

Officers Promoted.

Result of the examinations... Thursday last at Headquarters... following Privates have been... Promoted to the rank of Corporals: Pte. E. M. Coughlan, Pte. M. Murphy, Pte. R. Varty, Pte. N. Dicks, Pte. J. O'Brien, Pte. P. Squires, Pte. E. O'Brien, Pte. H. Gover, Pte. R. Chace.

Prominent Man.

M. C. Patterson, of Richmond, is the man who first made smoking a luxury, by eliminating the... celebrated brands of Cut Plug Cigs, Quail, Whip and Fiat, are... at The Royal Stores, Ltd. Try Cigar the best 10c Cigar Sold.

Here and There.

Keys, Ducks and Chicken... PLAIN PLENTIFUL.—Herring... at Dunville yesterday, and... Keys, Ducks and Chicken... ENTIST.—Subject: "The Just... by F. J. Barrett. Assist D. J. Barrett.

Fresh Fillets and Fresh Kip... ELLIS'.

MOVING IN HEALTH.—The... of Mr. F. H. J. Ruel... of the Bank of Montreal... will be pleased to hear that... regaining his health at Mon... where he went for medical treat... March last.

ST ARRIVED.—A large... ment of Ferry's Vegetable... Flower Seed at BISHOP... & CO., LTD., Grocery De... Phone 679.—m7,tf

MORROW'S PARADE.—If one... ikade hands were engaged to... the volunteers on their... parade to-morrow morning... it would be greatly appreciated... the public generally. We feel... that the mere asking for one... hands would be sufficient.

Regular Monthly Meet... of the St. John's Mechanics... will be held in their Hall... day evening at 8 o'clock... J. A. LEAHEY, Sec... may 12, 11

ANDREWS (Presbyterian)... Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A.,... at both services. In the... subject will be, "Women... Special service for... 3 p.m. At the evening... subject will be, "A Fair... We Gain by Repression."... Wait Cairns will sing at the... service.

For a bottle of Stafford's... the Cough Cure for 25c... receive a numbered ticket... entertainment.—may 1,tf... For every 25c. purchase made... Stafford's Drug Store you re... numbered ticket. See... entertainment.—may 1,tf

ROMANS.—To-morrow morn... o'clock is the Men's Monthly... Communion Service. At... o'clock service the Rector will... Subject: "The Place of the... in the Life of the Christian."... the preacher will be Rev. A... S. Spring, Rector of Bay Roberts... invitation is extended to any... attendant these services.

BORN. A son 11th, at Mundy Pond Road... Golf Avenue, to the wife (nee... of the late) of Petty Officer W... (cooper), H. M. S. Britton... daughter.

DIED. From wounds received on the... "Somewhere in France,"... O'Neill, 244 A Co., aged... son of the late Paul and... of Fermuse; left to... man are three brothers and two... whom the public extend... sympathy.—R. I. P. Bos... please copy.

From morning, after a tedious ill... Ann Squires, beloved wife... Thomas Mallard, leaving a hu... daughters and 2 sons to mourn... of a kind wife and loving... general on Monday, at 2.30... her last residence. Quilt... her soul rest in peace.

GREAT RECEPTION GIVEN JOFFRE... BOSTON, To-Day. Joffre and the members of the... French Mission accompanying him... arrived here from New York this... morning and were welcomed with... every possible evidence of enthusias... The State and City had provided an... entertainment filling every hour of... the day and the streets were thronged... not only with residents of the city... with many who had come from all... parts of New England to share in... the acclamation.

FIGHTING AT VERDEN. PARIS, To-Day. Unusually heavy artillery fighting... took place last night on the Verdun... front in the region of Avocourt, to... day's official statement says. French... patrols penetrated the German lines... at several points in Alsace and in... the region of Bezonvaux.

SHORTAGE OF COAL AND PAPER... IN GERMANY. LONDON, To-Day. The Times Amsterdam correspond... ent says that the German Chancellor... replying to the appeal of newspaper... publishers that steps be taken to... increase the supply of paper so as... to prevent their being forced to suspend... publication, announced that the de... ficiency in the supply was due to the... difficulties of securing coal distribu... tion. He said the munition industries

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A. M.

WARNS STRIKERS. LONDON, To-day. The British Government has issued... a grave warning to munition workers... now on strike, giving notice of pun... ishment for the inciters of the strikes... which were not authorized by the... trade unions in England.

COMMISSION TO CONTROL PUR... CHASES. WASHINGTON, To-day. An international agreement under... which there will be placed in the... hands of a small Commission, possi... bly of one man, the purchasing power... of virtually every dollar of the bil... lions to be loaned to the Allies by this... Government and the additional bil... lions which have been spent in the... country out of their own income, is... in present process of formulation.

BRILLIANT BANQUET IN NEW... YORK. NEW YORK, To-day. One of the most brilliant banquets... in the history of America was given... here to-night in honor of the British... and French Commissions. The United... States' guests included Arthur James... Balfour, British Foreign Minister;... Rene Viviani, French Minister of Jus... tice; Marshal Joffre and two former... Presidents of the United States, Theo... dore Roosevelt and William H. Taft.

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had first claim on coal, and after them... other industries important to the war... to which the newspapers and paper... mills belonged. He encouraged the... hope that coal would be forthcoming... but urged a restriction in the use of... paper to the utmost limits.

Supreme Court

Yesterday Afternoon. Present: Mr. Justice Johnson. The further hearing of the evidence... in the case of Steer Bros. vs. The... Bonnavista Bay Mutual Marine Insur... ance Club occupied the attention of... the Court up to 6 p.m. Adjudgment was... taken till 7.30 when the counsel ad... dressed the Court, after which His... Lordship charged the jury. The lat... ter retired and after an absence of ten... minutes fled back in court and... through their foreman, Mr. P. Cleary... announced a verdict in favor of the... plaintiffs. The court ordered that... judgment be entered for the plaintiffs... in the full amount.

Present: Mr. Justice Kent. The Erik Steamship Co., Ltd. vs. Andrew Murray.—This is an action... taken to recover the sum of \$3,692... amount alleged to be due in the... defendant to the plaintiff for freight... Mr. Warren, K.C., for plaintiff; Mr... J. P. Blackwood for defendant. The... following special jury were in atten... dance and sworn: Arthur Hamlyn, John... Curtis, Edward Rodgers, Samuel... Field, John Calder, William Ryan, William... H. Collins, Samuel Tucker, Herbert... Budden. Mr. Colin Campbell sworn... and examined by Mr. Blackwood, cross... examined by Mr. Warren. Court rose... at 1.15 p.m. till 2.30 p.m. when the... taking of further evidence will be re... sumed.

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C.L.B. PARADE.—The C.L.B. will... hold a parade to-morrow morn... ing, starting from the... at St. Mary's Church, Southside.

OUTPORT RECRUITS ARRIVE.—By... train and steamer yesterday three... arrived from different outports some... twenty men to join His Majesty's... forces.

Fresh Smelts and Fresh Had... dies at ELLIS'.

FOR THE RED CROSS.—The jurors... in the case of Steer Bros. vs. The... Bonnavista Bay Mutual Marine Insur... ance Co., contributed their fees to the... Red Cross Fund.

PERSONAL.—The marriage of Miss... Gwendolene Munn, only daughter of... Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Munn, to Lieut... Edward Dickie, of 48th Highlanders... Toronto, will be celebrated in Mon... treal early in June.

In cases of Scarp Ezevema and... Salt Rheum, Zylex has done won... ders. Price 50c a box at Mc... MURDO'S.—may 12, 11

SCHIR, TORPEDED.—Word has... been received that the schir, Monitor... has been torpedoed and that the... crew are landed. No particulars are... to hand. The vessel was owned by... Hon. P. Templeman.

IRONWORKERS MEET.—A meeting... of Ironworkers of the city was held... last night to consider a proposed new... schedule of wages, an increase over... their present rate, and it will be sub... mitted to their employers shortly.

C. L. B. Shield Presentation... and Drill Exhibition of Pyra... mids in Armoury, Harvey Road, Thursday, May 17th, at 8.15... p.m. Music by Battalion Band. may 12, 11

CAPT. KEAN BACK.—Capt. A. Keen... is back in the city from Shel... bourne, N.S., where he attended the... launching of his new schooner "Little... Stephano." Capt. Keen is greatly... pleased with his new vessel, which is... commanded by his son, Capt. Wes.

FOREIGN MARKET IMPROVED.—The... Board of Trade have received this... report from Lina B. Conto at Oporto: "Since the date of our last... report the demand has somewhat im... proved and prices are maintained. The... rate of exchange is 39 7/8d."

Q.M.S. CHRISTOPHER.—L.C. Thom... Christopher, a Gallipoli veteran, has... been appointed Quartermaster Ser... geant, replacing Q.M.S. O'Rourke, who... is now attached to the Forestry Bat... talion. Appointed also as assistants... in the Quartermaster's Department... are Privates Rowe and Whiteway... who saw service in Gallipoli and France.

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The High Cost of Living

Interim Report of the Commission. St. John's, Md., May 2nd, 1917.

To His Excellency, Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., Governor. May it please Your Excellency, We, the undersigned, constituting the Commission recently appointed by you to investigate the high cost of living, beg to present the first interim report as follows:

(1) The Committee have met on six occasions and have considered exhaustively the matter of the coal supply, it having been represented that this was among the most urgent matters to be dealt with. (2) As a result of the evidence obtained and other information supplied, we are of opinion that there is a serious shortage of coal in Cape Breton, from which most of our supplies are obtained, a shortage which last year amounted to about 500,000 tons with an increasing demand, a condition which this year is likely to be accentuated. This shortage of coal is due in the first place to scarcity of labor caused by over-recruiting in Cape Breton; and in the second place to the increased demands for coal arising (a) from munition making by the Nova Scotia Steel Company at New Glasgow and the smelting of munition steel by the Dominion Company at Sydney; (b) by the requirements of the Canadian railways for the carriage of troops; (c) by the requirements of the Canadian Naval Department for transports plying with troops across the Atlantic; (d) by the requirements of the same department for ships for the proposed patrol service; (e) by the needs of liners calling in increased numbers at Halifax and St. John; (f) by the requirements for factories in Canada, the activities of which have been increased by the war.

(3) We are of opinion from the foregoing and from the evidence elicited, that it will be very difficult for coal dealers to obtain full supplies of coal from the Sydney mines on their own account, and that it is desirable that the Government of this Colony should take the matter of insuring that an adequate supply of coal will be available for the needs of the Colony during the next twelve months. (4) Some sixty thousand tons of coal for domestic, factory and kindred uses will be required in St. John's for the next twelve months; and about 100,000 tons in the outports. (5) We recommend, therefore, that coal dealers to obtain full supplies of coal from the Sydney mines on their own account, and that it is desirable that the Government of this Colony should take the matter of insuring that an adequate supply of coal will be available for the needs of the Colony during the next twelve months.

(6) We recommend, therefore, that coal dealers to obtain full supplies of coal from the Sydney mines on their own account, and that it is desirable that the Government of this Colony should take the matter of insuring that an adequate supply of coal will be available for the needs of the Colony during the next twelve months. (7) Under these circumstances we recommend that the Government should open up negotiations immediately with a view to the chartering of purchasing of such a steamer, if same can be obtained at reasonable terms, for use in the coal trade. We feel confident that the general import trade will be able to employ any spare time of this steamer. (8) Failing the employment of such a steamer, we recommend the engaging of portion of the sealing fleet in the coal carrying trade, but we do so reluctantly, as the adoption of this course will increase the cost to the consumer, due to these steamers being unsuitable for the purpose on account of their small carrying capacity, their slowness and the excessive cost of operating and maintaining them.

(9) If this course becomes necessary, we recommend: (A) That the owners of the sealing steamers Neptune, Diana, Bloodhound, Viking and Ranger should be notified that these ships will be required for service in bringing to St. John's part of this supply of coal. (B) That the Bowring Coastal steamer Portia, which now has her terminus at Bonne Bay, should be notified that for the present year she should terminate her fortnightly trip at Chamel, on condition that she proceed to Sydney each trip and bring back to St. John's a cargo of not less than 500 tons of coal, to be applied towards this quantity of 50,000 tons, the carrying of the coal can be obtained. (C) That after an initial trip to Labrador by two ships to take down fishing crews, only one steamer should be maintained on the Labrador service this year, the second steamer ordinarily used being diverted to this coal trade also.

(10) We recommend that the owners of all sealing steamers sailing out of this Colony be notified that their ships should be notified that the present year they should not accept any charters or engagements, except such as provide for the carrying out of the Colony of its products or the bringing into the Colony the necessities of life. (11) We recommend that the outports, which have hitherto generally obtained their supplies direct by schooners except for about 5,000 tons procured through St. John's, should endeavor to utilize schooners to an even greater extent this year than heretofore, and start them in the coal carrying trade as early as possible, as there is a strong likelihood of a greater shortage in coal at the Sydney as the season advances.

(12) We also recommend that any coal brought into St. John's under the foregoing recommendations should be reserved solely for domestic, factory and local business purposes, and that none of it should be applied to the bunkering of either foreign going or coastwise steamers whether locally owned or chartered. In conclusion, your Commissioners regret that they cannot suggest any means of cheapening the present cost of coal to the consumers, as the main controlling factors are outside their control, namely: the cost of the product at the mines which

is steadily increasing, the freighting of same to this Colony which also tends to increase, and the already increased cost of handling in the Colony. Fortunately, since January, 1916 the cost to the consumer has been largely controlled by your Ministers securing portion of the supply and fixing the price to the consumer, so that no inordinate profits were earned by the local coal merchants. Owing, however, to the above increases the public will have to be prepared to pay higher prices than hitherto until the war terminates.

We are of opinion that this control by your Ministers should continue to be exercised with regard to any future imports made under their auspices. We have the honour to be, Your Excellency's Most obedient humble servants, P. T. McGRATH, H. W. LEMESSURIER, G. H. HUTCHINGS, W. J. ELLIS, T. A. HALL.

\$50.00 in Cash Prizes!

With every 25c. purchase at either of our Drug Stores, Duckworth St. and Theatre Hill, you receive a numbered ticket, and if you are holding a lucky number at the time the numbers are drawn (July 31st) you win one of the Cash Prizes we are giving away. 1st Prize \$20.00 2nd Prize \$15.00 3rd Prize \$10.00 4th Prize \$5.00 1-3.—The above does not apply to "wholesale" buyers, but only the "Retail Cash Purchases" made at our two stores. These prizes will be drawn by two prominent business men on the above mentioned date.

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Fish Exports.

The fish exports (from Newfoundland for the month of April are: FROM OUTPORTS. To Brazil, 3,372 qtls. fish; to West Indies, 1,713 qtls. Total, 5,085 qtls. To United States, 7,275 1/2 pickled fish. FROM ST. JOHN'S. To United Kingdom, 18,104 qtls. fish; to Europe, 10,974 qtls.; to West Indies, 3,836; to United States, 257 qtls. To Brazil, 61 qtls. Total, 23,234 qtls. Also 238 1/2 tons cod oil, 87 1/2 tons cod oil pitchings, 4 1/2 tons cod liver oil stearine, 28,672 lbs. cod liver oil, 53,694 lbs. cod liver oil grease, 22,332 lbs. seal stearine, 2,773 bris. herring, 280 boxes herring, 206 cases lobsters, 2,940 seal skins, 7 lbs. seal oil, 20 boxes seal.

Here and There.

WEATHER.—The weather across country is light N.E. wind and dull; temperature 30 to 41 above.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Thursday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 10.50 p.m. yesterday; the incoming express left Robinson's at 9.0 a.m. to-day, due here to-morrow afternoon; the local from Carboneau reached the city at 12.40 p.m. to-day.

PATRIOTIC FAIRY.—Mr. Richard Skeffington, a native of St. John's, but for many years residing in Boston, has four sons who have just enlisted in the U. S. Army, three the navy and one in the army. Their father is a brother of Edward Skeffington, our trustworthy street night watchman.

NEWFOUNDLANER WOUNDED.—Mr. Samuel Bell of the Crosbie received a message from Ottawa this morning saying his son, Geo. Allan Bell, of the Canadian Infantry, was wounded in left shoulder, and was at Calais. He joined a Western battalion at Albert.

PORTIA OFF.—The s.s. Portia, Capt. J. Keen, sailed this forenoon on the Western route, going as far as Bonne Bay this trip. She took a full freight and these passengers: Messrs. J. Murphy, J. Condon, Garland, R. W. Rife, L. Cheesman, W. Stores, J. D. Burke, Geo. Hann, G. Fleming, V. Fleming; Rev. Fr. Kevin; Messadams Garland, Fleming; Miss Benning and 35 steerage.

COCHRANE F. CHURCH.—At Cochrane St. Cochrane Church to-morrow the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bond, will preach at both morning and evening services. Subject of morning discourse, "The War—A Result or a Starting Point," and that of the evening, "The Music of the Heart." A cordial invitation is extended to all young people of the vicinity of the Sunday School lesson which opens at 2.30 Sunday afternoon. Come and bring your friend with you.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following first-class passengers are on the incoming express which left Port aux Basques 3.15 p.m. yesterday: H. T. and Mrs. Lobo, Mrs. R. A. Squires, Rev. A. S. Roberts, L. P. Hudson, F. C. Harris, C. Iartley, C. W. Hynes, H. Coleman, J. B. McCulloch, T. A. Hall and A. P. Chetwynd. The express is due about noon to-morrow.

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