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**ITEMS OF NEWS.**

Mrs. E. J. French arrived from St. John's by Wednesday's train.

Mr. John C. Snow arrived from St. John's by Wednesday night's train.

Dr. H. S. Atkinson has been confined to his home this week suffering from a cold.

Messrs. Isaac and Albert Greenland, of Coley's Point, arrived home from Boston, Mass., on Saturday night's train.

The schr. Muriel M. Young, Capt. Housell, arrived in this port from White Bay with a load of lumber for Wm. Dawe & Sons Ltd., on Thursday.

**C. L. B. Notes.**

The Rev. Mr. Noel, of St. Anthony, and Canon Smart, of Heart's Content, paid a visit to Headquarters Armoury on Thursday night. They were pleased with the lads on duty and Rev. Mr. Noel will organize a detachment at St. Anthony, and has given an order for supplies to the Quartermaster's department.

Trinity East—Port Resion reports for November, with fifty-six on the roll and an average of 45 attendance. The Company paraded to the Confirmation Service, November 1st, and were congratulated by the Bishop of Newfoundland, also our Regt. Chaplain. Capt. Fitzgerald, O.C., reports many lads suffering from La Grippe at present. Headquarters, St. John's, are delighted to hear that this Company is doing good work.

Grand Falls also reports for November with 53 on the roll and 31 average attendance, and five parades held. No news from other companies this month.

All ranks were sincerely sorry to note the passing of ex-Regt. Sergt. Major, Matthew Noseworthy, who was laid to rest in Saturday, December 12th, in God's Acre. The late R. S. Major was one of the keenest and hardest workers in his day for the Brigade's welfare. His "Old Comrades" sent a wreath and a large number of his old Brigade friends attended the funeral. The Brigade tenders their sympathy to his widow and family.

"Overseas" news brought a letter from Lt. Col. W. Franklin, D.S.O., Imperial Trade Commissioner for British East Africa. The letter was dated 30th November from the Royal Automobile Club, London. He is planning to sail from London on Christmas Eve, evidently bound to East Africa. He wishes all his old friends a very merry Christmas and the best of luck.

The Officer Commanding and staff at Headquarters, St. John's take this opportunity of sending hearty Christmas greetings to all Old Comrades, at home and abroad, and all ranks on active service in Newfoundland, wishing each and every one "A Very Happy Christmas."

**WEDDING BELLS.**

A very pretty wedding took place at Cochrane St. Church, St. John's, on Wednesday, December 16th, when Miss Florence Mercer, daughter of Mr. Mrs. William Mercer, of this town, was united in Holy Matrimony to Mr. Norman Snow, of the Hudson's Bay Co. and son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Snow, of Coley's Point. The bride was attended by her sister Miss Marcella Mercer, and Mrs. J. Bursley. She was given away by her father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. C. French.

The bride was one of the most popular young ladies of this town. For several years she was teacher in the Primary Department of the Methodist School, where she endeared herself to the hearts of her pupils. As an officer in the various organizations of the church Miss Mercer's work was always well and acceptably done. We join with many friends in wishing the young couple a very pleasant voyage over the Matrimonial Sea. The honeymoon is being spent at Topsail.

**DIED.**

At St. John's, December 18th, after a lingering illness, Elijah Mercer, formerly of Mercer's Cove. Left to mourn is one daughter, Mrs. Wilfred White-way, of St. John's. Funeral takes place to the Methodist Cemetery here on the arrival of the noon-train on Monday, Dec. 21st.

**A Letter from Millinocket U. S. A.**

Mr. C. E. Russell,  
Dear Sir—In sending by renewal subscription to the Guardian, I thought it would be timely to send a few lines to you. I take this opportunity of congratulating you on your election to the House of Assembly. I esteem you as a gentleman and wish you success as Minister of Public Works. I believe that you will, as far as possible, be the best representative the District has ever had. Your friends here who have watched your doings in the past believe that the future will give you greater opportunities to be of service to your fellow-man.

It is eleven years ago this coming spring that I left my native home—Newfoundland—to seek employment in the United States. I settled down in a place called Millinocket, in the State of Maine. I was very fortunate in securing employment with the Great Northern Paper Company and have been working ever since.

The greatest advantage to any man or woman is education. It helps one overcome many difficulties where an illiterate man is handicapped.

I see by the papers that the Humber paper mills are progressing fast. Labor is what the people want. The more capitalists who become interested in the development of the country the more prosperous the people will become.

The fishery seems to be falling behind of later years compared to what it used to be in our forefathers' time. The reason is that the rising generations are turning their thoughts in different directions. The railway to Port aux Basques unlocked the door to freedom and it will never be closed again.

I have learned by experience that the cash down for labor done is far better to the average man than to seek for it. Taking chances is alright but few there are who can afford to have several years of failure before success comes to them. That is the reason why so many of our young men are seeking employment outside of Newfoundland. The staple industry of the country is the fisheries and they who prosecute them must receive sufficient returns for their labors. In the past many merchants have heaped up riches while the men who have toiled to make that wealth possible have gone down to poverty.

Bobbie Burns, the Scottish poet has said:  
"Man's inhumanity to man  
Makes countless thousands mourn."  
We believe, though, that these days of adversity have left Newfoundland, never to return. This

**INSURANCE FOR PARCEL POST.**

The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs proposes making a regulation whereby parcels posted in Newfoundland to local addresses and also to Canada, and the United States, may for a small fee be insured against loss, up to a value of \$50.00. A circular letter issued to Mail Order Houses, Board of Trade, and other business firms in the city, asking their opinion on the proposal, has met with great approval, the general opinion being that it is a step in the right direction. It is true that very few parcels are lost, but under the present system no compensation is allowed by the Post Office in the event of loss. The insurance scheme would protect the senders and would also be a source of revenue to the Department.—Free Press.

**THE DIOCESAN MAGAZINE**  
CHRISTMAS NUMBER.  
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1. Ecclesiastical Appointments.
2. The Bishop's Monthly Letter.
3. Memorial Address: Alexandra, The Queen Mother.
4. "A Little Child Shall Lead Them". A Christmas Story, by Diane.
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**The Ocean Around Newfoundland.**

By A. G. HUNTSMAN, Director of Atlantic Stations, Biological Board of Canada.

Whence comes the water? Is it formed locally from the cooling effect of winter, or does it come from the Labrador current? Admiral Bayfield, who charted much of these waters, believed that a branch of the Arctic current entered the Gulf through the Strait of Belle Isle and left it by Cabot Strait, and so explained the cold water of the region. The view led to the well-known project to dam the Strait of Belle Isle and shut off the Arctic influence. Dr. Bell Dawson on the basis of extensive current measurements concluded that scarcely more water flowed in through Belle Isle Strait than flowed out, and that therefore the influence of that Strait was negligible. He suggested that part of the Labrador current came around Cape Race, along the south coast of Newfoundland, and so into the Gulf through Cabot Strait. If such movements are important for their secondary influence on the climate, how much more important must they be in determining the valuable fisheries of the region. Such briefly has been the problem that led the North American Committee on Fisheries to recommend an expedition to northern Newfoundland to study the waters and their movements, particularly in relation to the cod fishery.

This expedition was carried through during the summer of 1923 by the Biological Board of Canada, under the auspices and with the support of the Canadian Department of Marine & Fisheries, and of the Newfoundland Government. We were assisted by Dr. L. Gilchrist, physicist, of the University of Toronto and by Mr. A. C. Gardner, biologist of Cambridge University, England, the latter representing Newfoundland. Two vessels were employed, the Canadian Government Fisheries Patrol Steamer "Arleaux" under Capt. Milne, and the Biological Board Motor Boat "Prince" under Capt. Calder. Cabot Strait, the eastern half of the Gulf, Belle Isle Strait, the Labrador current, and the east and south coasts of Newfoundland were successfully explored. The facts obtained have cleared up many points in regard to the movement and character of those waters.

(To be continued.)

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