

Officers Promoted.

As a result of the examinations on Thursday last at Headquarters the 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.

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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 punishment for the incitement of the strikes, which were not authorized by the trade unions in England.

COMMISSION TO CONTROL PURCHASES.

WASHINGTON, To-day.—An International agreement under which there will be placed in the hands of a small Commission, possibly of one man, the purchasing power of virtually every dollar of the billions to be loaned to the Allies by this Government and the additional billions 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 Justice; Marshal Joffre and two former Presidents of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft. The distinguished representatives of America's Allies in the war against Germany arrived at the Waldorf Astoria in one party. Outlined in electric lights on the front of the hotel were the flags of those nations represented. Far up and down Fifth Avenue double rows of street lamps gleaming through golden globes brought out the flags floating over the patriotic citizens who jammed the sidewalks and streets. Stretched across one banquet hall was a curtain of blue. In the centre was the American flag flanked by the colors of Britain. Below the flags was a copy of a medal representing France and Britain supported on a golden panel bearing the new famous words of President Wilson: "To make the world safe for democracy."

GREAT MEETING OF LABOUR AND CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, To-day.—So that employers and representatives of the labor organizations may learn how Britain has handled the problem of industrial mobilization, Samuel Commons, chairman of the Labor Advisory Committee of National Defence, has arranged with the British representatives of labor and capital to meet here next Tuesday 400 American representatives of labor and capital.

1.00 P. M.

BRITISH ATTAIN THEIR OBJECTIVE.

LONDON, To-day.—An official statement given out here to-day says that the British troops attacking the Hindenburg line have gained their objective and taken some hundreds of prisoners.

ENTERTAINING THE BRITISH MISSION.

NEW YORK, To-day.—The brief stay of the British War Commission in New York and the urgent plea of Balfour that he and his associates be permitted to rest, resulted in only two members of the party being guests at a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce, and at night the Commission has been invited to attend an entertainment at Carnegie Hall under the auspices of the American Committee of the British and Red Cross League of the Allies and the St. David's Society. The proceeds of this entertainment are expected to total \$100,000 and will be turned over to the British Red Cross.

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 enthusiasm. 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 but with many who had come from all parts of New England to share in the acclamation.

FIGHTING AT VERDUN.

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 Bezonsvaux.

SHORTAGE OF COAL AND PAPER IN GERMANY.

LONDON, To-day.—The Times Amsterdam correspondent 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 deficiency in the supply was due to the difficulties of securing coal distribution. He said the munition industries

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 Bonavista Bay Mutual Marine Insurance Club* occupied the attention of the Court up to 6 p.m. Adjournment was taken till 7.30 when the counsel addressed the Court, after which His Lordship charged the jury. The latter 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 from 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 attendance and sworn: Arthur Hamlyn, John Curtis, Edward Rodgers, Samuel Field, John Collier, William Ryan, William H. Collins, Samuel Tucker, Herbert Budden, Mr. Colin Campbell sworn and examined by Mr. Blackwood, cross-examined by Mr. Warren. Mr. William Hynes 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 resumed.

Reids' Boats.

The Clyde Herring Neck at 6.30 p.m. yesterday.
The Dundee arrived at Seldom Come Bay at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. The *Edie* left Port aux Choix at 2 p.m. yesterday, going north. The *Glencoe* left Pushthorough at 1 p.m. yesterday, going west. The *Horne* arrived at Lewisport at 7 p.m. yesterday. The *Wren* not reported since leaving Hillview at 9.45 a.m. yesterday.

Personal.

His Lordship Bishop Power, who was visiting the city, leaves for St. George's by to-morrow's express. Mrs. (Rev.) Hugh H. Kirby, of Lamaline, nee Miss Flo. LeMessurier, at present in the city on a visit to her cousin, Miss E. LeM. Messier.

Here and There.

C.L.B. PARADE.—The C.L.B. will hold church parade to-morrow morning, starting from St. John's at St. Mary's Church, Southside.

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

Fresh Smelts and Fresh Haddies at ELLIS.

FOR THE RED CROSS.—The jurors in the case of *Steer Bros. vs. The Bonavista Bay Mutual Marine Insurance Co.* contributed their fees to the Red Cross Fund.

Fairbanks Brass Globe and Angle Valves to be had at BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.—Feb 8, 17.

MODERATE DEMAND.—The Consul at Oporto wires the Marine and Fisheries Department here as follows: Large Nfd. codfish 57 shillings; 53 to 55 for small. The demand is moderate.

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 Montreal early in June.

In cases of *Scarp Evema* and *Salt Rheum*, Zylex has done wonders. Price 50c a box at Mc-MURDO'S.—May 12, 11.

SCHIR, TORPEDOED.—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 submitted to their employers shortly.

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

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

FOREIGN MARKET IMPROVED.—The Board of Trade has received this report from Lima, Conto at Oporto: "Since the date of our last report the demand has somewhat improved and prices are maintained. The rate of exchange is 39 7-8d."

Q.M.S. CHRISTOPHER.—L.C. Thos. Christopher, a Gallipoli veteran, has been appointed Quarter Master Sergeant, replacing Q.M.S. O'Rourke, who is now attached to the Forestry Battalion. Appointed also as assistant in the Quartermaster's Department are Privates Rowe and Whitway who saw service in Gallipoli and France.



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The High Cost of Living

Interim Report of the Commission.
St. John's, Nfld., 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.

(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 steps to handle 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 to insure as far as possible, that this quantity of coal may be obtained from the Sydney Companies, Mr. T. A. Hall, Government Engineer, should be despatched to Sydney as soon as possible to make arrangements with these Companies to this end, and also to learn what is possible for the Companies to do in the matter of assisting us with steamers to carry the same.

(6) With reference to the conveyance of this coal to the local markets, we regret to have to report that no suitable tramp steamers with a carrying capacity of from 1,000 tons to 1,500 tons appear to be available at present.

(7) Under these circumstances we recommend that the Government should open up negotiations immediately with a view to the chartering or 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 permitted for the present year to terminate her fortnightly trip at Channel, 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 60,000 tons, provided that reasonable rates for 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 are not to 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 the 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.

(13) In conclusion, your Commissioners regret that they cannot suggest any means of cheapening the present cost of coal to the consumers. The main controlling factors are outside their control, namely: The cost of the product at the mines which

is steadily increasing, the freightage 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.

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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, 7,254 pickled fish.

FROM ST. JOHN'S.
To United Kingdom, 18,104 qtls. fish; to Europe, 10,074 qtls.; to West Indies, 3,836; to United States, 257 qtls. To Brazil, 61 qtls. Total, 22,234 qtls.

Also 2384 tons cod oil, 874 tons cod oil pickles, 444 tons cod liver oil, 28,672 lbs. cod liver oil, 53,681 lbs. cod liver of grease, 22,632 lbs. seal stearine, 2,773 bris. herring, 280 boxes herring, 206 cases lobsters, 2,040 seal skins, 7 lbs. seal oil, 20 boxes squid.

Comparative Statement Fish Exports.
Dry Fish—1917, 37,419 qtls.; 1916, 65,888 qtls.; decrease, 28,467 qtls.
Pickled Fish—1917, 7,254 qtls.; 1916, 5,915 qtls.; decrease, 1,339 qtls.

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 6.10 a.m. to-day, due here to-morrow afternoon; the local from Carboneau reached the city at 12.40 p.m. to-day.

PATRIOTIC FAIR.—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 in the navy and one in the army. Their father is a brother of Edward Skeffington, our trustworthy street night watchman.

NEWFOUNDLANDER 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 Alberta.

PORTIA OFF.—The s.s. Portia, Capt. J. Kean, sailed this forenoon on the Western route, going as far as Bonne Bay this trip. She took a full freight and these saloon passengers: Messrs. J. Murphy, J. Condon, Garland, R. W. Ridd, L. Cheesman, W. Moore, J. D. Burke, Geo. Hann, G. Fleming, V. Fleming; Rev. Fr. Kevin; Messames Garland, Fleming; Miss Benning and 25 steerage.

COCHRANE'S 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 of a Starting Point," and that of the evening, "The Music of the Heart." A cordial invitation is extended to all. Young people are reminded of the Sunday School session 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 at 1.15 p.m. yesterday: H. T. and Mrs. Lobo, Mrs. R. A. Squires, Rev. A. S. Rogers, L. P. Hudson, F. C. Harris, G. J. Hartley, C. W. Hynes, H. Coleman, J. B. McCulloch, T. A. Hall and A. P. Chetwynd. The express is due about noon to-morrow.

