives. All the men have seen active service on mine sweepers, patrol boats and battle cruisers in the North Atlantic and eastern waters and have even themselves worthy sons of Newfoundland. The conduct of the men as a whole cannot be surpassed in any navy in the world, which is evident by the fact that all are classified as able seamen, whilst Reservist Martin Pottle of English H.R., T.B., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for special bravery, and Reservist Geo. Boucher, of Spencer's P.B., has been mentioned in despatches. Below we give the names of the 72, the list containing the names of the remainder have not yet been received on board H.M.S. Triton.

**On Leave—**Martin Pottle, Albert May, Arthur Simms, Mark Goldsmith, Henry Reid, Bernard Reid, Frank Hart, Eli Johnson, George Boucher, Joseph Bradbury, John Cole, A. Parsons, Abraham J. Hobbs, Francis Head, Walter King, J. Chay, Heber Dave, Nelson Adams, John Miller, James Goss, Ernest G. Guy, Albert Balsom, Wm. C. Dave, David Melan, Peter Hammond, Paul Whelan, Israel Ralph, George Matthews, Peter Neary, James Cron, Michael James, Edward Russell, Robert A. Clarke, Patrick J. Knox, George Dwyer, Herbert Dwyer, Albert Dwyer, Wallace Beck, William Dunay, Wm. Hall, Albert Bartlett, Charles Brett, Frank Green, Samuel Petten, Gerrard Perry, Edward Parsons, Douglas Parsons, Walter Russell, William J. Peddie, Edward Ralph, Arthur W. Russell, Albert Rice, Augustus Rockwood, Henry Saunders, S. Smith, Leander Smith, E.H. Tibbett, Edward Trenchard, Abraham Barry, Robert C. Hewitt, L. Pashar.

**Time Expired—**Kenneth White, Peter Benoit, Edgar Pelley, Ted Quigley, Thos. Mercer, Enos Verge, Samuel M. Popper, H. J. O'Connell, B. Noseworthy, Young, J. Snow.

## Newfoundland Scotch Cured Herring.

The sale of some seventeen barrels of fall-packed Newfoundland herring at the New York market during the past week at \$14 per barrel practically establishes the market for this pack in this market. Lot shipments are expected to arrive in this city on the steamer Florizel, due to arrive next Thursday. It is probable that there will be several hundred packages, and that the market will be well supplied. The herring appear to be firm in their ideas as to price. Some lots are expected to bring up to \$18 and even \$18, if the quality is as described. The market is practically cleared of spring herring at present, the stock remaining being largely of the winter pack, which is held in strong hands. This stock is bringing up to \$15 in this market at present, while the average price of Newfoundland Scotch-cured herring varies between \$10 and \$12. There is a fair demand in evidence at this time, but jobbers and dealers are taking on light orders pending the arrival of new pack goods. There is every indication of an active demand for this grade of herring during the remainder of the winter, especially among dealers of the East Side, who are awaiting anxiously the arrival of autumn-caught fish. The supply is not expected to be large this year, according to those who have recently returned from Newfoundland, for the fishery has been disappointing. Stocks are held in few hands at producing centers and will come to few operators in this city. Higher prices are likely, according to well-informed operators, who are to handle supplies of the fall and winter catch.—Fishing Gazette.

## Here and There.

**OLD TIME SMOKER.**—On Monday night next the annual old time smoker will be held at the B.S. rooms.

**WESLEY BIBLE CLASS.**—To-morrow afternoon at 2:45 the Rev. H. Royle will address the members of Wesley Bible Class taking as his subject "The Impregnable Rock." Every member is asked to make a special effort to attend and visitors will receive a hearty welcome.

**Don't forget the old-time Smoker, B. S. R., on Monday, Jan. 8th, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets 20c. On sale at J. D. Ryan's, G. F. Kearney's, T. J. Aylward's and from members of the Committee.**—Jan 6, 11

**NOTE OF THANKS.**—Mrs. Annie Moynihan and family, of Topsail, wishes to thank His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, Sir E. P. Morris, Hon. J. R. Bennett, the officers and members of the Kimberley L.O.L. of Topsail, of which she was a member, also the W.P.A. and the W.P.A. of Topsail and all other kind friends for the messages of sympathy in the death of their dear son, Allan, believed to be killed in action, July 1st, 1916.

**WANT SWIMMING SQUAD.**—A number of volunteers who wish to join the Scamers' Institute for the purpose of taking a dip in the swimming pool, would like to know if the military authorities could not arrange for the manager of the Institute to accommodate regular swimming squads from the Regiment now in training. A 10 per centage of the men are not acquainted with the useful art of swimming and we feel sure should the opportunity be given them they would quickly catch on to the game.

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## Week-End Notes.

L. C. M.

The revival of the sailing ship brings us to the important question of shipbuilding, and as this is a matter it will be in order to discuss it at this time. Of late this question has received considerable attention, and it would seem that we are awakening to its importance, and that the year upon which we have entered will witness the launching of increased tonnage from our dockyards.

And this is just as it ought to be, for it is only in keeping with our staple industry, and with our traditions as a maritime people. From the harvests of the sea one have built up Newfoundland, and from every harbor have our voyages been garnered, and in every bay have fishing craft been built. The Youngs, of Bonne Bay; the Carters, of Bay of Islands; the Butts, of St. George's; the Benetts, of Port-aux-Basques; the Grays, of Grand Bank; the Clouters, of Belmora; the Youngs, of St. Jacques; the Fairlies, of Placentia; the Tremblays, of Salmonier; the Newhams, of Trinity; the Princes, of Bonaville; the Daltons, of Fogo; and the Manuels, of Exploits, with others of each place, have all left their impress upon our maritime architecture, and have kept within the country hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars. That was mostly during the last half of the nineteenth century. But where is the same branch of industry to-day? Ah! how many of our great bays are now having their annual launches?

The answer to these queries is staggering, for since the advent of this century we seem to have gone out of the business. True it is, that every year a few vessels are built, but to one that built two others are bought outside, and these usually of a larger tonnage than our own. For the past six years we have sent to Nova Scotia, to the ports of Lunenburg and Shelburne principally, nothing less than seventy thousand dollars per annum, which equals with interest, and other odds and ends, the handsome total of one half a million dollars. In direct cash has this great sum of money gone from us, and all for vessels that have been contracted for months and months ahead. In addition to these new vessels several purchases have been made of ships not exactly new, so that all things considered, we are annually spending outside the country fully one hundred thousand dollars. Should this be, is it necessary? We answer no, but by sixty per cent.

We do not claim to be able to meet the entire demands of the trade, nor is it necessary that we should, but we should surely be able to tender for at least two-thirds of it. It seems that we have lost faith in ourselves in this respect, and therefore we prefer the ship which is built elsewhere, to that which is built at home. But many of our locally built ships have made records that cannot easily be beaten. Take, for instance, the Nellie M. owned by the enterprising firm of Monroe & Co., and built by our esteemed countryman and master builder Thos. French, of Tizard's Harbor.

Her record for sixteen years has been one of success in every way. She has proved a good carrier, a smart

## The War Week by Week.

By OBSERVER.

Both the scene and nature of our weekly review begins to become a little monotonous. It has for long been concerned almost entirely with Roumania and as to that with one theme, retreat. We have seen our Allies, after holding out courageously, driven eastward through southern Wallachia and then mile after mile northward, until now, with the loss of Braila, they have been expelled from the whole of Dobruja. Since Monastir was taken, the French victory at Verdun has been the only item in the whole account, placed to the credit of the Allies, unless we include the (so far) insignificant achievements of the British in Mesopotamia.

Whether the enemy will be content with the conquest of Dobruja, which destroys the menace of a Russian invasion of Bulgaria, cannot yet be said; but we think it might well mark a logical stopping place in operations which must be almost as costly to him as to the other side. Certainly Germany is most unlikely to attempt an invasion of Bessarabia across the Danube, though she may think it worth while to concentrate her energies upon driving the Russians from the Sereth to the Pruth and thus completing the conquest of Roumania. At present a strong army rests on the Sereth, and because of the position of the Russians in the Carpathians, may be expected to make a stubborn fight of it before it is dislodged. It is unnecessary, however, to make predictions where Roumania is concerned, for events happen there rapidly enough to satisfy the most impatient appetite.

But the world has of late been too much engrossed with the thought of

peace, to pay the same attention as before to events in any field. The Roumanian operations would certainly have attracted far greater attention if it had not first been given to the peace notes of Germany and Austria, the reply of the Entente and the note interjected by President Wilson. We have not heard the end of it yet. Since peace can only come after the complete surrender of the Central Empires, peace is far from likely yet, but something will have been achieved if the present paralyzing result in the Allies' situation either side of what it hopes to achieve and the least it will be satisfied with.

But it would be a mistake to suppose that the idea or even the prospect of peace is likely to cause any of the belligerents to relax its efforts to seize every advantage in the field that offers. The reason why fighting has divided to desultory bombardments everywhere except in Roumania is merely because conditions have precluded anything more. It is the will before the storm. Where it will first break out again is a matter of conjecture, but Mesopotamia and Armenia are worth watching. It will be remembered that the Grand Duke began to get under way just this time last year, and the activity of the British on the Tigris has been accompanied by Russian activity in Armenia, which may well indicate the initiation of a fresh plan of campaign. It will be greatly to the advantage of the Allies if Turkey can be kept occupied in Asia when matters begin to move in the Balkans next spring. For the present, beyond these few movements and the events in Roumania, no fighting of importance is going forward, nor is any likely for some weeks at least.

## Important and Busy Meeting of City Fathers

Ex-Councillor Coaker Appointed Road Inspector. Harvey's Estate Makes Gift of Land to City—Much Discussion About Pensions, Increased Wages, Etc.

The busiest and most important session yet held by the present Municipal Board since they assumed office was that of last night. Mayor Gosling presided and the only absentee was Coun. Dr. Tait.

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who were appointed to investigate the incomes of the bowling alleys in the city, reported that they were being operated at a loss. Discussion on the figures was deferred.

The Health Officer reported 3 cases of diphtheria and one of scarlet fever for the week.

Inspector Rooney reported that 167 houses had been connected with water and sewerage during the year.

The Engineer's report stated that the work at Windsor Lake would finish to-day.

Tenders were ordered to be asked for two thousand tons of quarry spalls. The Mayor suggested that this work be carried on during the winter, as it would help to give employment to many poor people.

The Secretary was instructed to sign an agreement with the Reid Co. regarding snow cleaning.

Mayor Gosling, on behalf of the Mayor, announced that he had arranged to buy a piece of land on Pleasant Street, containing 3½ acres. It has a frontage of 400 feet on Pleasant Street and 150 feet on Munar Road with an average depth of 250 feet. The purpose the donors have in giving this land is to assist in providing tenement houses for the working classes at moderate rental. This matter was mooted some years ago by the Hon. John Harvey, who spoke to Mr. Ellis, Mayor at the time, but somehow or other the project fell through, but Mr. Harvey was now willing to hand over to the city this land which was only between 100 and 200 yards outside the city, and an ideal location for workingmen's homes. It was his desire that the land was to be kept in perpetuity by the city. It leased at a moderate rental or sold fee simple, the money should go to the City Council and be held in trust and re-invested for a similar purpose. The frontage of the land affords space for 30 houses and if streets could be opened at the rear, frontage for 20 more would be given.

Councillor Mullaly, on behalf of our citizens, moved that the gift be accepted and thanked the donors for their philanthropy. Councillor Vinnicombe seconded the motion which was supported by Councillors Ayre and Browning.

A transfer will be made shortly and the property formally handed over to the city.

Just before the meeting closed the Mayor announced that he had arranged with the Premier to hold a public meeting on next Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the new water service with a view to a leasing of Fire Insurance rates. The Mayor has prepared a most elaborate and interesting paper to be read on the subject, whilst the City Engineer has prepared a plan showing high and low pressures which were taken before and after the new service was installed. The plan strikingly displays the advantage of the new water system. In some places of the city there has been an increase in pressure of one hundred per cent. The plan will be exhibited at the public meeting.

## TO REPEAT BLACKBIRDS.

Owing to numerous requests the "Blackbirds" will be repeated on Monday at the Rossley British Theatre. There will be many new numbers introduced. The Blackbirds was declared the best work ever done by this clever troupe and when one takes into consideration the entire performance is given by children. Had those little girls been brought from New York and given the same performance, it would have been thought marvellous. On Monday there will be several beautiful pictures. "The Schemers Plan," by the Vim Co. "Love's Labor Lost," by the Edison Co., and "Camping with the Blackfeet," a great Indian picture by the Edison Co. It is a great big show.

## Sunday Services

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND.**  
Church of England Cathedral, Christmas Eve (Sunday). The choir will sing a selection of carols from "The Cowley Carol Book," after Evensong.

St. Thomas's—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Preacher, Rev. C. H. Barton. Sunday Schools, 2:45; Evensong and Sermon, 6:30; Preacher, Rev. C. A. Moulton.

Christ Church, Quidi Vid—Midnight Celebration of Holy Communion. Service begins at 11:15 p.m.

**PARISH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ST. JOHN'S WEST.**  
Sundays—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday in each month at noon.

Evensong—Evensong and Sermon at 7:45 p.m.  
Holy Baptism—Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Public Catechising—The third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m.  
Sunday School—At 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Young Women's Bible Class—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Holy Communion with special intercessions on behalf of the War is celebrated on the first Wednesday in each month at 10:30 a.m.

**BROOKFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL.**  
Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.  
Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, THE GOULDS.**  
Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.  
**ASYLUM FOR THE POOR.**  
Holy Communion—The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m.  
Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Gower Street—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6:30, Rev. D. B. Hemmison; George Street—11, Rev. Dr. Bond; 6:30, Rev. N. M. Guy; Cochran Street—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6:30, Rev. Dr. Bond; Wesley—11, Rev. D. B. Hemmison; 6:30, Rev. H. Royle.

Presbyterian—11 and 6:30, Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A.  
Congregational Church—11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Rev. W. H. Thomas.

Salvation Army (No. 1 Citadel, New Gower St.)—7 a.m., Kneadmill; 11, Holiness Meeting; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Great Salvation Meeting.

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**GEO. NEAL**

**S.A. SERVICES.**—Special services will be conducted in the Salvation Army Hall, 113 Duckworth Street East at 8 and 7 p.m. on to-morrow (Sunday), by Captains Foster and Barker. Special music and singing. Ensign and Mrs. Cole (Commanding Officers) will be in attendance. Everybody welcome.

**AMBULANCE CALL.**—The ambulance was called to Casey Street to-day and conveyed to the General Hospital a man named Donohue, who broke his collar bone.

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**ILL-FATED MARGUERITE.**—The ill-fated schooner Edith Marguerite, referred to yesterday, in addition to her salt cargo is said to represent a loss of \$15,000. We understand that the hull as well as her cargo was insured.